



# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

### Pastor

Very Rev. Brent L Smith, VF

### Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm

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

Mon: No Mass

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

400 S. Adams Ave.

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### Contact

337-334-2193

[stjoseph1872@diolaf.org](mailto:stjoseph1872@diolaf.org)

### Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

June 11, 2023  
Corpus Christi





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**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



**150TH ANNIVERSARY  
ALCOVE MURAL INSTALLATION**

We are looking into installing these two murals to the alcoves above the side entrances to St. Joseph Church.

The cost will be \$25,000 each.

If you would like to donate toward this special addition to our church, please call the parish office or scan the QR code. Please label the donation as 'Murals'.



St. Joseph, Defender of the Church



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

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

**EUCCHARISTIC  
PROCESSION**

**JUNE 11TH FOLLOWING 10:00 AM MASS**

The procession will begin at St. Joseph Church, pause for a short period of adoration at the Depot Square & process back to church for adoration in church continually until just prior to the 5:30 Mass.

## 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 5/28/23 **\$9,967.24**  
Weekly Budget **-\$11,730.77**  
**Over/Under Budget -\$1,763.53**

Monthly Offertory EFT/Credit Card 26%  
Monthly Building & Maintenance \$ 3,837.28

St. Joseph Church  
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**OFFERTORY**

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## 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:

**Willie & Edward Leger  
Charles, Robert & Arthur Myers Jr.**

## The Pieta Lamp

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

**Deceased Members of CDA  
Buella & Calvin Guidry  
Wallace Hanks Family**

## Baptisms

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

**There were no baptisms at the time of printing.**

## Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

**Huey Lee Touchet II & Natalie Jane Alleman**

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

**There were no deaths at the time of printing.**

## Prayers for the Sick

Betty Adams, Natalie Alleman, Betty Bellard, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Racie Cormier, Rhena V. Cramer, 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, Jennifer Falcon, Michael "Micky" Fontenot, 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, Jeremy Lavergne, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejune, Patsy Meaux, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristian Navarre, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Ron Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble, Wena York

## Welcome *Coby Hebert*



Seminarian Coby Hebert will be joining St. Joseph Parish for his Summer assignment this June & July.

Coby was born in Egan, LA, and graduated from Iota High School. In 2005, he graduated from ULM Pharmacy School and worked as a pharmacist for almost 20 years, spending the majority of his time with Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette. He even worked with Fr. Brent at the Heart Hospital before it became a part of LGM. Like Fr. Brent, Coby felt the call for the priesthood later in life and entered Notre Dame Seminary last fall. He recently completed his first year of pre-theology. He is looking forward to working with Fr. Brent again and serving St. Joseph Parish this summer.

## Witness to Love

Congratulations to Gabe & Macie Crochet who were united in marriage on May 13, 2023. Officiating the ceremony was Father Brent Smith.



## The Eucharist: Flesh and Blood

Is your parish celebrating this Solemnity with a Corpus Christi Procession? This traditional way of honoring the Eucharist goes back to the 1300's, and is a beautiful public proclamation of our faith in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament.

What exactly does our Faith teach about the Eucharist (which comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving")? From the very beginning, the Church has understood this Sacrament to be Christ Himself, as he clearly states in today's Gospel: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The earliest effort we know to explain this in writing came in the 2nd century, when St. Justin wrote that this bread and wine are truly the flesh and blood of Jesus: "For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise... the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh."

Later, the explanation of this change was developed further. We now say that Christ is "really, truly, and substantially present" in the Eucharist. It is really His Presence, it has "real being," not just mental existence. It is truly the Presence of Christ, not just a symbol or representation. And no matter what our senses tell us, we know that the substance is Christ, who is wholly present – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in each element and every part of them. In every drop and every crumb, Christ is wholly present: really, truly, and substantially.

This is hard for us to fit into our skulls because it is a mystery. But God certainly must be more than we can understand - if God fit into the confines of our skulls, He would be very small indeed! God is Mystery, and the Gift of the Eucharist is a mystery. But a mystery is not an impossibly locked and sealed door! It is more like an endless series of doors that we continue to open and walk through and find delight in, but which we will never exhaust. There is always more to learn and rejoice in!

So today, let us give thanks and praise to God for all of His gifts, especially the Gift of Himself, remaining with us and nourishing our weary souls in the Eucharist.

As Pope St. John Paul II said, "This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist."



