

SCHEDULE FOR:
July 26th 2009 – August 1st, 2009

Sunday No Children's Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday Men of Mary Group 6:30 a.m.
attend Mass/Recite Rosary

Thanks for the birthday cards, and gifts I received from parishioners. Your kindness is certainly appreciated.
~ FR. BLANDA

**Diocese of Lafayette
News & Information**

Please remember in your prayers:

Rev. Raymond Robitaille, retired priest of the Lafayette Diocese who was recently admitted to the hospital.

Mrs. Ruby Romero, mother of Msgr. Robert Romero (Pastor of St. Landry Church in Opelousas and Episcopal Vicar of the diocese's North Region), who recently passed away.

Mrs. Celine Brown, mother of Rev. Keenan Brown (Pastor of St. Catherine and St. Francis Regis in Arnaudville), who passed away recently.

Appointments and changes:

Rev. Jason Vidrine has been appointed Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Gueydan and St. David's in Haire.

Rev. Louis Allen Breaux has been appointed Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Scott.

Rev. Jude Mary Obiechina, CMF, has been appointed Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Plaisance and St. Ann in Frilot Cove.

Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD, has been appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Opelousas.

Rev. Emmanuel Tanu, SVD, will be leaving the Lafayette Diocese for appointment in another diocese.

Rev. Kevin Bordelon will be appointed Director of Continuing Education of Priests in March 2010, in addition to his duties as Pastor of St. Leo IV Church in Roberts Cove and Assistant Master of Ceremonies.



"... feeding 5000
with five loaves...
points to a time when God's
mighty deeds come to
fulfillment—when all people
are abundantly filled
and every need is met."
Living Liturgy

MASS INTENTIONS

for the Week of July 27th – August 2nd, 2009

MONDAY: Ex 32:15-24; 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
6:30 A.M. Most Rev. R.E. Tracy

TUESDAY: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9; 28; Mt 13:36-43
6:30 A.M. Faculty & Staff of Eaton Park Elementary

WEDNESDAY: Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
6:30 A.M. Hilda B. Dufour; Christopher Michael Hollier; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M Fernand Montagne; M/M Luke Langlains & Fly.; Dr. & Mrs. P.O. Landry & Fly.; John Vidos; Guise Cong Viet Cao; Oflida "Fid" Vice; Ralph Sagrera; Anthony; Nguyen Nghiem; Hien Nguyen; In thanksgiving to the Lord; Those who have passed away, Orphaned Souls; Johnnie Broussard Fly.; Joseph A. Dufour

THURSDAY: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
6:30 A.M. Agnes Trahan

FRIDAY: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
St. Ignatius of Loyola
6:30 A.M. Celie Haydell

SATURDAY: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12 St. Alphonsus Liguori
6:30 A.M. M/M Dicky Broussard

Vigil of Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

4:00 P.M. M/M Emile Hebert & Fly.; Percy Lege & Fly.; M/M Finelous Sonnier & Fly.; Brock Wade Huval; Nicole LeBlanc; E.J. Adams; Rufus J. Simon; M/M Alfred Vincent Fly.; Peter Thong Minh Tran; M/M John Vigneaux; Warren E. Broussard; Mattie Primeaux; M/M John Nugier; Eleanor Bares & Fly.; M/M Fernand Montagne; George Veazey Fly.; Giuse Ba Nguyen Bui; Giac Tran; Quet Nguyen; M/M Sam Guarino & Fly.; Josephine Guarino; Mrs. Enid Guarino; Roger Sellers; Michael B. Faulk; Christopher Michael Hollier; Phero Nguyen; Elvina Bourque & Fly.; Justin "Jay" Broussard, Jr.; Giuse Cong Viet Cao; Leonard Sellers & Son; M/M Othon Trahan; M/M Whitney Bonin; Lucille Suire & Daughters; John Vidos; J.M. Peré; Dudles Dubois; In thanksgiving to the Lord; Joy P. Awwad; M/M Stanley Morton; Ray Frederick; Nguyen Ngheim; Hien Nguyen; Jeffery Meaux; Brock Huval; Kevin LeMaire; Those who have passed away; Orphaned Souls; Nolan Frederick; Raoul Neveaux; Beulah Duhon; Inez Faulk; Francis LeBlanc; Sandra Meche & Son; Freddie Ann Bossley; Antonia "Anne" C. Sonnier; M/M Pierre Trahan & Son

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

7:00 A.M. Wills Lege
9:30 A.M. Jeanette M. Motty
11:00 A.M. For the Parishioners
5:30 P.M. Randy Primeaux

Spiritual Life and Worship

Please Pray for

Mrs. Elias Fontenot née Angelle Kuntz
who died recently.

