

st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 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
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Parish Office

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

Contact

337-334-2193
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
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**NOTRE DAME
HIGH SCHOOL
of ACADIA PARISH**

.....home of the **PIONEERS**

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

WENDALL PRUDHOMME, PRINCIPAL
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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:

☎ 337-334-2193
 ✉ stjoseph1872@diolaf.org



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

Weekly Offertory



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Offertory Week of 08/10/25 - \$11082.51
Weekly Budget - (\$12596.15)
Over/Under Budget (\$1513.64)t

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, Naomi Faul Carriere, 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 Laverigne, 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:

Katie & Anatole Gary

Pieta Lamp

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

Sandra L. Bush
Keith Anthony Alleman

Baptisms

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

Jeremiah Timothy Guillory
Jack Tanner Peltier

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

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:




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

Where: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
When: Sunday, September 7, 2025
Who: 8th-12th graders
How: Register by scanning QR Code or with link:
<https://forms.gle/EbqrmxpQr38Gw3xf6>



Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, S.V.

JESUS



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

ST. JOSEPH FAMILY CATECHESIS PARENT MEETING SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

REGISTRATION



FAMILY CATECHESIS





FIRST COMMUNION





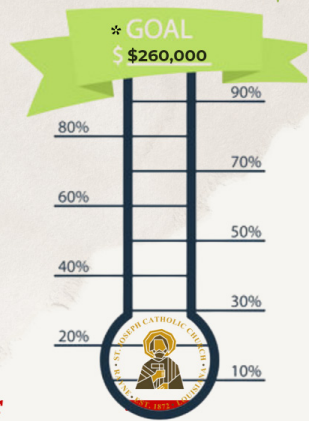
CONFIRMATION



3:00 CATECHISM - PREK-8
3:30 FIRST COMMUNION
4:00 CONFIRMATION

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Update



**\$11,522.14
raised so far**

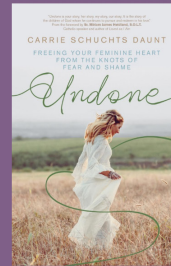
"This project is ongoing.
Cost estimates may change.
Kindly scan the QR code,
drop a donation in the
collection basket or stop by
the parish office to support
our fundraising effort."



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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

Attention Ladies! Encourage the
man in your life to attend
(That Man is YOU!)

TMIY

It helps men be better husbands,
fathers, brothers, friends and
authentic men of God.

**Starting September 2nd
on Tuesday mornings**

Sign up by using the QR Code or click
<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/81218>



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.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Babyberries

will begin on Friday,
September 5, 2025

in the Family Life Center

9:00 am – 9:45 am

All children from birth to
non-school age (ages 0-4)
are invited to attend.

We will have songs to
dance and sing along with,
snacks, crafts and stories.

Please contact Josette LeBlanc
at josette@stjoerayne.com
if you need more information.



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 | cbirc318@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 2nd
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