

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19th, 2026



**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)  
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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





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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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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**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](http://rayne.weadorehim.com)

## Weekly Offertory



Offertory week of 4/5/26 - \$22805.78  
Weekly Budget - (\$13076.92)  
Over Budget - \$9728.86

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# GO TO CONFESSION!

## Prayers for the Sick

Jackie Meche Arceneaux, Katherine Arceneaux, Melissa Arnaud, Obrey, Jr. & Marie G. Benoit, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Lauren Boulet, Fr. Allen Breaux, Calice Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Flo Broussard, Shirley Cambre, Chasty Comeaux & Family, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Gail Crisp, Dolores Deville, Blakley James Dogua, Stacy Dogua, Linda Durio, Abigail Leonards Duthu, Richard Ellerbe, David Faul, Donald Faulk, Racy Guidry Foreman, Katie Fruge, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Richard Dale Gaspard, Lurline Guidry, Rose Guidry, Monica Harrington, Karen Hebert, Curtis Janice, Janelle Kibodeaux, Luke Kibodeaux, Harper Lancon, Sandra Lavergne, Monica LeBlanc, Nanette Simoneaux LeBlanc, Carla Lormond, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Mary Melancon, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Patrick Miller, Ronnie Myers, Martha Pierret, Edward Richard, Emmett Richards, Dee Rogers, Glenda Meaux Rogers, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Theresa Savoie, Courtney Schexneyder, Linton Seaux, Myrtle Servat, Ashley & Kade Siebold, Michelle Soileau, Earline Pastor Spell, Lula St. Germain, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Dylan Terro, Veronica Terro, Aline Thibodeaux, Lorena Trosclair, Chris Van Pelt, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, 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:

Willis & Leora Credeur  
Theunissen & Meyer  
Families  
Joyce Alleman

## Pieta Lamp

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

Andrew Habetz, Jr.  
Ronnie Lavergne

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Elaine Blanchard LeBlanc

## Bishop Appeal

St Joseph's Rayne as of February 28, 2026  
Goal \$47,909.00  
Total Collected as of 02/28/26 - \$16032.00  
Balance \$31,877.00

% of Goal 34%

"Thanks to all of you for your continued Support"

## 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

# With Gratitude: A Message From The Pastor

## Six Years of Grace at St. Joseph Parish

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you know, my six-year term as pastor is coming to an end. While I do not know yet if I will remain here at St. Joseph's as pastor, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on my time here. It is difficult to put into words what these years have meant to me. To serve as your pastor—to baptize your children, witness your marriages, walk with you in times of sorrow, celebrate with you in times of joy, and stand with you at this altar—has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.

A parish is not just a place; it is a family. And you have been a true family to me. We have prayed together, grown together, celebrated, and carried one another through challenges. For all of it—your faithful witness, your generosity, your patience, and your love—I am deeply grateful.

I thought it would be nice to look back over all that we have accomplished together over these years with gratitude and with hope that God will continue to bless our parish family in the years to come.

### STRENGTHENING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

**Over the past six years, we have worked intentionally to deepen the spiritual life of our parish.**

- Established 24-hour Adoration (Sunday–Friday)
- Renovated the Adoration Chapel
- Promoted devotion to Divine Mercy, including installation of the Sacred Image and a statue of St. Faustina
- Hosted events for the Year of St. Joseph
- Celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Establishment of St. Joseph Parish
- Participated fully in the Eucharistic Revival Year, including special events and Eucharistic processions
- Organized Marian processions and increased opportunities for communal prayer
- Made Blessed Salt available to parishioners
- Launched Family Catechesis and monthly faith presentations
- Offered Couples Retreats, ACTS Retreats, That Man Is You (TMIY), small groups, and Bible studies

