

COLD & FLU PRECAUTIONS

If you have a cold or any symptoms of the flu, then you are to stay at home and not go to Mass. The sick are excused from the obligation to go to Mass, and those who might be contagious have a moral duty to not expose others to their illness.

Our response to cold and flu should continue to be guided by recommendations from our health officials. During 'flu seasons', they are recommending extra caution which includes:

- ◆ Those who are feeling ill stay at home so as not to spread the disease;
- ◆ Increased vigilance in washing hands and not touching our own eyes, mouth, or nose;
- ◆ Coughing and sneezing into disposable tissues (and washing one's hands afterwards), or if none available, the inside of one's forearm to reduce spreading any virus;
- ◆ Getting the current flu and pneumonia vaccination;



Whenever there is a report of a disease outbreak, it is often asked if we would stop the shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. However, that 'solution' ignores the fact that colds and flu are also airborne viruses. Those who are infected can spread such viruses simply through breathing, let alone sneezing and coughing. Also, if someone's hands are infected, then those hands also touch door handles, tops of pews, hymnals, etc... and spread the virus to those surfaces. If the touch of hands is to be excluded at the Sign of Peace to avoid 'contact germs,' then one would also have to refrain from touching *anything* in the church that those infected hands have also touched, which is nearly impossible to do. The absolutely best way for colds and flu to be kept from spreading is for those who have them to self-quarantine.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament should no longer be considered exclusively for the dying, as in "last rites". It is to be celebrated by and for those whose health has been seriously impaired by illness or old age. Anyone may be anointed before surgery or an invasive test or medical procedure. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. This is one more way that God imparts to each of us, and in particular at this time to the seriously ill and elderly his endless love and grace. Please contact Fr. Paul if you would like to be anointed.

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Runnie Hunter, Bobbie Long, Rachel Patin,
Cindy Sayes, Katie Upton

Finance Council

Chair: Marshall Long (Trustee)
Gary Delaney, Bernard Patty,
Kenny Sayes (Trustee), Kevin Switzer

Mary, Mother of Jesus Roman Catholic Church**ALL ARE WELCOME**

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved and respected here.

**CONGRATULATIONS PEYTON BELLARD**

CONFIRMED FRIDAY, MAY 4

CONGRATULATIONS COHEN ANTEE AND GRACE BRUNDRETT

RECEIVED FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY, MAY 6

ST. DYMPHNA NOVENA

MONDAY, MAY 7 - 6:30 P.M.

PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 8 - 6:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To live, love, forgive, and serve the needs of others in the example of Jesus Christ.

PARISH OFFICES

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DIVINE WORSHIP

Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m.

Saturday Anticipated
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**Reconciliation/Confession**

30 minutes before every weekend Mass for 15 minutes.

Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or other convenient time. Contact the church office.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Mass of Christian Burial

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

A program of religious education for children ages 2-4. They meet every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center. Please call facilitator Rachel Patin at (318) 625-5614 with any questions or if you would like to teach or register your child(ren).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, children ages 4-7 are dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word. Led by a trained adult, these children reflect on the scriptures at a level and in a manner appropriate for them. They return to the worshipping community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

If you have a child who is or will be 7 years old in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate their first Penance (Confession) and receive their first Eucharist (Communion) in the Spring of the next year, the following conditions must be met:

- ◆ A personal interview with the child and their parent(s)/guardian(s) with the pastor;
- ◆ Attend Sunday class 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.;
- ◆ One year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School;
- ◆ Complete and submit a religious education/CCD registration form;

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you are or have a child who will be entering 11th grade in the Fall and is expecting to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring, the following conditions must be met:

- ◆ A letter handwritten by the candidate submitted to the Pastor by October 1 requesting the Sacrament;
- ◆ Submit a completed and signed Sponsor eligibility form;
- ◆ One year previous religious education, either CCD or Catholic School;
- ◆ Attend Wednesday classes 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.;

REGISTRATION/CENSUS

Do you consider Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish "home"? Do you worship with us regularly? If you have not done so already, we ask that you please register in our parish. Forms for this purpose are available in the church or online at www.mmjchurch.org. Adult children no longer living at home and recently married couples are especially encouraged to register. In this way we can serve you better. It also facilitates sponsorship for baptisms and confirmations, religious education registration, etc.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**SACRISTAN**

A family, couple or person that arrives at least 30 minutes before mass to open up the church and make sure everything is set up for Mass. That the Lector, Altar Server, Eucharist Ministers and Ushers have arrived, if not find their replacement – Father Paul can help with this. Please contact head sacristan Ada Choate (318) 484-3529 if you are interested.

