

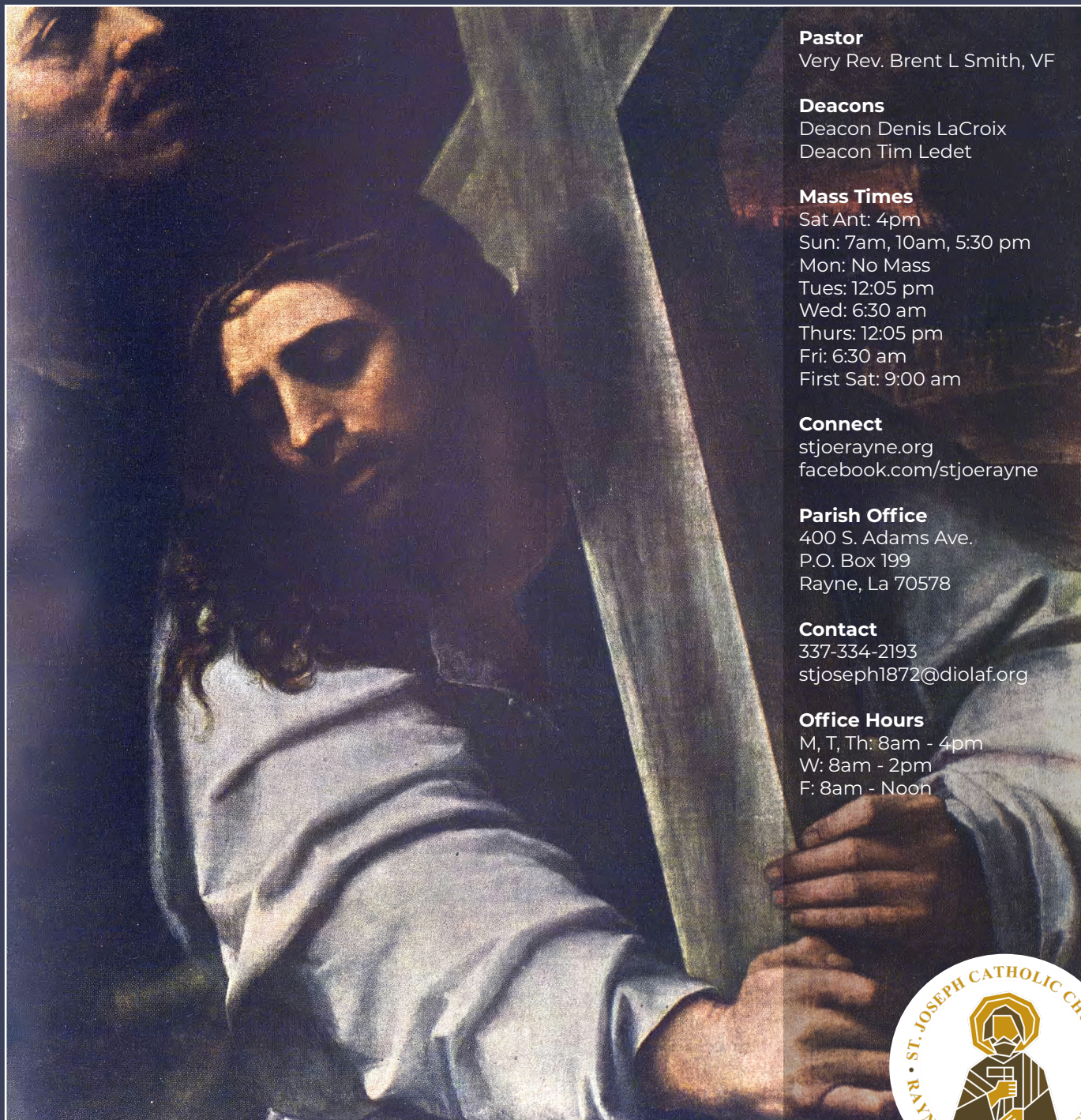
st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 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

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Parish Office

400 S. Adams Ave.
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Rayne, La 70578

Contact

337-334-2193
stjoseph1872@diolaf.org

Office Hours

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





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.*




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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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
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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