Baptisms

Cohen Edward Sonnier, son of Baine Edward Sonnier and
Rachel Marie Pere'

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Any child who will be in the 5th through 12th grades this fall is eligible to become an altar server. If your child is interested in becoming an integral and important part of the celebration of the Eucharist, please call Mrs. Peggy Ashley at the parish office at 893-0244. Information needed is the child's name and grade in 2009-2010 school year, the parents' names, address and phone number. A monthly schedule is mailed to the parents. **Training will take place on Saturday morning, August 15th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the VC Auditorium.** Please consider carefully this opportunity to serve at the altar of God.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

GENERAL: That public opinion may be more aware of the problem of millions of displaced persons and refugees and that concrete solutions may be found for their often tragic situation.

MISSION: That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognized, in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely.

UPCOMING RETREATS FOR FALL 2009 COMMUNITY OF JESUS CRUCIFIED

Do you hunger for the Eucharist? Are you wanting to make your Masses more meaningful? Do you want to grow in your appreciation of the great sacrament? Consider making a retreat that focuses on the splendor and power of this wondrous sacrament. This is a chance to spend quality time with the Lord.

"If You Only Knew The Gift: Eucharistic Retreat for Women"

Date: October 16th-18th

Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, St. Martinville
Call Cheryl Moss at 337-254-8158 to register.

"Men of the Eucharist Retreat"

Date: November 20th-22nd

Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, St. Martinville
Call Vic Guidry at 337-824-3045 to register.

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

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Sing To The Lord: Music in Divine Worship

Presented by Faye Drobnic of the Office of Worship

Topics discussed will be: the role of music ministries at Mass, different kinds of music for liturgy, guidelines for selecting and preparing music, the musical structure of the Mass, proper music for weddings and funerals. Anyone is welcome to attend any workshop.

Saturday, August 1st: Our Lady of Mercy in Opelousas

Registration 8:30 a.m.—Workshop 9:00 a.m.—Noon
Contact Jackie Griffin at 337-831-2621

Saturday, August 29th: St. Jules in Lafayette

Registration 8:00 a.m.—Workshop 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Contact Mary Bergeron at 337-654-8682

PRAYER CLINIC

A Prayer Clinic will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Carencro on Saturday, August 22nd beginning with the celebration of Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by prayer clinics on: dealing with distraction in prayer, purification and dryness in prayer, praying with the Psalms, praying the Holy Mass & Holy Communion, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, listening to the Word in meditation, drawing closer to Christ with the rosary, and the use of spiritual reading as prayer. The day will end at 2:00 p.m. with Benediction. Members of the Community of Jesus Christ Crucified are sponsoring the day and everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Community Life and Outreach

Altar Server & Children's Choir Summer Outing

This summer a day trip to the Aquarium of the Americas and IMAX in New Orleans has been planned for altar servers and children's choir members. Fr. Guillory and staff members will be chaperones for this fun filled day. The trip will take place on **Saturday, August 1st** and we will be using the VC bus for transportation to and from New Orleans.

Letters have been sent home with details about the trip but please remember to return the field trip liability and waiver form to the parish office as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need more information concerning this trip, please call Amanda or Peggy at the parish office at 893-0244.

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING IN THE HOLY LAND

This Thanksgiving (Nov. 21st–Nov. 30th) join Acadiana area pilgrims on a journey of a lifetime as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus and His Apostles! Points of interest include Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Gethsemane, Mount of the Beatitudes, Jordan River, Mediterranean Sea, Mount Tabor, Cana, and Jerusalem. Accompanied by a very knowledgeable multi-lingual and experienced Catholic pilgrimage guide, this experience is sure to be an opportunity to renew your faith. Space is limited. For more information, call Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Social Services—an adoption and counseling agency, is now offering post adoption counseling to the community regardless of whether the adoption was through an attorney or an agency. This service is available to birth parents, adoptive parents or adult adoptive persons who want to improve their relationships; expand their understanding of adoption and its impact; and build on their strengths. For more information or to make an appointment, please call Catholic Social Services at 261-5654.

JUST JOKES AND JIVE

What better way than comedy and dancing to take a break from the summer heat?

This fundraiser for the October Fete will be held on Saturday, August 8th at Cabrini Hall in Kaplan.

7:00–7:30 Social

7:30–8:15 Comedy with State Rep. Jonathan Perry

8:30–10:30 Live music and dancing by Jaenke Train (70's & 80's, Blues, Rock & Roll)

Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Cash bar and appetizers will be served. Ages 18 and up. Tickets available at Holy Rosary Catholic Church office and State Farm Insurance. Contact Lisa Saltzman at 643-8900 or 643-2729 for more information.