ALTAR SERVER

Any young person in at least the 3rd grade, or adult, is invited to serve at the altar during Mass. Training is provided. There are also social events planned throughout the year. Anyone interested should contact lay leader Jennifer Montalvo (337) 704-1892

LECTOR/READER

The ministry of proclaiming the Word of God is a real gift and blessing. We welcome any adult who has a strong voice and is comfortable in front of people to share God's word in scripture. Please contact Fr. Paul if you would like to share your gifts and talents.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you have been confirmed and are in a valid Catholic marriage, you may distribute Communion. All ministers are recommended by the pastor and approved by the bishop for a three year term which is indefinitely renewable.

AREA NEWS



Next week we will take up the Collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)** in our parish. This Collection supports the essential work that keeps the gospel message in the world, providing Catholic content for radio, the Internet, MP3 players, television, and print publications. Please be generous in this important Collection. CCC is how the Good News gets around to you.

EVENT 2018

St. Martin Catholic Church in Lecompte will host its annual "Event" June 1-3, this year in memory of Ottis Monroe. Friday night starts with a dance featuring the music of Ronnie Bryant and Friends from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. in the church hall. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Saturday Family Night starts at 6:30 p.m. with Bingo, concessions and a Sweet Shop. Sunday is a Fried Fish dinner (\$8 per plate) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with a Sweet Shop and Raffle/Live Auction. For more info, call 318-776-9480 or Kathy Monroe at 318-748-7645.

MARRIAGE INTENSIVE RETREAT

A 16-hour workshop for couples will be held June 8-9 at Homewood Suites, 201 Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette. A strong marriage is the foundation and cornerstone of a strong family. Couples constantly need to maintain their spousal relationship so that the marriage stays strong and vibrant. This two day intensive will assist couples by renewing their vision, learning new skills, and creating an environment of faith, hope and love in their marriage and for their family. This intensive retreat is marriage education in a group setting, NOT marriage therapy. Facilitator is Daniel Jurek, LMFT, LPC-S. Cost is \$375/couple. For more information or to register call (337) 564-3777 or email Mr. Jurek at dan@paxrenewalcenter.com.

PRAYER/SOCIAL/OUTREACH

ST. DYMPHNA NOVENA

The first Monday of each month for nine months, beginning September 2017, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. to pray for those whose lives are impacted by nervous disorders, Alzheimer's, incest and/or sexual abuse.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

On the fourth Sunday of every month beginning in September and ending in May, the 10:30 a.m. Mass concludes with exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The second Sunday of every month, a complimentary breakfast is served following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Monthly on the 3rd Wednesday
10:00 a.m. - Cumella Hall
Contact Gerry Craft at (318) 448-3152

During construction, whether of a shawl, blanket or infant baptism gift, the committee begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient.

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month to address various pro life issues. We help Cenla Homeless Coalition, local crisis pregnancy centers, nursing homes, hospices, etc. Call Cindy Sayes at (318) 446-2893 if you would like to join us in this ministry.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Ages 2-4
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Youth Center

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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During the Liturgy of the Word
Ages 4-7
Youth Center

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF MAY 5, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 5

4:00PM - Charles Medica

*Lector: R. Patin**Server: R. Lowe***SUNDAY, MAY 6**

8:00AM - Barbara Reich

*Lector: K. Chapman**Server: L. Delaney*

10:30AM - Selma Sayer

*Lector: J. Foote**Server: I. Antee*

5:30PM - Our Parish Family

*Lector: R. Mallach**Server: M. Mallach***MONDAY, MAY 7**

7:00AM - Jennie DiCicco

TUESDAY, MAY 8

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

7:00AM - James Doiron

THURSDAY, MAY 107:00AM - Eugene H. LaPalme 56th anniv.

WEEK OF MAY 12, 2018

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, MAY 12

4:00PM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased

*Lector: G. Patty**Server: B. Gadel***SUNDAY, MAY 13**

8:00AM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased

*Lector: T. Ogaard**Server: M. Mallach*

10:30AM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased

*Lector: J. Antee**Server: M. Hawthorne*

5:30PM - Our beloved mothers living and deceased

*Lector: E. Lohman**Server: V. Montalvo***MONDAY, MAY 14**

7:00AM - Kuby and Bob Epperson

TUESDAY, MAY 15

7:00AM - Ann P. and Salim Mitchell

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

7:00AM - Helen, Schick, & Doug Gormanous

**SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK**

*In loving memory of
Eugene H. LaPalme*

by his grandson, Fr. Paul

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$7.00 per candle.

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 623-3804 or the Diocesan **HOTLINE** (318) 445-1427. Diocesan Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors, and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are in the safe environment section at www.diocesealex.org

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 04/29/18

Total # of envelopes	49
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 85.76
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,727.00
EFT Collection	\$ 475.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 5,330.00
Shortage	\$ 1,128.00
Goal for April (5 wks)	\$ 26,650.00
Received for April	\$ 22,968.00
Shortfall for April	\$ 3,682.00

Maintenance & Repair	\$ 125.00
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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Goal	\$ 16,579.03
Received to Date	\$ 13,804.00
Remaining	\$ 2,775.03

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**EXPENSES WEEK OF 04/29/18**

Payroll	\$ 6,793.75
AT&T (Rectory 4 months)	\$ 115.56
E. L. Gremillion (Fire Insp.)	\$ 170.00
C. Campbell (Reimbursement)	\$ 233.98
Fr. Paul (April Mass Stipends)	\$ 120.00
Fr. Paul (Reimbursement)	\$ 223.85
Marklin (Baptism Candles)	\$ 87.00
Total Expenses	\$ 7,744.14



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR NEWLY MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Maddie (Doherty) Lamkin

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Terry Rabalais

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Lucy Mae Lamkin

THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY

Jason E. Duck and Elizabeth A. Smith

OUR SICK

Fr. Terry Allen, George Babin, Becca Bartlett, Mary Brawner, Gerri Deptula, Jackie Deptula, Justin Hebert, Betty Jones, Dan Keely, Shelly Larrieu, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Raymond Michiels, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Biz Roberts, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Blaine Thiels, Francis Thiels, Elliott Trahan, Tommy Tremer, Jody Walker

OUR RECOVERING

Kathy Stevens Bosch, Frank Brasseaux, Sr., Joann Fuqua Brock, Kylie Renee Bush, Amy Ladner Davis, Walter Deptula, Jr., John Goetz, Kathie Mallach, Rachel Mayfield, Ana Maria Sierra

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard Kelly, Donald Normand

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Bunny Bosak, Richard Gadel, Francis Thiels, Fleta Waits, Ruth Valley

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Timothy Deptula, Travis Edwards, Cade Jameson, Daniel Keely, Michael Smilie, Hunter Stafford

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Fathers Angelo Messina, Jack Michalchuk, Kenneth Michiels, Bruce Miller, Charles Morgan, Augustine Mulanjanay, Christ Nayak

Please inform us if you know of anyone who should be included or removed. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS PEYTON BELLARD

Confirmed Friday, May 4

CONGRATULATIONS COHEN ANTEE AND GRACE BRUNDRETT

Received First Eucharist Sunday, May 6

PRO LIFE COMMITTEE LUNCH

Sunday, May 6 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Brisket, sweet potato casserole, green beans, roll, and dessert. \$8/plate. Take outs available.

The proceeds of this lunch will benefit the ministries of our committee.

NOVENA TO ST. DYPHNA

Monday, May 7 - 6:30 p.m.

St. Dymphna is the patron saint of those whose lives are impacted by nervous or mental disorders, Alzheimer's, or sexual abuse. This is our last month for this novena.

PARISH "TOWN HALL" MEETING

Tuesday, May 8 - 6:00 p.m.

Child care will be available in the Youth Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CCD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you" (Isaiah 43:2)

Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God and learn that Jesus is with us all the time, even in rough water rapids. Along the river, we'll discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that we can trust God to be with us through anything.

June 18 - 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PreK - Grade 6 (Spring of 2018)

Early drop off begins at 7:30 a.m.

There will be no charge for registered parishioners. The cost for all others is \$25 per family. Donations are always welcome. Please call the office if you're not sure of your registration status.

FROM THE PASTOR

We extend our gratitude to Bishop David Talley for confirming Peyton Bellard and leading our parish family in prayer. Thank you to all those who attended this prayerful celebration in support of Peyton, his sponsor, and family.

Thank you to Mrs. Colleen Lohman for continuing to share her gift of faith with our children preparing for first Penance and first Communion. We are so proud of Cohen Antee and Grace Brundrett for receiving Jesus sacramentally for the first time.

On Tuesday evening, April 3, both the Pastoral and Finance Councils met with me and our architect to view the proposed Master Plan and discuss Phase 1, enlarging our parking and clearing land on both empty parcels. It was their recommendation that we move forward and plan a parish-wide informational meeting for Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. Our architect, Mike Holt, will have a Power Point presentation. Child care will be available in the youth center. We are exceedingly blessed as our parish continues to grow in numbers and in faith. Please plan to attend this meeting.

On Friday, May 11, Bishop Talley will celebrate the annual jubilee Mass at the 12:05 p.m. Cathedral Mass. Afterwards, the priests of our diocese who are celebrating significant anniversaries, including former pastor Fr. John Pardue (30th), will be honored with a luncheon.

Next weekend, May 12 and 13, we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. For many years, most Dioceses in the United States have transferred this feast from the traditional Thursday, to what would otherwise be the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Since Thursday (May 10) is NOT a holy day of obligation we will celebrate a weekday Mass.

Next Sunday, May 13 marks the 10th anniversary of Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish. In thanksgiving, we will celebrate at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with music. A breakfast in Cumella Hall will follow the Mass. Our parish family has much for which to be thankful. God has blessed us abundantly and continues to do so each day.