



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Pastor

Very Rev. Brent L Smith, VF

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Henry Paul Antony, HCN

Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm

Sun: 7am, 10am, 5:30 pm

Mon: 6:30 am

Tues: 12:05 pm

Wed: 6:30 am

Thurs: 12:05 pm

Fri: 6:30 am

First Sat: 9:00 am

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Parish Office

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Contact

337-334-2193

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

April 16, 2023
Divine Mercy





Help us get to Steubenville!

St. Joseph Parish is taking a group of teens to Steubenville South Youth Conference this summer and we need your support! The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Their mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Steubenville South leads teens and their communities into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, the Steubenville South Conference seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young Church. For more information, visit: <https://steubenvillesouth.com/fearless2022/>

150TH ANNIVERSARY
ALCOVE MURAL INSTALLATION

Deadline to donate is April 15th!

GOAL \$50,000

43%

RAISED \$21,357

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St. Joseph, Defender of the Church

Saint Joseph Dying in the Presence of Our Lord and Our Lady

3 TEEN SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor a teen by paying for their registration for Steubenville South in the total amount of **\$165.** (does not cover the cost of transportation) **NOW UNTIL MAY**

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand

St. Joseph has purchased a parish account at Formed.org. There you will have access to Hundreds of Hours of Watching, Reading, and Listening to the Best Catholic Content online.

Go to www.formed.org/signup and search for St. Joseph to sign up for free!

New Beginnings

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Rediscovering your identity after the loss of a spouse.

1st & 3rd Tuesday | Monthly | 6:00 PM
Starting April 18th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

For more information call the St. Joseph Office 337.334.2193

Sacraments

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass or any other time by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled through the Parish Office. Please call 334-2193 to schedule the sacrament. Preparation Classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

Funerals

Funeral home personnel will contact the parish office for you to make all the necessary arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to schedule the sacrament of anointing.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 04/02/2023 \$16,357.85

St. Joseph Church
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OFFERTORY

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Thank you for your generosity!

The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Parishioners of St. Joseph

The Pieta Lamp

Mother of Sorrows, You who held Jesus in your arms, please intercede with your Divine Son on behalf of:

**Myron Joseph Meche
Calvin & Buella Guidry**

Baptisms

We welcome those who entered our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

Wesley Thomas LeBlanc

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

There were no weddings at the time of production.

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Inez Cormier Broussard

Prayers for the Sick

Natalie Alleman, Betty Bellard, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Joseph Mel Daigle, Sherrie David, Phoebe Deshotel, Elizabeth Deaville, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Cheryl Edwards, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Marie Habetz, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Alex LaCroix, Candi Hebert Latino, Leslie Leger, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristian Navarre, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble



The Eighth Day Is Freedom

Every year, I am in awe that we prepare for Easter with 40 days of penitence, and then celebrate Christ's Resurrection for 50 days! Every day of the Octave of Easter is one long Easter Sunday, liturgically speaking; a week-long day of rejoicing, encompassing the "first day of the week" (Easter Sunday) and the "eighth day" of the week (Divine Mercy Sunday). This "eighth day" becomes the new "first day", the symbol of the new creation Christ has set in motion.

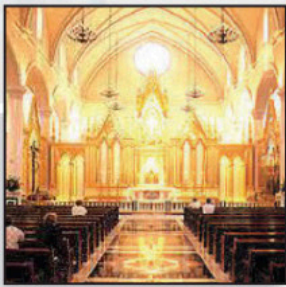
The eighth day as a sign of holiness and freedom is seen in Scripture, particularly in the Book of Leviticus. On this day, children were circumcised, becoming purified and receiving the seal of the covenant (Lev 12:2-3). Animals were ceremonially unclean before their eighth day, and could not be sacrificed before then (Lev 22:27). All people who were unclean for any reason remained so until the eighth day, when they were accounted clean (Lev 14:8-10; 15:13-14). Even the vessels for ministry and the priests went through seven days of purification, and were "clean" on the eighth day.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus rose on "the first day of the week," which is the same as the "eighth day." The Jewish people hold Saturday, the seventh day, as a day of rest and worship, because God rested on the seventh day of creation. But Christians acknowledge that Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary fulfilled every Levitical oblation and sacrifice, and the resurrection on the "eighth day" points to the NEW creation and the final fulfillment of all creation. In the early Church, the baptismal font was often octagonal, to symbolize that through this font that we become a new creation in Christ!

