

SCHEDULE FOR :

February 8th, 2009—February 14th, 2009

Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	Confirmation Class Vermilion Catholic Auditorium	6:45 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Monday	Baptism Seminar Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Children's Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Men of Mary Group Attend Mass/Recite Rosary In Church	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Adult Choir Practice Ministries Building	6:30 p.m.
Friday	Safe Environment Training Continued & Initial Ministries Building	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Theology of the Body for Teens St. Theresa's Holy Family Center	10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	Capital Campaign Reception Call the parish office if you plan to attend	5:30 p.m.

Saint Jerome

Priest, translator of the Bible, Doctor of the Church

Commentary of this weekend's Gospel, Mark 1: 29-39

"Jesus grasped her hand and helped her up"

"And he helped her up." As she couldn't stand up by herself, it was the Lord who helped her. "He grasped her hand and helped her up." When Peter was in danger on the sea, just as he was going to drown, he too was grasped by the hand and raised up ... What a beautiful sign of friendship and love towards this sick woman! He helped her up by taking her hand; his hand healed the sick woman's hand. He grasped that hand as a doctor would have done, he who was both doctor and remedy took her pulse and assessed the gravity of the fever. Jesus touched it and the fever vanished.

Let us want him to touch our hand so that in this way what we do may be made pure. Should he enter our house, let us get off our bed at last and not remain lying down. Jesus stands at our bedside and will we remain lying down? Come on! To your feet! "There is one among you whom you do not recognize" (Jn 1, 26); "the kingdom of God is among you" (Lk 17,21). Let us have faith and we shall see Jesus among us.

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of February 9th — 15th, 2009

MONDAY: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

6:30 A.M. M/M Eunice LeBlanc (Ann.)

TUESDAY: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13 St. Scholastica

6:30 A.M. Annie Mae Lege (Ann.)

WEDNESDAY: Gn 2:4b-9; 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

6:30 A.M. Mrs. Fedora B. Landry & Fly.; Ruby C. Lacour; Stephen Broussard; M/M Fernand Montagne; John Vidos; George Veazey Fly.; Frances H. Richard Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; Freddie Ann Bossley; M/M Claude d'Augereau; Cleo Claudia Songy deGraauw; All Souls; Inez D. Meaux; James "Bubba" Frederick; M/M Luke Langlais; Peter Nguyen; Maria Tran Thi Nhien; Lula Mae Meaux Broussard; Lucille Greene Peré; Theodore Broussard; Lorena Broussard; Gene Smith; Marguerite L. Frederick; Johnnie Broussard Fly.; M/M Richard Urban; James Louviere & Fly.; Special Intentions

THURSDAY: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

6:30 A.M. Ray Picard

FRIDAY: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

6:30 A.M. Marion Mouton

SATURDAY: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10 St. Cyril

6:30 A.M. Orphaned Souls

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

4:00 P.M. Leonard Sellers & Son; M/M Alfred Vincent & Fly.; Michael B. Faulk; Frances H. Richard Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M John Vigneaux; Stephen Broussard; Rufus J. Simon; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; Warren E. Broussard; Mattie Primeaux; Freddie Ann Bossley; M/M John Nugier; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; M/M Fernand Montagne; John Vidos; George Veazey Fly.; Giuse Ba Nguyen Bui; Giac Tran; Quet Nguyen; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Joy P. Awwad; Cleo deGraauw; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Josephine Guarino; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Margaret M. Trahan; Roger Sellers; Opal Ronsonet; Rickey Ronsonet; Gerri Sonnier & Fly.; M/M Pierre Broussard & Fly.; M/M Francis "Chanky" Motty; Walton Sellers; Louis Joseph Desormeaux; Erin Lahr; Dallas Sonnier & Fly.; M/M Cleve Thibodeaux; Aureline D. Buck; Louella David Cospier; M/M Eddia Hardy & Fly.; Maria Vui Do; D.C. Eubanks (Ann.) & Fly.; Benedict Urban; M/M Vores Broussard; Louise H. Bergeron (Ann.); M/M Gordy Landry, Sr. & Fly.; Phyllis Marie Landry; Lula Monteaux; For those souls that are forsaken; Lori Ellen Belaire Booth; Jeanette M. Motty; Maria Nguyen Thi Tuyet; Peter S. Russo (Ann.); Jeffery Meaux; Stephen Broussard; Mrs. Earl Allain; Dr. Joseph Allain

6:00 P.M. Joseph Long Bui

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

7:00 A.M. Olite B. Trahan

9:30 A.M. Black & Pearl Bergeron

11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners

5:30 P.M. Lucille Gastinel Suire

BULLETIN ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

EARL'S FURNITURE

Spiritual Life and Worship

Please Pray for

Mrs. Presley Morvant née Jane Richard
who died recently.

ATTENTION LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Save The Date ...

Spring Pilgrimage - Tuesday, April 28th

Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference

The 2009 Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference will be held at the **Cajundome Convention Center on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The conference will inspire, convert, and encourage men. It will reach you where you are in your life today, while also serving as a compass for the future. The 2009 Men's Conference will offer inspirational spiritual direction featuring LSU legend Dale Brown who will present the keynote address, Catholic evangelist/apologist Jesse Romero, radio talk show personality and noted family expert Dr. Ray Guarendi and local favorite Fr. Bryce Sibley. You'll leave a better husband, a better father, and a better man. Registration information can be found at www.mantomance.com

Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11

The first Marian apparition occurred on Feb. 11, 1858

Hail Mary, poor and humble Woman, Blessed by the Most High! Virgin of hope, dawn of a new era, We join in your song of praise, to celebrate the Lord's mercy, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom and the full liberation of humanity.

Hail Mary, lowly handmaid of the Lord, Glorious Mother of Christ! Faithful Virgin, holy dwelling-place of the Word, Teach us to persevere in listening to the Word, and to be docile to the voice of the Spirit, attentive to his promptings in the depths of our conscience and to his manifestations in the events of history.

Hail Mary, Woman of sorrows, Mother of the living! Virgin spouse beneath the Cross, the new Eve, Be our guide along the paths of the world. Teach us to experience and to spread the love of Christ, to stand with you before the innumerable crosses in which your Son is still crucified.

Hail Mary, woman of faith, First of the disciples! Virgin Mother of the Church, help us always to account for the hope that is in us, with trust in human goodness and the Father's love. Teach us to build up the world beginning from within: in the depths of silence and prayer, in the joy of fraternal love, in the unique fruitfulness of the Cross.

Holy Mary, Mother of believers, Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Amen

This prayer was said during Pope John Paul II's 2004 visit to Lourdes, France

MERCY FEST 2009

All Catholics in the surrounding areas are invited to attend "Mercy Fest 2009", an all day festival celebrating the Catholic faith and the mercy of Christ. **This year's festival will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2009 at St. Theresa's Holy Family Center in Abbeville.** Events will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with 3:00 p.m. recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and 4:00 p.m. Mass. Other offerings include children's and youth ministry, music, games, food for the whole family, a presentation by Deacon Cody Miller of Milton, opportunities for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. Volunteers are needed to help with both the planning phase and on the day of the event. Local business sponsorships are also needed. If you would like to help in any of the areas, please call Greg Mitchell at 337-643-2827 or e-mail fourwindsmarine@cox.net

ABBEVILLE-ERATH ULTREYA MEETING

Mr. Randall Coleman of the Community of Jesus Crucified is scheduled to address the Abbeville-Erath Ultreya **on Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the St. Theresa Holy Family Center in Abbeville. **Both Men and Women are invited. No children please.**

THERESIANS OF ACADIANA DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Annual Day of Recollection sponsored by Theresians of Acadiana for all women of Acadiana is scheduled for **Saturday, February 28th, 2009 from 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church on the ULL campus in Lafayette.** The featured guest speakers are Rev. Howard Blessing and Nancy McGuirk. Early registration fee is \$20 before Feb. 18th or \$25 at the door. Lunch will be included. For more information call Sally Babineaux at (337)984-1300 or visit www.acadianatheresians.com

Married Couples Retreat

February 20-22

A silent retreat for married couples will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville. Fr. Frey and Fr. Champagne will be the retreat directors. Talks and meditations pertinent to fully living out the Sacrament of Marriage will be presented by both priests and married couples. The retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more information or to register, please call; Randall Coleman at 337-254-8158.

JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

St. Charles College Grand Coteau, LA

"To Know Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:10) Feb. 27th – Mar. 1st
Presenter: Fr. Anthony Ostini, S.J. This workshop/retreat will present the method of St. Ignatius Loyola for praying with the Gospels. Visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337-662-5251 for information.

Community Life and Outreach

Vacation Bible Camp Summer 2009

"The Mass Comes Alive!"

The Marvelous Mysteries of the Mass and Eucharist

The dates for this year's Vacation Bible Camp will be June 15th – June 19th; decorating day will be June 14th. Many more volunteers are still needed, especially adult helpers! Please call Kessie Thomas if you are interested in becoming involved in this exciting and fun program at 892-7044 or e-mail cajunpowerfamily@yahoo.com

ROSARY MAKING CLASS COMING

The St. Joseph Rosary Makers will be giving a rosary making class here at St. Mary Magdalen on **Saturday, February 28th, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Ministries Building.** The cost is \$10 per person and \$3 per child; this includes all supplies and materials needed and light refreshments. All men, women and children of all ages are invited to attend the class. No pre-registration is needed. You can make a rosary for yourself, a friend or family member. Even if you don't need a rosary -some of the rosaries made are distributed to nursing homes, hospitals, military personnel overseas. Contact Melissa Vincent for more information at 893-0391

HOSPICE OF ACADIANA BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS

Hospice of Acadiana offers support groups, workshops or grief counseling at no cost. For more information or to register, call 237-1332 Here are a few of the programs being offered now:

Healing Through Art Workshop

1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
March 2 & 16

Art can be a very healing medium for working through grief. Join Claudia Trevithick, art therapist and professional counselor in private practice for mornings of creative healing.

Transitions Through Grief

Six week workshop for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Topics will include: emotions of grief, self-care, memories, finding support, creative coping, journeying on. Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3, 10, 17 & March 3, 10, 17 or Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Apr. 21-May 26

Dine Around

Third Sundays of the month, 11:00 a.m. at various area restaurants. Join us for monthly social outing with others who have lost loved ones. Contact Molly Vincent at 251-1614.

FIGHT FOCA POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

This week our parish will join with thousands of other parishes across the nation in sending a strong message to Congress to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. Sign a postcard to your U.S. Representative and your two U.S. Senators. Let your voice be heard!

Postcards and information on FOCA were mailed to parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen during the week. Please participate in this important event. Sign your postcards and mail them in now, as FOCA will soon come before Congress for a vote.

More postcards are available in the vestibule of our church and the parish office. Take as many as you need— give them to friends, relatives, even your children. Anyone can sign a postcard! Age does not matter and you do not have to be a registered voter. Everyone has a right to communicate with the elected officials who represent them!

WHAT IS FOCA?

The Freedom of Choice Act is legislation that will drastically change restrictions on abortion and establish a "right" to abortion. This proposed law will have far reaching effects on the fundamental right to life.

- ◆ Provide fundamental right to abortion—no restrictions, including late term.
- ◆ Catholic hospitals forced to perform abortions or risk being shut down.
- ◆ All parental notification nullified; minors allowed abortion on demand.
- ◆ Ban on Partial Birth Abortion reversed.
- ◆ Taxpayers required to pay for abortions with their tax dollars under Medicaid programs; Hyde Amendment reversed.

WHAT CAN I DO??