**Together, we have fostered a culture of prayer, reverence, and devotion centered on the Eucharist.**

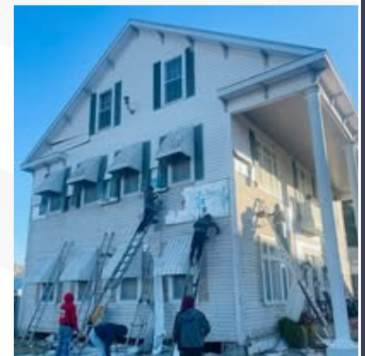


### BEAUTIFYING AND PRESERVING OUR PARISH HOME

**We have also made significant improvements to our parish facilities to ensure that our church remains both beautiful and structurally sound for generations to come.**

- Commissioned and installed sacred Murals
- Repaired and sealed church windows
- Repaired and waterproofed the bell tower
- Installed a new sound system
- Added security cameras and improved exterior lighting
- Installed swings and enhanced parish grounds
- Added nameplates for statues on the church façade
- Replaced siding on the rectory
- Renovated the interior of the rectory

**These improvements reflect our shared commitment to honoring God through the beauty and care of His house.**



### EXPANDING OUR PARISH MISSION



Beyond maintenance and beautification, we have taken meaningful steps forward in expanding our parish mission and outreach.

- Constructed a new mausoleum
- Purchased land across from the rectory for future growth
- Installed a pavilion for our 150th Anniversary celebration
- Added parking behind the Family Life Center (FLC)
- Our parishioners have also journeyed together on pilgrimages to: Canada, Rome, Lourdes, Fatima, Avila and The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Alabama

These pilgrimages strengthened our faith and united us as a parish family beyond our local community.



### SACRAMENTAL LIFE: BY THE NUMBERS

These numbers represent lives touched by grace during these six years:

- Weddings: 147
- Funerals: 563
- Baptisms: 359
- First Communions: 255
- Confirmations: 332
- OCIA: 25

Behind every number is a soul, a family, and a sacred moment at the altar of the Lord.



### LOOKING AHEAD WITH HOPE

While we give thanks for what has been accomplished, we also look toward the future with confidence and hope. Among the goals for the years ahead are:

- Renovation of the Old Youth Hall
- Improvement of parish parking
- Drainage improvements under the FLC and Old Youth Hall
- Design and installation of Communion rails
- Waterproofing of the main church building (routine 10-year maintenance)
- Design and construction of a new RCE Gym
- Renovation of RCE classrooms
- Updating the parish website
- And much more

Every improvement we undertake is ultimately for one purpose: to draw souls closer to Jesus Christ and to build up His Church here at St. Joseph.

### A Final Word of Gratitude

None of these accomplishments were mine alone. They were ours. They were made possible by your generosity, your volunteer hours, your prayers, your trust, and your love for this parish. Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Thank you for walking this journey with me. No matter what the future holds, I will always carry St. Joseph Parish in my heart.

With gratitude and prayer,

Very Reverend Brent L. Smith, VF



# THE PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- 1** **Attend Holy Mass**  
on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- 2** **Observe days of fasting and abstinence**  
as prescribed by the Church.
- 3** **Confess your sins**  
at least once each year.
- 4** **Receive Holy Communion**  
at least once each year during the Easter season.
- 5** **Support the Church**  
in her material needs and  
observe the laws of the Church concerning Marriage.

*These precepts form the **minimum obligations** for Catholics, helping the faithful live a sacramental and moral life.*

**REGISTRATION OPEN!**



**STEUBENVILLE SOUTH 2026**

**JUNE 26-28, 2026**

**COST: \$100**

**REGISTER NOW: >**

**STJOERAYNE.ORG/STEUBENVILLE**

*"For the battle belongs to the Lord... + ✨"*  
1 Samuel 17:47

**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
Exploring The Nature of God  
**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 27TH!**  
EVENT DATE: JUNE 8-11, 2026  
Opens: April 27th | Closes: May 22nd  
[stjoerayne.org/vbs](http://stjoerayne.org/vbs)  
Questions? Contact Rebecca Orillion  
☎ 337-789-5656

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO ST. JOSEPH'S  
*Mother's Day Tea*  
  
MAY 9, 2026  
10 - 11:30 AM  
Family Life Center  
RSVP by April 30th  
by scanning the code

ASCENSION  
ANNOUNCING  
**THE ROSARY  
IN A YEAR  
PODCAST**



**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Lay Carmelite Community**

Have you ever felt the calling to a deeper form of holiness? Have you felt the desire to love God and serve Him more? Do you love and honor Our Lady? Please consider becoming a Lay Carmelite. This ministry is open to both men and women. Interested persons are welcome to attend a few monthly meetings without any commitment to help determine if you are called to join us. Brochures can be found in the back of church. For more information please contact: Jamie Prevost 337-658-3006.



