

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 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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**Parish Office**

400 S. Adams Ave.  
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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





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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 Landaiache for more information. 337-250-1332

### Holy Hour Sign Up

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

### Weekly Offertory



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Offertory week of 8/25/24 \$11,599.21

Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00

Under Budget -**\$630.79**

Monthly Offertory EFT/Credit Card 25%

Monthly Building & Maintenance \$ 3,363

### 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, 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:

Lois & Robert Myers

### Pieta Lamp

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

Russell Paul Meche

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Velma Arceneaux Doucet  
Kathleen Trahan Lanthier

### 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

Brock Simon and Zoie Veillon will be united in Holy Matrimony on October 12, 2024 with Father Brent Smith presiding over the ceremony. They were introduced through mutual friends and have been together for four years. Brock is a shop foreman/welder in Carencro and Zoie is a Medical Assistant at an Orthopedics office in Lafayette. The couple's favorite thing to do is eat out and try new restaurants. Once they are married they would like to eventually have their own family and build the house of their dreams. Their mentor couple is Brian and Misty Killmer. They have been married 28 years and have two sons.

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

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# 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  
with benefits

337-334-2193

Resume may be dropped off at the  
parish office or email  
[AJohnson@diolaf.org](mailto:AJohnson@diolaf.org)



## 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



### CDA FALL SALAD FUN

The CDA FALL SALAD FUN is on MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy a delicious meal of salad and dessert, prize games & great door prizes. Doors open at 5:30pm - Meal served at 6:00pm - Games start at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 (includes meal, drink, dessert and 1 card to play 10 games). Extra cards available for \$1 each. Seating is limited, so get your ticket today from any Catholic Daughter of Court Rayne or at the St Joseph Parish Office. Sorry, tickets will not be sold at the door. Deadline to buy a ticket is October 10 (or once we reach capacity). Split pot tickets will be sold with drawing at end of evening. Have questions or need more info? Call Chairperson Elaine Miller 334-7726