- ◆ Pre-addressed postcards to our Senators and Representative were mailed to all registered parishioners at St. Mary Magdalen. Please sign the cards and mail them in.
- ◆ Write, call or e-mail your Congressman. Tell them to oppose FOCA. Call U.S. Capital switchboard: 202-224-3121 ask for the offices of your Representative and two Senators and call The White House: 202-456-1111.
- ◆ Send an E-mail: visit the special e-mail action page at: www.nchla.org

HURRICANE GUSTAV ASSISTANCE

The Disaster Case Management Program provides case management services at no cost to help individuals and families find resources in their communities to meet needs created by the disaster. The Disaster Case Management Program is open to any individual or family recovering from Hurricane Gustav. For more information or to obtain assistance call 1-877-893-0283 or go to www.casemanagement@acf.hhs.gov This is sponsored in part by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Administration and United Way of Acadiana.

Christian Formation

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM 2009

CCD preparation class for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion program 2009 are held twice a month from 8:00–9:00 a.m. in the Ministries Building.

FEBRUARY CLASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 21st

Sacrament of First Communion:

Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary Magdalen Church

2008-2009 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Instructional classes for the 2008-2009 Confirmation Program are underway.

FEBRUARY CLASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, February 8th	6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	VCHS
Sunday, February 15th	6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	VCHS

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

Practice: Sunday, March 29th
Sacrament of Confirmation: Tuesday, March 31st

VOCATIONS INFORMATION

CALLED TO HOLINESS

Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church
501 E. St. Mary Blvd. (UL Campus) Lafayette

Wednesday, February 11th, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Listen to several individuals who have responded to a call from the Lord. Plus music, Q & A, Adoration and more.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR VOCATIONS

Saturday, March 28th, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

De La Salle Christian Brothers
(next to Diocesan Offices on Breaux Bridge Hwy)

10:30 a.m. Mass with Bishop Jarrell
Speak with Priests, Sisters, Brothers and others who have answered a call to a religious vocation.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT INITIAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION 2009 SCHEDULE

"The Diocese of Lafayette takes steps to safeguard minors and all concerned in the circumstances described in the following provisions. This policy establishes requirements and procedures in an effort to prevent sexual abuse, other physical abuse and neglect of minors by personnel of Diocese of Lafayette, through a process of screening, education, and to provide guidance to the personnel of the Diocese as to how to respond to allegations of abuse or neglect of minors if any such allegations are received."

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
<u>Friday, Feb. 13th</u>	3PM—4PM (Continued) 3PM—5PM (Initial*)	At St. Mary Magdalen In Ministries Building
<u>Wednesday, Feb. 18th</u>	6:30 PM – 7:30PM (Continued) 6:30 PM – 8:30PM (Initial*)	At St. Theresa In Pastoral Center
<u>Friday, Feb. 20th</u>	1PM – 2PM (Continued) 1PM – 3PM (Initial*)	At St. Mary Magdalen In Ministries Building
<u>Saturday, Feb. 21st</u>	9AM – 10AM (Continued) 9AM – 11AM (Initial*)	At St. Theresa In Pastoral Center
<u>Friday, Feb. 27th</u>	6PM - 7PM (Continued) 6PM - 8PM (Initial*)	At St. Mary Magdalen In Ministries Building

- ♦ You must call and pre-register by 5:00 p.m. the day before the training session that you plan to attend.
- ♦ Please call the church at which the training is being offered. This will ensure that there is enough space and handouts available for everyone in attendance.
- ♦ We also ask that you please arrive at least 10 minutes before each training, as they will begin promptly at the times indicated on the schedule.
- ♦ To register for a training call:
Amanda 893-0244
St. Mary Magdalen
Loretta 893-5631
St. Theresa

*** Please bring your Driver's License to Initial Training Sessions**

Total Stewardship and Development

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st COLLECTION

Loose	\$ 6,218.87
Envelopes.....	\$ 7,366.00
Total:	\$ 13,584.87

Second Collection:

Monthly Insurance Collection ..	\$ 2,426.00
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Thank You.