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we see Jesus putting Thomas' doubts to rest by revealing his wounds, through which he poured out mercy on the world. It is through these wounds that Jesus gave us the incredible gifts of cleansing and forgiveness and renewal, and here he gives his disciples the authority to forgive in the sacrament of Penance. In Jesus' many words and actions and miracles, he proved that Love overcomes every sin and shortcoming. On this "eighth day" of Easter, we glimpse the whole point and hear anew the call to fulfillment of all creation: the final victory over every uncleanness and sinfulness, and our final, glorious rest at the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, celebrating the definitive conquering of death on the mystical eighth day of creation in eternity.

In the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, Jesus reveals his desire that this day be "a refuge and shelter for all souls... On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy." So, let us joyfully approach that Fount by going to Confession and receiving Him in Communion to welcome the Gift of His healing love!

St. Joseph Church Pilgrimage to Alabama



May 30 - June 2, 2023

Fr. Brent Smith
Spiritual Director

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

Eternal Word Television Network Studios

- Studio Tour
- Mass

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

- St. John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour
- Main Church and Crypt Church Tours
- Visit the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
- Mass

Benedictine Abbey (St. Bernard)

- Ave Maria Grotto
- Outdoor Way of the Cross
- Mass

Take a pilgrimage to the EWTN Studios in Northern Alabama. Visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the St. Bernard Abbey and other grottoes and churches. This pilgrimage is great for those who want to see spiritual destinations closer to home.



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RSVP for the Orientation Meeting:

337-291-1933

www.holytravels.org/frsmithalabama

Who Me?

Do you love God's holy word? Do you love the Holy Eucharist? We need you as a Lector proclaiming his Word. We need you as an Extraordinary Minister bringing Christ's Body and Blood to his people.

Call André Landaiche for more information. 337-250-1332

Prayer before Receiving Holy Communion

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is Your own immaculate Body, and that this is Your own precious Blood. I pray: have mercy upon me, and forgive my offenses both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake of Your immaculate Mysteries, unto the forgiveness of my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

St. John Chrysostom



Divine Mercy Ministry
for the Dying
If you know someone who is in imminent danger of death, call the number below for a Divine Mercy chaplet to be prayed for that individual.

337-237-5059

A Diocesan Ministry of St. Pius X
Catholic Church available for all,
Catholic and non-Catholic



Ministers Schedule

April 2023

Sat. 4pm: Lector - Debra Reed
Extraordinary Ministers - Lyn Guidry,
Brenda Hooper Altar Servers - 4
o'clock Team

Sun. 7am: Lector - Allison Gray
Extraordinary Ministers - Phil
Speyzer, Albert Johnson, Eddie Ware
Altar Servers - 7 am Team

Sun. 10am: Lector - Richard Dupuis
Extraordinary Ministers - Linda
Ancona, Angelo Ancona, Joan Gatte -
Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team

Sun. 5:30pm: Lector - Adela Leger
Extraordinary Ministers - Tammy
Clark, Emma Landaiche, Ramona
Besse Altar Servers - 5:30 Team

Adoration Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration
rayne.weadorehim.com



Rayne Catholic Elementary

Our students will learn together, work together, and pray together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.

MRS. ALICIA ARDOIN, PRINCIPAL
FR. BRENT SMITH, PASTOR

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First Friday Mass & Adoration

The first Friday of the month is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love to Jesus. In return for this act of devotion, which usually includes Mass, Communion, confession and even an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, our blessed Savior reputedly promised St. Margaret Mary the following blessings:

“In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.”

Please join us every first Friday of the month for 6:30am Mass followed by Adoration from 7-8am. Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours!