

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025



### Pastor

Very Rev. Brent L. Smith, VF

### Deacons

Deacon Denis LaCroix

Deacon Tim Ledet

### 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

### Connect

[stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)

[facebook.com/stjoerayne](https://facebook.com/stjoerayne)

### 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



Sign up today for Eucharistic Adoration  
<https://rayne.weadorehim.com>

Your generosity contributes to our mission:  
 Providing opportunities for others to Encounter Christ, Share His love  
 & Become more like Him.



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ONLINE  
 giving

To give electronically, use the camera on your phone,  
 hover over the code above and tap the link that pops up.



**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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 cafeteria | 337.334.3247  
 fax | 337.334.3301



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 HIGH SCHOOL  
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*EDUCATING ITS STUDENTS IN MIND, BODY, &  
 SOUL WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS, THE DISCIPLINE  
 OF JOSEPH, & THE FAITH OF MARY*

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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
- ✓ Denis LaCroix – Deacon

**CONTACT US AT:**

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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



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Offertory week of 08/03/25 - \$15926.32  
Weekly Budget - (\$12596.15)  
Over/Under Budget - \$3330.17

### Prayers for the Sick

Connie Credeur Anderson, Melissa Arnaud, Marie G. Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Rosa Benoit, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Flo Broussard, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Gail Crisp, Joseph Mel Daigle, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Harry Dogie, Abigail Leonards Duthu, Linda Durio, Tom Ehni, Cheryl Fabacher, Donald Faulk, Racy Guidry Foreman, Katie Fruge, Kathy Pellerin Fruge, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Lurline Guidry, Raymond, Keylonna, & Denean Guidry, Rose Guidry, Monica Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Sammy & Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Charlotte Istre, Janelle Kibodeaux, Harper Lancon, Sandra Lavergne, Nanette Simoneaux LeBlanc, Dina Lejeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Mary Melancon, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Patrick Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Brannon O'Connor, Sandy Parks, Amelia Grace Pellerin, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Clyde Reed, Clifford Richard, Edward Richard, Emmett Richards, Dee Rogers, Glenda Meaux Rogers, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Theresa Savoie, Linton Seaux, Myrtle Servat, Ashley & Kade Siebold, Angela Stelly, Kraig Stutes, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Mike Suiter, Dylan Terro, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel Thevenet, Horace Thibodeaux, Rita Trahan, Chris Van Pelt, Linda Viale, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, Josh Wyble, Linda Zaunbrecher

### 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:

Nathan I. Mouton  
Virginia Bertrand Turner

### 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  
Willie & Edward Leger  
Reggie & Jeanette  
Simoneaux

### Baptisms

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

Remi Clair Pierrottie  
Olive Ruth Savoy

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Russell Joseph Richard

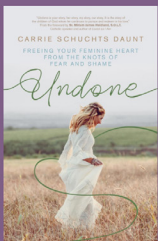
### Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

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



# Undone

A Book Study for Women



Grow closer to God and connect with other women through prayer, reflection, and meaningful conversation during this **4-6 week study**.

**All are welcome.**  
Come journey deeper.

📅 Begins **September 13th**

🕒 **Saturdays • 8:00-9:30am**

📍 **Family Life Center**

*Please purchase the book before the first session.*

**To sign up, contact:**

**Josette Leblanc**                      **Shawn Lacroix**  
josette@stjoerayne.org    murphylacroix1@gmail.com

**Katrina Benoit**  
katrina@stjohnstmargaret.com

## Witness To Love

Tony and Maggie Breaux will be united in Holy Matrimony on November 22, 2025 with Deacon Denis presiding over the ceremony. They met in Rayne La, and have been civilly married for 23 years. Tony works for Southern Seamless Gutters and Maggie is a full time homemaker. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. Their favorite thing to do together is to settle down with a good movie. Their mentor couple is Mr. Phil and Mrs. Kim Hebert and they have been married for 33 years. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Please join us in praying for their marriage- Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Holy Family, help this couple to treasure the gift of marriage and bless their family graciously. Lord, inspire in them the unity, peace and the same mutual love that you found in your own family. Amen



## Youth Ministry Kickoff Events

Check out these two events happening soon! Please kindly pre-register using QR codes on flyers.

-Saturday, August 30th is a West Deanery (church parishes in the West of Diocese of Lafayette) event for any youth in 6th-12th grades interested in getting involved in youth group for the 2025-2026 school year.

-Sunday, September 7th is a Diocesan event for 8th-12th graders. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist followed by dinner, and a talk by Fr. Andrew Schumacher. This night will be in celebration of the canonization of newly ordained Sts. Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. Only 20 spots available!

Any inquiries can be sent to Liz Holloway via email: lizihol4239@gmail.com or phone 337-849-0368

# YOUTH GROUP

## Kick-Off Event

2025-2026

**AUGUST 30TH SATURDAY**

STARTS AT 5 PM  
LAKE COVE ESTATES

**FISHING CONTEST,  
LIVE MUSIC,  
BOATING, GAMES,  
FOOD,  
DOOR PRIZES**

Come out and enjoy fun and fellowship! Learn about upcoming events and how to get involved in youth group this year! Bring a friend!

**WEST DEANERY YOUTH GROUPS**  
1-337-849-0368  
Parishes in West Deanery of Diocese of Lafayette  
youthgroupsmike@gmail.com

Scan below to RSVP:

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



FAMILY CATECHESIS



FIRST COMMUNION



CONFIRMATION



Registration can be completed online at  
stjoerayne.org



## Diocesan Youth Ministry Kick-off



5 p.m.- Mass: Presided by Bishop Deshotel  
6 p.m.- Dinner and Fellowship  
7 p.m.- Speaker: Fr. Andrew Schumacher

### Welcome to the Church

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Olive Ruth Savoy! Olive Ruth is the daughter of Steffan & Jenay Savoy.