This Weekend

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COLLECTION

Next Weekend

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL COLLECTION

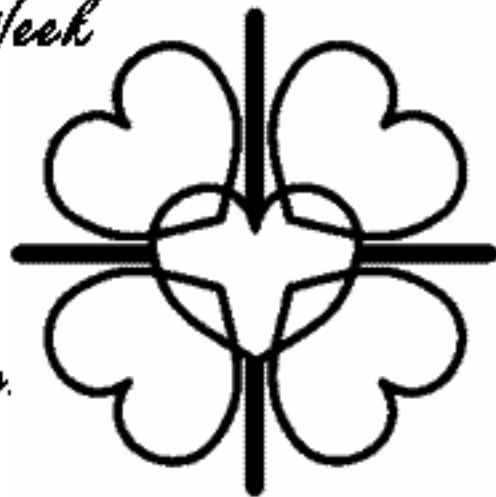
Celebrate Love This Week

How many different ways can you demonstrate and express love in thoughtful care and service to others this week? Make a real effort and realize the joy of giving.

February 14th Valentine's Day

"Where God is, there is love; and where there is love, there is always openness to serve."

Blessed Mother Teresa



STEWARDS of GOD'S GIFTS



Parish through the offering of one's time and talent as well as treasure.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to the Members of the Reverence for Life group and other volunteers who took part in the recent "FOCA" postcard campaign mailout.

These individuals along with so many others in our parish are visible signs of the spirituality of Christian stewardship. We continue to invite all parishioners to our parish plan of total stewardship which includes being meaningfully involved in the life of St. Mary Magdalen

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2009

In the late Fourth Century Evagrius Ponticus, a Christian monk, refined a prevailing list of eight patterns of evil: *Gluttony, Lust, Greed, Sadness, Acedia, Anger, Vainglory, and Pride*. In the Sixth Century Pope Gregory revised the list to form the more commonly known list of Seven Deadly Sins: *Pride, Greed, Lust/Extravagance, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath/Anger, and Sloth* (a combination of *Complacency and Apathy*). Whatever they are called, they all tempt us to sin against the unconditional love and generous gifts of God. They are the demons in our life that turn us away from God and turn us into our own selfish world. These are some of the demons Jesus came to drive out of the people of his time and that he hopes we can drive out of our lives today by getting to know him better and by imitating him more closely. Imagine life without *Pride, Greed, Lust/Extravagance, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath/Anger, and Sloth* in us and in others.

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance

Christian Service Center Interim Director

Mrs. Darla Castille has resigned from her position as Director of the Christian Service Center. For the next three months, Greg Mitchell will serve as Interim Director of the Center. Greg has a degree in Business and has spent several years actively involved in missionary work. As Interim Director, Greg will be able to utilize his business and missionary work experience to maintain the operations of the Center and continue its ministry to the poor.



Capital Campaign

You Are Invited To A Capital Campaign Social!

*You are invited to attend a capital campaign social. This reception is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with fellow parishioners. You will also find out the details of projects for the repair of the interior of the church, memorial opportunities that are available and to ask any questions you may have. **Call Peggy at the parish office as soon as possible to let her know you would like to attend.** We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.*

Reception Date:

Saturday, February 14th at 5:30 p.m.

PHASE I

TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,825,561.51

COMPLETED CAMPAIGN PROJECTS \$ 1,455,355.04
(Paid in full)

- ~Steeple repairs & roof replacement, restoration of stained glass windows, restoration of slate plaza, waterproofing remainder of exterior of church & chapel.
- ~Resolve foundation issues at ministries building.
- ~Replacement of HVAC System and roof at Vermilion Catholic.
- ~Roof replacement at rectory.

CURRENT REPAIR PROJECTS:

Vermilion Catholic High School

Correct the flooding problems in auditorium and chorus room	\$ 30,850.35
Payment to contractor	\$ 28,150.35
Balance	\$ 2,700.00

OTHER PROJECTS IN PHASE I TO BE STARTED:

Rectory: Repair the balcony structure; cleaning, painting and waterproofing the exterior.

PHASE II

TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,293,194.33

PHASE II PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Repair and return of stained glass windows to sanctuary	\$139,211.00
Payment to contractor	\$ 13,921.00
Balance on Project	\$125,290.00
Replace church roof (excluding steeple)	\$735,650.00
Payment to contractor	\$196,000.00
Balance on Project	\$539,650.00