



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

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Contact

337-334-2193

stjoseph1872@diolaf.org

Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Altar Server Training with Fr. Brent!



Sat. July 22nd At 10:00 in Church. No Registration Needed.

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



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



I am Restored

RED BIRD MINISTRIES MOTHER'S RETREAT



For:

Mothers of child loss.
Pregnancy through
adulthood.

When:

September 8-10, 2023
Check-in at 4 pm

Where:

Lumen Christi Retreat Center
100 Lumen Christi Ln
Schriever, LA 70395

Registration closes September 1, 2023
\$250 - Twin Bed Shared Room with Private Bath
\$350 - Private Room and Bath with Double Bed

A Catholic GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

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 6/18/23	\$11,746.06
Weekly Budget	-\$11,730.77
Over/Under Budget	\$15.29

2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal Fund

St. Joseph Church
Electronic Offering

ONLINE



OFFERTORY

SCAN THE CODE TO GIVE



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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:

Willie Arceneaux Family

The Pieta Lamp

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

**Harry Guidry
Oswald & Roland Myers**

Baptisms

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

Leighton Renee' Maynard

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

There were no weddings at the time of printing.

Dearly Departed

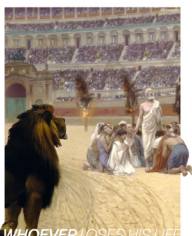
Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Anna Gautreaux Simoneaux

Prayers for the Sick

Betty Adams, Natalie Alleman Touchet, 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, 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, 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, Jim Orillion, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Gloria Ann Sanchez, 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

Why So Much Talk About Death?



Death is a scary thing. Even with all the medical advances and prescriptions that we are blessed with in the 21st century, we still fear death. Stories of people dying much too soon seem to take up news feeds and Facebook pages. Death is not something that most of us are comfortable with, and yet, the Church time and again wants to remind us of our death.

We have famous phrases from saints such as “Memento Mori”, which means “remember your death”, and we mark our foreheads with ashes to remember that we are dust. So why all this focus on death in the Catholic Faith? I think the biggest difference between the secular view of death and the Catholic view of death can be seen in today’s Second Reading. Paul is explicit that if we have been baptized into Christ’s life we are also baptized into his death. What does that mean? Didn’t Jesus come to give us life, not death?

If we look back all the way to Adam and Eve we can see clearly that one of the consequences of the first sin is human death. We will now have to die. This is a result of our first parents turning their backs on the eternal life that God offered to them. But thankfully, the story doesn’t end there. We have a God who is so good and loves us so deeply that he not only became one of us, but he went into the very deepest and darkest part of humanity, death, in order to make this same death the new gateway into eternal life. What started as a consequence of the fall has now become the way we attain heaven.

Jesus Christ became man and died, so that death itself could be resurrected. He conquered death so literally through his resurrection that death became for us the final necessary step to gain eternal happiness with God forever.

This is hard for us to grasp with human minds because we see death and evil and destruction all over the world and we cry out to God for help, but Paul is making the point that God has already won. Jesus took one of the worst consequences of the fall and entered into it so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. This is the good news of the Gospel. So while we are called to mourn loved ones who have passed, just as Jesus did with Lazarus, we can also have immense hope that death is the gateway between this world and the next and that if we have been baptized with Christ we have nothing to fear.

Women’s ACTS Retreat

Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a community of faith to help support you on your faith journey? If so, consider signing up for the next JMJ Women’s ACTS Retreat.

The retreat is October 19th – 22nd, 2023 at the ABC Center in Richard.

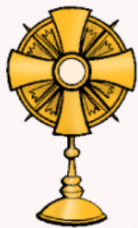
Registration opens from Sunday, July 16th at noon until all spots have been filled. Cost is \$300.

*Retreatants leave from the St. Joseph Family Life Center late afternoon on Thursday, October 19th and return for 11:30am Mass at St. John Catholic Church in Mermentau on Sunday, October 22nd.

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. ACTS is a lay led, parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners with the goals of strengthening our faith, renewing ourselves spiritually, building strong lasting friendships, and growing in our relationship with our Lord, our parish and one another.

Please consider this wonderful gift for yourself or someone you love.

Healing Prayer Service



Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 pm
At St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rayne

Guest Priest:
Fr. Clint Trahan

Service will include:
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament &
Faith Prayers for Healing



WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT



THE JMJ COALITION
ST. JOSEPH
ST. MARGARET
ST. JOHN

OCTOBER 19-22, 2023



WAYS TO HELP KEEP OUR CEMETERIES LOOKING THEIR BEST

Our ultimate goal in maintaining the appearance of our cemeteries is to show respect for our loved ones who've gone before us and comfort those visiting their final resting place.

WE DISCOURAGE PUTTING A PERMANENT UNITED STATES FLAG ON INDIVIDUAL GRAVE SITES AS WE KEEP A PERMANENT FLAG HOISTED IN THE CEMETERIES AT ALL TIMES IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS.

Thank you for doing your part!

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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREATS



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FEB 24-26
PINEVILLE, LA | ENGAGED COUPLES

MARCH 01-APRIL 2
COVECREST | TIGER, GA | YOUNG ADULTS

JUNE 2-9
ABBEVILLE, LA | TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

JUNE 28-25
CHICAGO, IL | YOUNG ADULTS

JULY 21-27
PINEVILLE, LA | TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

SEPT 22-24
COVINGTON, LA | YOUNG ADULTS

OCT 13-15
DALLAS, TX | YOUNG ADULTS

NOV 10-12
LAKE CHARLES, LA | MARRIED COUPLES

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SHARING YOUR FAITH TO THE WORLD

PART 1



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STEFANICK
SHOW

Continue Watching >



He Is Risen! The Power...



St. Joseph: Old and Ne... Br...

Easter >



FREE RESOURCE

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE FRANSCISCAN UNIVERSITY

Learn more about Theology of the Body and explore other courses paid for by St. Joseph Parish.

1.

VISIT THE WEBSITE

franciscanathome.com/diolaf

2.

REGISTER ONLINE

Select the option to set up an individual account under that institution. (St. Joseph - Rayne)

3.

CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOP

Select the workshop you wish to attend. You can opt to participate with or without a mentor.

Register Online

All institutions within this diocese with an active subscription.



My parish or school is already listed, and I would like to set up my individual free account under that institution



I am a representative of a parish or a school, and I would like to register my institution

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

July 2023

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

Sun. 7am: Lector - Dan Landry
Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Erica Zaunbrecher, Randy Bertrand
Altar Servers - 7 am Team

Sun. 10am: Lector - Mandy Miller
Extraordinary Ministers - Linda Ancona, Angelo Ancona
Altar Servers - 10 am Team

Sun. 5:30pm: Lector - Adela Leger
Extraordinary Ministers - Tammy Clark, Emma Landaiche, Emma Gossen
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!