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN
CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER
701 Chevis Street Abbeville
893-9756**

Back to School Bash

Saturday, August 1st

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come out to the Christian Service Center and enjoy live music, games, face painting, food and fun activities for kids! School uniforms will be distributed and registration for free school supplies will be taken.

Sponsored by the Christian Service Center and Come Lord Jesus!

Diocese of Lafayette

The following community events occur on a regular basis throughout the year:

CODA (Co-Dependents Anonymous)

Thursdays, Immaculata Center, 3rd floor
12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Project Rachel (for those suffering from abortion)

Contact Karol at 337-261-5607

Interpreted ASL Mass

Sundays, Deaf Action Center, Lafayette
9:30 a.m.

Braille Classes

Tues. & Thurs., Deaf Action Center, Lafayette
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Classes

Tues. & Thurs., Deaf Action Center, Lafayette
1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.

FAMILY DAY— A DAY TO EAT WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Family Day— A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children is a national movement that promotes the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners as a simple, effective way to prevent substance abuse in kids.

The Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lafayette will be joining with the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) to promote **Family Day— A Day to Eat with Your Children** on **Monday, September 28, 2009**. CASA and the Office of Family Life will be joined by non-profit organizations, Major League Baseball, and corporations across the country in order to remind parents that *frequent family dinners make a difference in the lives of young and old alike*. With the encouragement of our bishop, Michael Jarrell, the Diocese of Lafayette will celebrate Family Day along with the rest of the country at the end of September 2009.

Christian Formation

The Gift of the Masculine Body Why Male and Female? - For Men Only

Author and speaker Katrina Zeno, will make a special presentation on what it means to be a man drawing from John Paul II's teachings on the *Theology of the Body*. Katrina is an international speaker, the author of three books, and the co-host of a 13-part series for EWTN on *Theology of the Body*.

Men, you do not want to miss this unique presentation. It will be held on **Monday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in Knight Hall at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church on Johnston St., Lafayette**. Katrina's message will help men to better understand themselves and their unique masculine gift of self. For more information, please contact George Holland at 337-278-5686 or just show up. Admission is \$10. Donations appreciated. For more information about Katrina, see her website at www.wttm.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, wants to become Catholic or needs the sacrament of Confirmation and/or Eucharist to be brought in full communion with the Catholic Church? RCIA, which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the means established for accomplishing these goals. The St. Mary Magdalen RCIA program is scheduled to begin September 15th. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more, please contact Eileen Boudoin at 893-0244 as soon as possible.

FRIENDS DAY

Friends Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th, 2009 at the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 1/2 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends with celebration of Holy Mass at Noon. The theme of the day is: **"Year of the Priesthood: What? Why Now?"** The day will consist of developing the Book of Hebrews, a biography of St. John Vianney and a panel of sharers about their favorite priest. Everyone is invited to attend, registration is not required.

UPCOMING VOCATIONS SUPPER

There will be a Vocations Supper for Young Women held on **Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m.** at Bishop Michael Jarrell's residence. It is customary that the pastor (or a religious) accompany the candidate to the Vocation Supper. If the young person is under the age of 18 and is the only candidate sponsored by a priest or religious, then a parent must also attend the Supper. Space is limited, so call the St. Mary Magdalen parish office @ 893-0244 if you are interested. The deadline to register with the Office of Vocations is September 3rd, 2009.

SEMINARIAN'S TEACHING

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen,

I am writing to you in order to thank you for receiving me so openly into your parish and into your lives. Throughout these brief two months, I have thoroughly enjoyed many different aspects of your parish that I have experienced, and I believe this assignment has given me a better understanding of what the priesthood of Jesus Christ entails. This summer has been filled with joy and prayer, and I recognize the effect that all of you have had on my vocation, and my readiness for priesthood. I truly believe that I have been blessed to work in the parish and serve you in any way I have been able to.

It feels as though I arrived only yesterday to begin my assignment, yet I know that it is already time for me to leave. I have truly found it a breath of fresh air to be a part of your faith-filled lives, even if it has only been for a short while. I will be departing for the next phase of my journey at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland in August, and I ask that you remember me in prayer, as I will surely be praying for you, the parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen. Please know that I have enjoyed working and praying with you, and each of you have had an impact on my life.

*In Christ,
Neil Pettit*

"What shall I do?"

We all want nothing other than to be happy and at peace. We were created for that, and we can only find happiness and peace by loving God. Loving him brings us joy and happiness. Many, especially in the West, think that living comfortably makes a person happy. I think it is more difficult to be happy when one is rich, because the concerns about earning money and keeping it hide God from us. However, if God has entrusted you with wealth, use it to serve his works: help others, help the poor, create jobs, give work to others. Don't waste your fortune on vain things. Having a house, honors, freedom, good health, all that has been entrusted to us by God so that we can use it to serve those who are less fortunate than we are.