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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

Weekly Offertory



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Offertory week of 09/02/25 - \$15357.33
Weekly Budget - (\$13076.92)
Over/Under Budget - \$2280.41

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 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, Dylan Terro, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel Thevenet, Horace Thibodeaux, Rita Trahan, Chris Van Pelt, 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:

Edward & Willie Leger

Pieta Lamp

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

Vivian Boudreaux

Baptisms

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

Adeline Jane Abshire

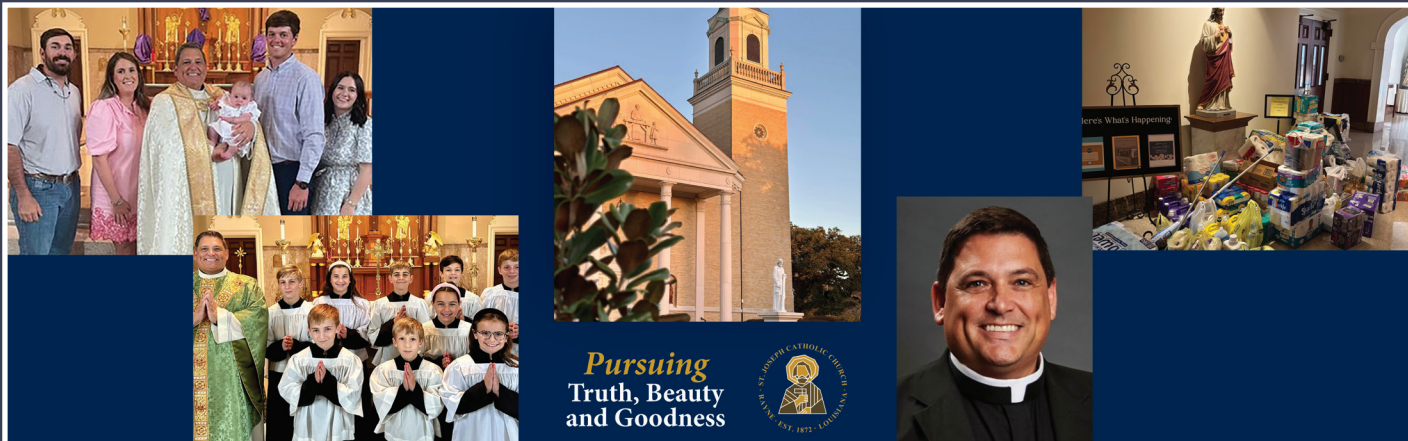
Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Donald Louis Domingue

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



“Pursuing Truth, Beauty and Goodness” Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “Pursuing Truth, Beauty and Goodness” Program. I’m proud to be part of the St. Joseph Catholic Church community. On Commitment Weekend, September 20 & 21, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Joseph Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- *mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.*
- *or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.*
- *or you may visit our parish website at <https://stjoerayne.org/> and complete an electronic Commitment Card.*

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you. Our goal is 100% participation!

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Joseph Catholic Church!



Sisterhood of St. Joseph

Ladies of St. Joseph Parish, we invite you to join the Sisterhood of St. Joseph GroupMe—a place where faith and friendship come together! By joining, you’ll stay connected and up to date on opportunities to grow in your spiritual journey through small groups, book studies, prayer, community, and service. This is a wonderful way to build meaningful relationships with other women in our parish while deepening your faith and living out our call to serve together. To join, please contact Alison at 337-331-0909.

Bearing Our Crosses With Joy

We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. A number of examples come to mind: a time of financial burden, a chronic illness, chronic pain, a particularly difficult season of parenting, the seemingly endless busyness of everyday life... the list could go on and on.

