

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2024



**Pastor**

Very Rev. Brent L Smith, VF

**Parochial Vicar**

Rev. Connor Poirrier

**Deacons**

Deacon Denis LaCroix  
Deacon Tim Ledet

**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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[stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)  
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**Parish Office**

400 S. Adams Ave.  
P.O. Box 199  
Rayne, La 70578

**Contact**

337-334-2193  
[stjoseph1872@diolaf.org](mailto:stjoseph1872@diolaf.org)

**Office Hours**

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm  
W: 8am - 2pm  
F: 8am - Noon





O, COME LET US ADORE HIM

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WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

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*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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**PASTORAL CARE Service**

In an effort to provide timely pastoral care to our St. Joseph parishioners who are suffering from an extended illness or an extended hospital stay or receiving palliative care, we ask the family to please notify the Parish Office to arrange a visit from our clergy.

**OUR CLERGY:**

- ✓ Very Rev. Brent L. Smith, VF
- ✓ Rev. Connor Poirrier
- ✓ Denis LaCroix - Deacon

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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!

### 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.

### Serve in the Liturgy

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

### Holy Hour Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration  
[rayne.weadorehim.com](http://rayne.weadorehim.com)

### Weekly Offertory



Offertory week of 8/11/24 \$11,847.56  
Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00  
Under Budget -**\$382.44**

2nd Collection next weekend is for Building & Maintenance Fund

**venmo**

### Prayers for the Sick

Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Bobby Caldwell, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Rhena V. Cramer, Joseph Mel Daigle, Sherrie David, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Cheryl Edwards, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, Joanne Fauchaux, Katie Fruge, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Judy Gautreaux, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Monica Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Dianne Istre, Albert Johnson, Janelle Kibodeaux, Alex LaCroix, Harper Lancon, Sandra Lavergne, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Vinice Matte Jr., Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Merita Mouton, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Natalie New, Sandy Parks, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Holden Racca, Madeline Reed, Edward Richard, Dee Rogers, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Ashley & Cade Siebold, Jeanette Simoneaux, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel Thevenet, Natalie Alleman Touchet, Chris Van Pelt, Fr. Clint Trahan, Linda Viale, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, Josh Wyble

### 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:

Katie & Anatole Gary  
Nathan I. Mouton

### Pieta Lamp

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

Willis Credeur

### Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is truly Thine own most pure Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen. St. John Chrysostom



# HOMELESS TO *Housewarmed*

is a heartwarming initiative helping our neighbors who have experienced homelessness transition into safe, stable housing in a dignified way.

By joining this campaign your team has the opportunity to create a sacred space that will be filled with a love that is unique to your group.

Prior to a client's move-in date, your team gathers all basic items to turn a bare living space into a welcoming home. When a housing unit becomes available, your team will be deployed to transform the space - offering a fresh start, warmth, and hope to someone who needs it most.

Together, we can ensure that everyone in Acadiana has a place to call home!



## GOT QUESTIONS?

Kayla Stansbury  
Director of Community Engagement  
337-235-4972 ext. 1228  
kaylas@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org

## WARM A HEART & A HOME



Scan this QR code for a step-by step guide on how to get started, FAQs, and a move-in list.

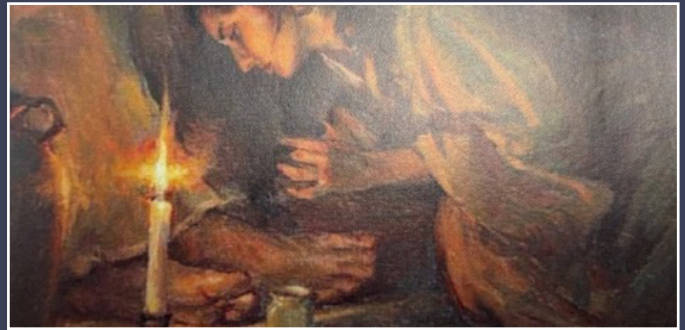


## Seven Sisters Apostolate

St. Joseph Parish is planning a new ministry called the Seven Sisters Apostolate. This lay apostolate began in 2010 in St. Paul, Minnesota and grew out of one woman's desire to pray more frequently and intentionally for her Pastor.

The goal of the apostolate is to gather 7 women (sisters) who will commit to pray one holy hour per week specifically for the support of her Pastor. A different day is chosen by each of the 7 "sisters" and then the time of day of the holy hour can be adjusted by each "sister" to accommodate her schedule. Prayer guides are available. For more information contact the Parish Office.

In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church...strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church. - Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, s.P., Founder Handmaids of the Precious Blood.