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH GET INVOLVED

GIVE YOURSELF THE  
GIFT OF CURSILLO

MEN'S CURSILLO: APRIL 9 – 12  
WOMEN'S CURSILLO: JUNE 11-14

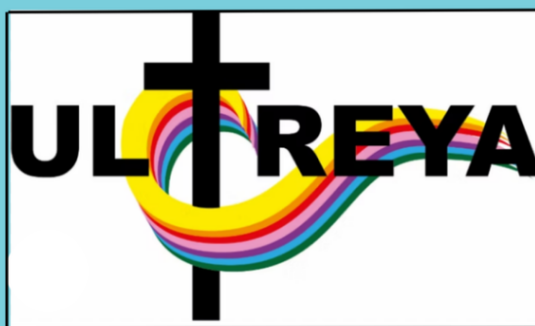


CURSILLO IS A LONG-STANDING APOSTOLATE, SUPPORTED BY ST. JOSEPH PARISH. A CURSILLO WEEKEND OFFERS ONE A MEANS OF FINDING INSPIRATION AND DIRECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP. THE CURSILLO IS AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST AND THE WEEKEND OFFERS A METHOD THROUGH WHICH ONE'S SPIRITUALITY MAY BE DEVELOPED, LIVED, AND SHARED. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND BY VISITING THE WEBSITE [WWW.WHOWILLSIT.COM](http://WWW.WHOWILLSIT.COM), EMAILING NEAL DUHON AT [NDUHON@MSN.COM](mailto:NDUHON@MSN.COM).

**Thursday evenings**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Church Cry Room**



**(for those who have attended Cursillo)**

Contact Doc Duhon at [nduhon@msn.com](mailto:nduhon@msn.com)  
for more information

# TMIY

**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.

**Tuesday mornings 5:00-6:30am**  
**Family Life Center**

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



**Thursday mornings 5:30am**

**Friday mornings 7:00**

**Family Life Center**

**No signup needed. Just show up!**

Questions: contact Deacon Denis at 337-334-2193

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH GET INVOLVED



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.



*Prayer | Scripture | Eucharist | Community*

## Two Bible Study Opportunities \*open to anyone\*

**Monday evenings**

6:30pm-8:00pm

Contact Mary Terro

337-224-1898

**Tuesday mornings**

9:00am-10:00am

Contact Debra Fusilier

337-334-4375



*spend time with our*

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ADORATION



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



**ROSARY  
MAKING  
GROUP**

*Prayer • Craft • Good Company*

Come spend a lighthearted afternoon making rosaries, praying together, and sharing lots of laughs.

We gather on the **last Saturday afternoon** of each month to:

- 🧵 **Make rosaries by hand**
- 🙏 **Pray a rosary together**
- 🗨️ **Enjoy some good conversation**

Bring a friend!

**For more information, contact:**

Taylor Andrews 337-581-6490

# QUO VADIS

LAFAYETTE  
VOCATIONS

## A DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN



*Where are you going?*

**JUNE | 23-25 | 2026**

**PRAYER | DISCERNMENT TALKS | RECREATION | MASS WITH THE BISHOP  
SMALL GROUPS | FELLOWSHIP WITH CURRENT SEMINARIANS**

Young men who are entering their sophomore year of schooling through college-aged men are invited to the Community of Jesus Crucified to reflect on God's Will for their life.



**REGISTER**

To register, scan the QR code, call (337) 261-5690, or visit [lafayettevocations.com/retreats](https://lafayettevocations.com/retreats)  
6/23 Check In 8:30AM | 6/25 Check Out 12PM | 103 Railroad Ave, St Martinville, LA 70582