Jesus said: *"As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."* (Mt 25:40) Consequently, the only thing that can make me sad is to offend our Lord through selfishness or through lack of love for others, or to wrong someone. By wounding the poor, by wounding one another, we wound God.

It belongs to God to give and to take back (Job 1:21); so share what you have received, including your own life.

~ A Simple Path by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Total Stewardship and Development

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 19th COLLECTIONS

Loose.....	\$ 3,498.75
Envelopes.....	\$ 4,717.00
Total:	\$ 8,215.75

No Second Collection

Thank You.

This Weekend

NO SECOND COLLECTION

Next Weekend

MONTHLY INSURANCE COLLECTION

CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES

Anyone who has not used envelopes in the past but would like to begin using them may call the parish office at 893-0244 to request them.

STEWARDS *of* GOD'S GIFTS



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to the high school students who participated in R.I.S.E. (Rising In Service To Everyone). This group, during their week-long work retreat, completed a clean up and painting project at St. Mary Magdalen's Christian Service Center Soup Kitchen.

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

Stewardship Thought
for the weekend of July 26th, 2009
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

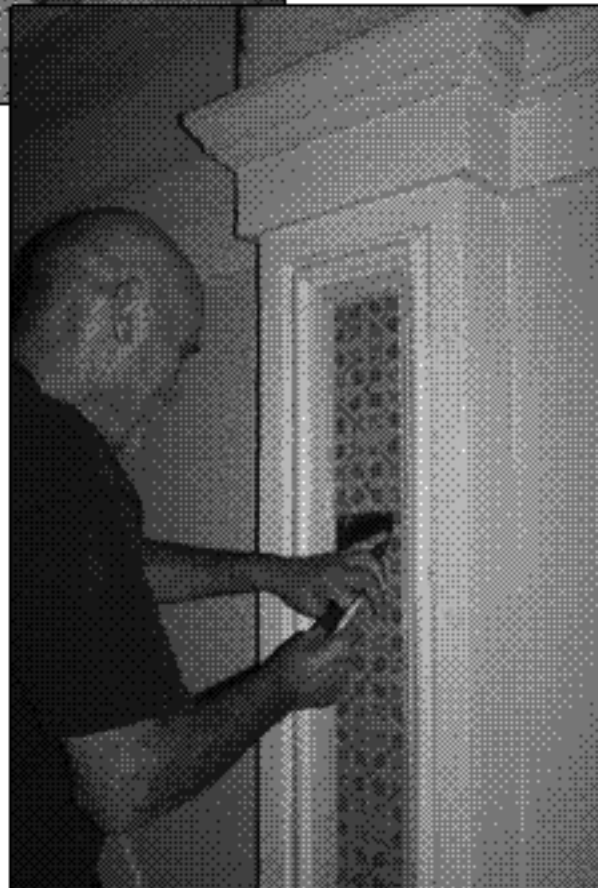
The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have - exercising good stewardship- releases God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and our other resources in His name?

~ Time, Talent, and Treasure ~

Management and Finance



Capital Campaign



Current Projects

Canvas stencils are applied to the insides of the arches and pilasters throughout the church.

Campaign Packets Distributed	
June 26-28	1,456
Responses since June 29 th	88

Thank you to those who have returned their letter of intent indicating participation in the campaign through sacrificial giving. Since last week we have received 16 letters of intent. This is a sign that many families are still in the process of prayerfully considering a financial gift to the campaign. Every dollar given helps to reach the \$1.24 million balance needed to attain the goal of \$2.9 million. If you have any questions, please call Peggy Ashley in the campaign office. Thank you for your prayers and for your participation through sacrificial giving.

PHASE II	
TOTAL PLEDGES: \$1,665,636.31	
PHASE II PROJECTS IN PROGRESS	
Repair and return of stained glass windows to sanctuary	\$139,211.00
Payment to contractor	\$ 74,921.00
Balance on Project	\$ 64,290.00
Replace church roof (excluding steeple)	\$735,650.00
Payment to contractor	\$715,650.00
Balance on Project	\$ 20,000.00
Organ console and relays	\$100,319.24
Payment to contractor	\$ 9,203.60
Balance on Project	\$ 91,115.64
Pew refinishing	\$ 92,367.53
Payment to contractor	\$ 52,636.67
Balance on Project	\$ 39,730.86
Interior Repair & Décor	\$871,903.51
Payment to contractor	\$287,678.12
Balance on Project	\$584,225.39
Church Lighting	\$195,927.00
Payment to contractor	\$ 12,514.50
Balance on Project	\$183,412.50