### Welcome to the Church

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Remi Clair Pierrotte. Remi Clair is the daughter of Patrick & Caitlyn Pierrotte.



### Welcome to the Church

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Demi Rose Broussard. Demi Rose is the daughter of Gabriel & Ali Broussard.



### Women's ACTS Return Mass

The JMJ Coalition would like to invite all parishioners to attend the Women's ACTS Return Mass on Sunday, August 24 at 11:30 am at St. John the Evangelist in Mermentau. We hope you can join us!

Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, S.V.

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# I TRUST IN YOU

A 30-DAY PERSONAL RETREAT  
with the  
*Litany of Trust*

## Book Study

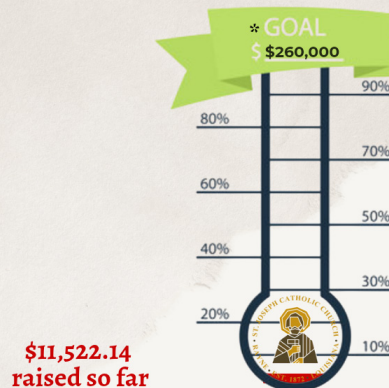
**Saturday mornings**  
**8:00-9:00am**  
**\*first meeting-September 6th**

Reading Plan  
begins: September 1  
ends: September 30

Contact Ashley Primeaux  
to sign up  
337-250-2297  
aprimeaux@diolaf.org

### FUNDRAISER FOR REPAIRS TO BELL TOWER AND RECTORY

*Update*



\*This project is ongoing.  
Cost estimates may change.  
Kindly scan the QR code,  
drop a donation in the  
collection basket or stop by  
the parish office to support  
our fundraising effort.



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA

OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation) is the process within the Catholic Church for adults who are seeking to become members of the Catholic faith or who wish to complete their initiation into the Church.

Scan the qr code or click on the link to register.  
The program will begin in September.





## GET INVOLVED!

### Faith Formation

Elementary, Middle & High School  
Shelby Fusilier | shelby@stjoerayne.org

### Rayne Catholic Elementary

www.raynecatholic.org | 337-334-5657  
Principal | Alicia Ardoin

### Babyberries

For children not of school age  
Fridays, 9am, FLC, September-April  
Josette LeBlanc | josette@stjoerayne.org

### Elderberries

Meet on Wednesdays 8-12, FLC  
Carroll Menard | jmenard433@cox.net

### Music Ministry

Denise Brignac | cbric318@aol.com

### Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal Organization of Catholic men from our parish, 18 years or older, dedicated to serving our church  
Daniel Simoneaux | bigsim002@gmail.com

### Catholic Daughters

Ladies 18 or older - second Thursday of the month  
Tammy Clark | tclark3570@hotmail.com

### Ultreya

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00, Cry Room  
Neal Duhon | nduhon@msn.com

### Lay Carmelites

Cathy Breau | cathyrbreaux@gmail.com

### Men's Bible Study

Deacon Denis Lacroix | dcnlacroix@gmail.com  
Fridays 7:00-8:00am, FLC  
Damian D'Augereaux |  
Thursdays 5:30-7:00am, FLC

### Come Lord Jesus

Bible Study  
Mary Terro | mtvip40@yahoo.com  
Debra Fusilier | debra 3757@aol.com

### Homebound Communion

Deacon Denis LaCroix | dcnlacroix@gmail.com

### ACTS

#### For more information

Grayson Benoit | 337-523-7497

### OCIA

For adults wishing to become Catholic or complete their sacraments  
Father Brent Smith | bsmith@diolaf.org | 337-334-2193

### Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers/Altar Servers

Andre' Landaiche | alandaiche@gmail.com

### Sacristans

Brenda Hooper | bjh5802@gmail.com  
Helen Johnson | dezyndsurv@yahoo.com

### Ushers

Jack McIntyre | jmcintyreii@hotmail.com

### Small Group Initiative

Get involved in parish life by joining a small group today! Short-term & seasonal group opportunities available  
For more info: Mandy Miller | mandy@stjoerayne.org

### To sign up for a Holy Hour:

<https://rayne.weadorehim.com/en>



TMIY! (That Man Is You!)

is a great program that meets you right where you are, no matter where you are, and takes you further towards becoming the man you want to be with Jesus.

Come join other men becoming better men. All men are welcome.  
You will be glad you did.

**Starting September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**on Tuesday mornings**

Sign up by using the QR Code or click  
<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/812138>



### Join St. Joseph's Carpenters Choir!



Do you love to sing? Want to lift your voice in praise and fellowship?

**We're welcoming new members!**  
All voices are welcome--no experience necessary. Just bring your heart and your voice!

Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

Mass: Sundays at 10:00 AM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Be a part of a joyful tradition of music and ministry. Sing with us, grow with us, and help lead our parish in worship!

Contact: Denise Brignac - 337-288-5155

"He who sings prays twice." - St. Augustine

## Parish Vitality Update

### The Vision Comes Alive:

Thanks to all of those parishioners who participated in the visioning process as the future looks very bright for St. Joseph Parish.

The Vision Implementation Team that will begin meeting this month. Here are their objectives:

- Understand the contents of the Pastoral Strategic Vision Report
- Review the prioritized list of Vision Area Goals
- Break into three working subcommittees: Truth, Beauty and Goodness
- Address the top Vision Area Goals with strategies and tactics
- Work closely with the clergy, staff and Pastoral Council on implementation process
- Provide regular updates to parishioners through communication and media

*The mission of St. Joseph Catholic Church is to form disciples who come to know, love and experience God, in His truth, beauty, and goodness, and then share with others what we have come to know*