## Witness To Love

Patrick Savoie and Catherine Castille will be united in holy matrimony on Friday October 18, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Brent Smith presiding over the ceremony. They have been together for 7 years. Patrick graduated from University of Louisiana Lafayette with a Bachelor's degree in Biology. Patrick is employed at Acadiana Air Compressor Systems. Catherine graduated from LSUE and Northwestern with her Associates Degree and Bachelor's degree in Radiologic Science. Catherine is employed at University Hospital and Clinics as a Radiologic Technologist in the Cath Lab. They plan to reside in Church Point. Their mentor couple is Will and Alaina Meaux. They have been married for 7 years with 3 beautiful children.

Please join us in praying for this couple. We praise you, Lord for your gentle plan draws together your children in love for one another. Strengthen their hearts, so that they will keep faith with each other, please you in all things, and so come to the happiness of celebrating the sacrament of their marriage. Amen



# PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



Dec. 27, 2024 - Jan. 4, 2025



Fr. Brent Smith  
*Spiritual Director*

## PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Assisi
  - Basilica of Saint Francis
  - Tomb of Saint Francis
  - Basilica of Saint Clare
  - San Damiano
  - Relics of Bl. Carlos Acutis
- Rome
  - Holy Doors
  - Basilica of Saint Peter
  - Vatican Museums
- Sistine Chapel
- Basilica of Saint Mary Major
- Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- Basilica of Saint John Lateran
- Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains
- Catacombs

Take a pilgrimage to Italy!  
Visit Vatican City, the epicenter of our Catholic faith and see historical and cultural sites in Assisi, Rome and more.



For More Information:

**337-291-1933**

[www.holytravels.org/FrBrentItaly](http://www.holytravels.org/FrBrentItaly)

# ST. JOSEPH'S CARPENTERS CHOIR

## JOIN THE CHOIR!

*Offer your singing voices in  
praise to the Lord!*

INQUIRIES: DENISE BRIGNAC, DIRECTOR

Email: [cbrie318@aol.com](mailto:cbrie318@aol.com)

PHONE: 337-288-4515

Come Sing with us!!

Rehearsals on Tuesdays at  
6:30pm

# OCIA

## *Interested in becoming* **Catholic?**

**OCIA** (*The Order of Christian Initiation*) is the church's process of coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. Consider signing up for this **FREE** program if you're a baptized Christian, non-baptized Christian, or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith.



### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

hosted by Fr. Brent

**August 31, 2024**

**10:00 am**

**Family Life Center**



# WE'RE HIRING



## Assistant Director of Facilities and Cemeteries

Seeking a motivated individual to manage maintenance, custodial, and other duties in caring for our sacred spaces.

Opportunity for Fulltime position  
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Resume may be dropped off at the  
parish office or email  
AJohnson@diolaf.org



## BECOMING WHOLE IN HOLINESS

with  
Fr. Poirrier

Sunday, Sept. 8th  
9:00 AM  
RCE Gym

## Advent Silent Retreat

LED BY  
VERY REV. BRENT SMITH

DECEMBER 15-18, 2024

AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER  
IN GRAND COTEAU

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE,  
OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE



## SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

### NOVENA AND FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

#### DAY 1. TUE, AUG 27

"Knowing the Living Jesus", Fr. Connor Poirrier  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### DAY 2. WED, AUG 28

"Jesus Loves You", Fr. Gregory Chauvin  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### DAY 3. THUR, AUG 29

"Hear Him Say To You 'I Thirst'", Fr. Seth Lemaire  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### DAY 4. FRI, AUG 30

"Our Lady Will Help You", Msgr. Jeff DeBlanc  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### DAY 5. SAT, AUG 31

"Trust Jesus Blindly", Fr. Anthony / Fr. Sebastian, SVD  
12:00pm Rosary and Novena, 12:30pm Mass

#### DAY 6. SUN, SEP 01

"True Love is Surrender", Fr. Charles Esuako  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### DAY 7. MON, SEP 02

"God Loves a Cheerful Giver", Fr. Jared Suire  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### DAY 8. TUES, SEP 03

"Jesus Made Himself the Bread of Life and the Hungry One", Fr. Brent Smith  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### DAY 9. WED, SEP 04

"Holiness is Jesus and Living and Acting in Me", Fr. Andrew Schumacher  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

#### FEAST DAY OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA. THUR, SEP 05

Celebrant of the Mass, Most. Rev. J. Douglas Deshotel  
5:00pm Rosary and Novena, 5:30pm Mass

Saint Jules Catholic Church  
116 Saint Jules Street, Lafayette, Louisiana 70506