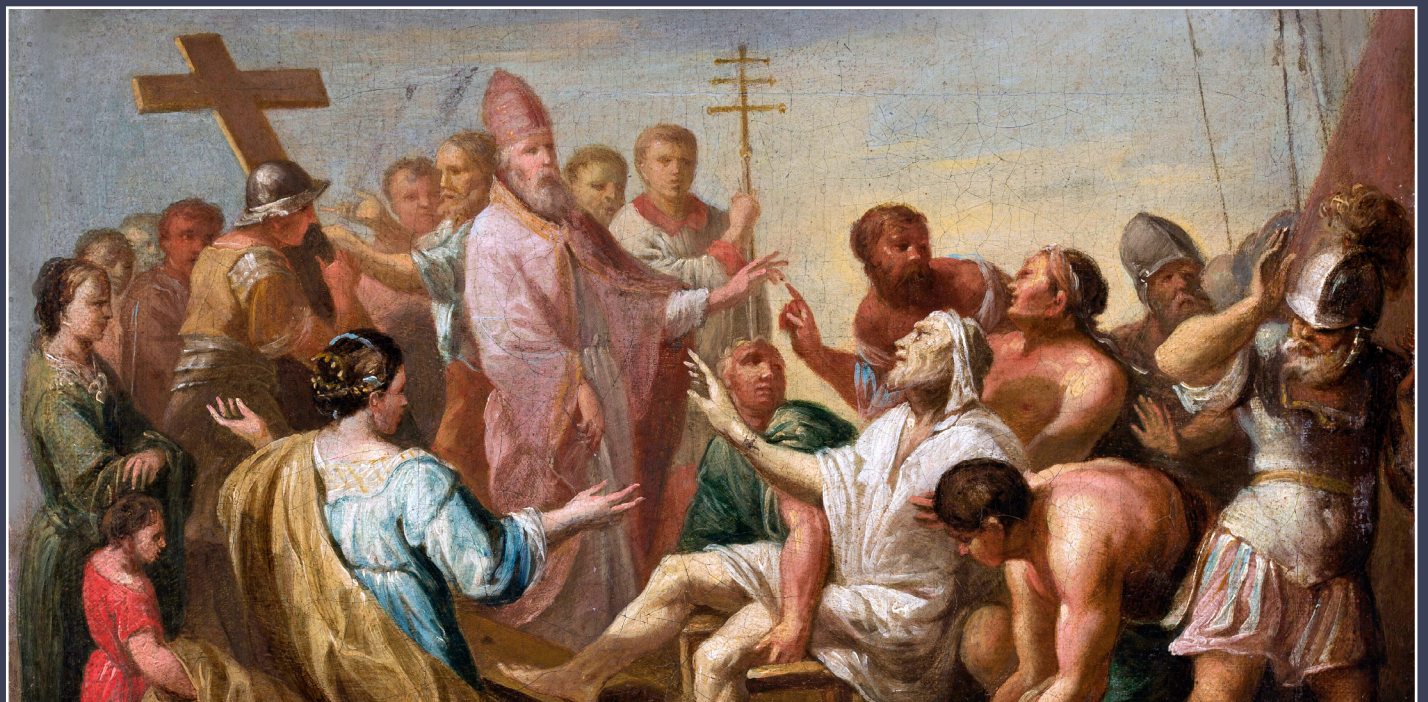
As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How am I supposed to keep a smile on my face when my teenager contradicts every word I say? How can I be happy about the fact that my paycheck is never enough? How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. Afterall, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

The one idea that can bring peace to all of our hearts is the fact that He understands us. Whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can draw real comfort from that, from His compassion, empathy and understanding. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

Who knows, we may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or we may realize we can finally endure them without complaint. We may remember more and more to offer them up for our own soul or for our children's salvation, or for the poor souls in purgatory. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Tami Urcia





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

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For more information

Grayson Benoit | 337-523-7497

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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

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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>



Welcome to the Church

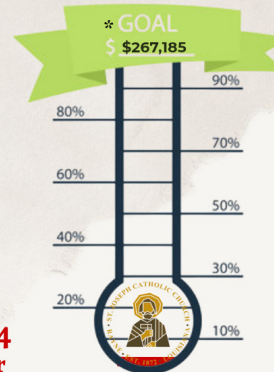
Welcome to the Catholic Church, Adeline Jane Abshire!
Adeline is the daughter of Logan & Alexis Abshire.



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Update



\$22,412.84
raised so far

*This project is ongoing.
Cost estimates may change.
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our fundraising effort.

