



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

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

July 23, 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Joseph Cemetery II

Mausoleum VII



The construction phase of Mausoleum VII has officially started. If you were unable to purchase burial space during the pre-sales phase of the project there are still available crypts. If your interested in purchasing space call 337-347-6989 for more information.

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

Red Bird Ministries logo featuring a white bird.

WWW.REDBIRD.LOVE

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

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 7/9/23	\$10,490.27
Weekly Budget	-\$11,730.77
Over/Under Budget	-\$1,240.50

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:

James H. Comeaux

The Pieta Lamp

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

Sue Simoneaux Arceneaux

Mark F. Beslin

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:

Blaise Anthony Venable & Andrea Lauren Gossen

Adam Jackson & Megan Broussard Jackson

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Ellen Marie Stutes

Prayers for the Sick

Carol M. Arceneaux, Zora Boudreaux, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Rhena V. Cramer, Joseph Mel Daigle, Sherrie David, Phoebe Deshotel, Elizabeth Deaville, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Cheryl Edwards, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, Jennifer Falcon, Michael "Micky" Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Gerhard Habetz, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Susie Helo, Dana Hernandez, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Alex LaCroix, Candi Hebert Latino, Jeremy Lavergne, Leslie Leger, Dina LeJune, Patsy Meaux, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristian Navarre, Kim Neu, Jim Orillion, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Gracie Ann Sanchez, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Shirley Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Lisa Soileaux, Carita Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Natalie Alleman Touchet, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Marguerite Wyble, Wena York

Baby Bottle Campaign

Donations will be collected this weekend to benefit our local pregnancy resource center, maternity home, and mother & baby boutique which provides necessary items for both mothers and children. Our clients also receive free pregnancy testing, consultation, education on sexually transmitted disease, chastity, shelter, food, and other services to women in need.

Please turn in any donations today and return all baby bottles so that they may be re-used for our next campaign.



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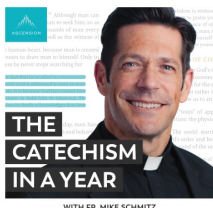
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Women's ACTS Retreat

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.



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.

AFTER FUNERALS WE TAKE THE
RESPONSIBILITY OF REMOVING THE FLOWERS
FROM THE GRAVE SITE ONCE THEY'VE STARTED
TO WILT AND DRY UP.

Thank you for doing your part!



MISSIONARY

Melise Gossen

*" The world offers us comfort, but we are not made for comfort, we are made for Greatness"
-Pope Benedict XVI*



My name is Melise Gossen and I come to you today to share how the Lord has called me to serve as a FOCUS missionary, which is the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. I am excited to announce that I was assigned to serve students at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence, Kansas. I'm looking forward to sharing the gospel and living life with college students, allowing them to understand who Jesus is and the love He has for us.

I grew up in Rayne and have attended mass here at St. Joseph all my life. I went to school at Rayne Catholic and graduated from Notre Dame. I then played collegiate softball at Nicholls State University. Like many in our Parish, I grew up Catholic. I went to Catholic school from kindergarten to twelfth grade, but as I reflect upon it now, my faith was more like a mental check-box list. It wasn't until I went to college that it became my choice. I played softball at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, and those were the most transformative years of my life. A focus missionary invested time in me: teaching me about prayer, authentic friendship, and how to bring the Lord into daily living. I journeyed into the deeper meanings of the Catholic Church and who God was. I grew to know the love of the Lord and His mercy.

After prayer and discernment to become a FOCUS missionary myself, the Lord placed a zeal upon my heart to reach the souls of other college students who were just like me. As a focus missionary we are called to be on college campuses because the need is so important:

-66% of college students are lonely

-55% feel hopeless

-45% feel so depressed that they find it difficult to function

College is the time when so many people leave the faith. As a missionary, I am there to love them where they are, be a mentor for them, and ultimately teach them how there is only one person who will truly satisfy those feelings and questions—Jesus.

In August, I start my two-year commitment to be a full-time missionary, but I cannot go without partnering with caring and generous people like you! In order to make it to Kansas, I need to build a support team of faithful and consistent financial and prayerful supporters. As the great Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "All of us are called to mission. Some give by going; some go by giving. Without both, there is no mission." You have a chance to go, through me. If you are excited, or the importance of college students coming alive in their faith resonates with you, I would love to set up a time to meet and share more about this mission. My contact information is below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you!

Here is the QR code to my support page

The link to my support page: (<https://focus.org/missionaries/melise-gossen/>)

Email: melise.gossen@focus.org

Phone Number: 337-501-9073



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
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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!