O, COME LET US ADORE HIM

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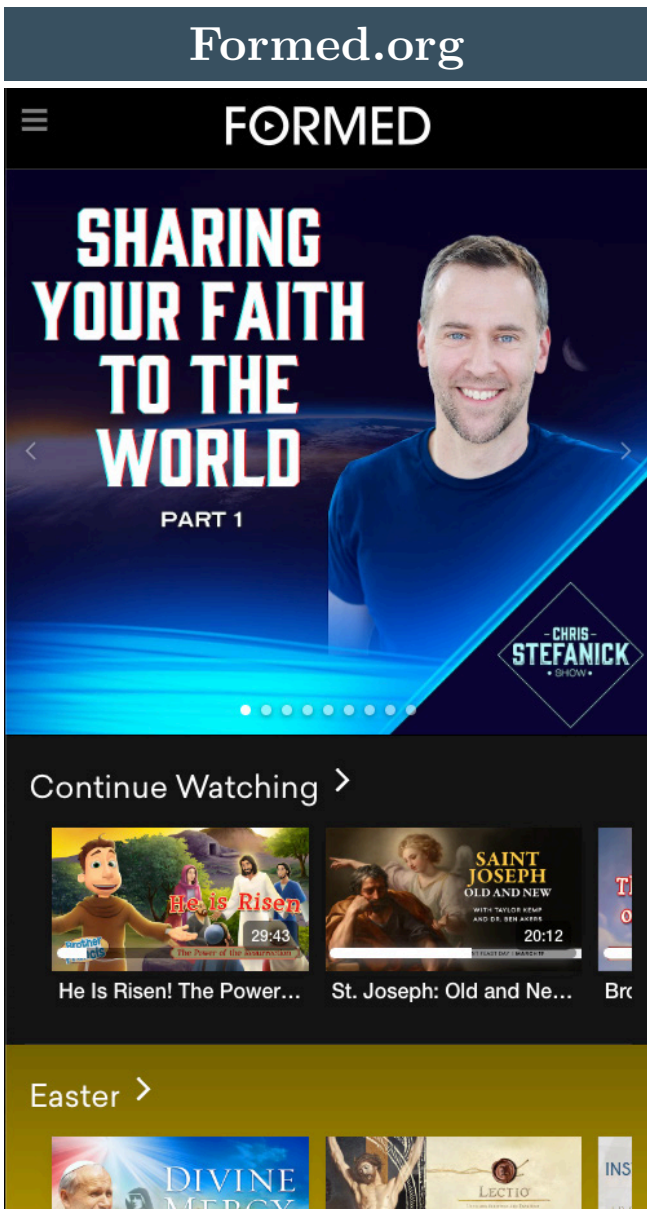
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- JUNE 28-25**  
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- SEPT 22-24**  
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**- CHRIS STEFANICK - SHOW -**

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He Is Risen! The Power...  
 29:43

St. Joseph: Old and Ne...  
 20:12

Easter >

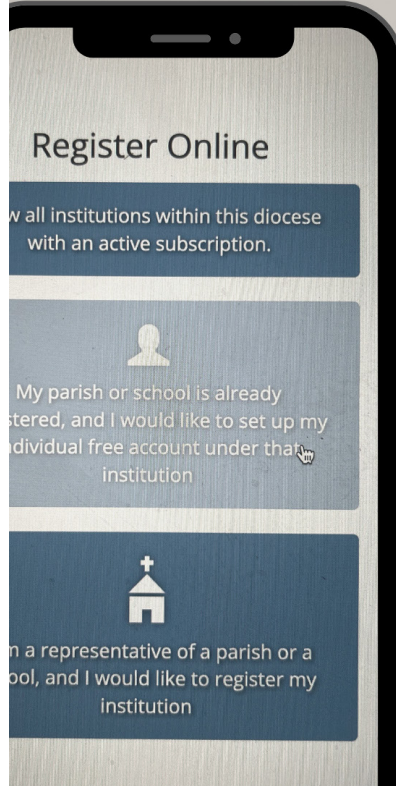
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Do you love God's holy word? Do you love the Holy Eucharist? We need you as a Lector proclaiming his Word. We need you as an Extraordinary Minister bringing Christ's Body and Blood to his people.

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*



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337-237-5059

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## Ministers Schedule

### June 2023

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Cathy Breaux  
Extraordinary Ministers - Larry Van Pelt, Neal Duhon  
Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team

**Sun. 7am:** Lector - Mike Reynolds  
Extraordinary Ministers - Phil Speyrer, Albert Johnson, Eddie Ware  
Altar Servers - 7 am Team

**Sun. 10am:** Lector - Paul Molbert  
Extraordinary Ministers - Charmaigne Lawless, Tyler Primeaux, Altar Servers - 10 am Team

**Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Tammy Clark  
Extraordinary Ministers - Ramona Besse, Crystal Moody, Jimmy Fontenot  
Altar Servers - 5:30 Team

## Adoration Sign Up

### Sign up for Adoration

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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!*