

PARISH NEWS

FIRST MONDAY SUPPER

December 5, 2016
 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 \$8 per plate - Dine In or Take Out
 Menu: Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Potato Salad, Baked Sweet Potato & Crackers

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 7th - 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday, December 8th - 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

In observance of the holiday of obligation: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, class will not be held on Thursday, December 8.

C.I.A. (CHRISTIANS IN ACTION) MEETING

Monday, December 12th - 6:30 p.m.
 Jeremy and Christi Antee
 1007 Robin Run, Woodworth, LA
 Ages 20-45

YOUTH MINISTRY - GRADES 2-12

Youth night is back, every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30! Come hang out with us! We will have music, snacks, pool, ping pong, air hockey, video games and lots of fun! All youth are invited.

FROM THE PASTOR

Thanks to Nicole Coreil and Rachel Patin for accepting my invitation to be members of the Pastoral Council and to Kevin Switzer for joining the Finance Council. Due to health reasons, Butch Doiron has resigned his position. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service and pray for his healing.

The First Monday Supper on December 5th will be our last. While I was hoping to continue this monthly tradition of fellowship and good food, sadly there is not a sufficient number of volunteers available. At various times during the year, we will be selling homemade sides and take-out plates.

CHRISTMAS NEWS

BREAKFAST & PICTURES WITH ST. NICK

Sunday, December 11, 2016
 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

All gifts are to be unwrapped, placed in a sealed bag with the name tag affixed, and returned to the church next weekend Dec. 10-11.

2017 CALENDARS

Religious calendars are available in the narthex. They are your parish's gift to you.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 7-8, 2017. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is in the pews and your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes, as well. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th
 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 25th
 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

There will be NO 5:30 p.m. Mass

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31st
 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, January 1st
 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

There will be NO 5:30 p.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We are forming a choir to lead singing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass. Practices will be held on Sunday December 11 and Sunday December 18 at 9:15 a.m. in the Church. All ages are invited. The only requirement is a desire to sing in praise of our God.

Mary, Mother of Jesus Catholic Church



PARISH OFFICES

Monday - Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM
 Friday 8:00AM to Noon
 9323 Highway 165 South - P. O. Box 408,
 Woodworth, Louisiana 71485
 Phone - (318) 487-9894/Fax - (318) 445-0436

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.

PARISH STAFF

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5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes before every weekend Mass for 15 minutes.

Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or on Sunday afternoons. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2016

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:00PM - Louise Gagnard; Evans & Cora Lutz

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM - Paul J. Barker

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: J. Loken

10:30AM - Roy Deville; Leonard Johnson

Lector: J. Antee
Server: I. Antee

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: K. Switzer
Server: M. Mallach

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00AM - Steve Bess birthday remembrance

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00AM - Gary Trémè

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:30PM - Carl Bess, Jr.

Lector: D. Bess
Server: TBD

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00AM - Richard LaPalme 65th birthday

6:00PM - Camille Smith

Lector: D. Bess
Server: TBD

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

In loving memory of

Leonard Johnson

by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Reich

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 \$5.00 per candle.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2016

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH
ADD'L COLLECTION: RETIRED FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:00PM - Louise Gagnard; Patrick L. Matt; Laurie Ogaard

Lector: A. Stevens
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM - Jack Ellington

Lector: D. Bess
Server: E. Loken

10:30AM - Roy Deville; Leonard Johnson

Lector: R. Patin
Server: S. Landry

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: M. Mallach

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00AM - Lloyd & Eola Killen

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00AM - Bootsie Gauthier

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00AM - Charlie & Alma Gaiennie

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

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 available in the safe environment section of the Diocesan website: www.diocesealex.org.

Second Sunday Of Advent

December 3 - December 4 2016

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 11/27/2016

Total # of envelopes	42
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 69.00
Weekly Collection	\$ 3,157.00
EFT Collection	\$ 245.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 4,529.00
Shortage	\$ 1,127.00
Goal for November (4 wks)	\$ 18,116.00
Received for November	\$ 18,577.00
Over for November	\$ 461.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 40.00
(FY 2016/2017)	\$ 3,635.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

For this coming week:

December 3 - Father Chris Nayak

December 4 - Father James Nellikunnel

December 5 - Father Marc Noel

December 6 - Father John O'Brien

December 7 - Father Daniel O'Connor

December 8 - Father Christian Ogbonna

December 9 - Father Remi Owuamanam

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR SICK

Landen Bradford, Charlie Butler, Robyn Gallent, Russell Gauthier, Jane Hollier, Jane Juneau, Bruce Laborde, Evelyn Lamkin, Randall Lamkin, Donzal Langston, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, John Linzay, Jana Massey, Helen R. Mathews, John McClure, Charles Medica, Ottis Monroe, Buddy Normand, Donald Normand, Cynthia Parker, Donna Pearson, Jewel Perkins, Travis Perkins, Kelly Pias, Raymond & Joan Rachall, Alma Reitzell, Harold Roshto, Ben Rougeou, Jr., Jenny Butler Spurlock, Michael Stevens, Paula Bailey Stokes, Ruth Valley, Jacob Williamson

OUR RECOVERING

Cameron Brown, Linda Butler, Amy Ladner Davis, Gerri Deptula, Walter, Jr. & Jackie Deptula, John Goetz, Terry Kohler, Rachel Mayfield, Jamie Monroe, Sarah Waits

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard Kelly, Ray Reich, Fleta Waits,

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Florence Broussard, Rose Ponthieux, Emma Wells, Mary Virginia Young

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

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

If you know of anyone who should be included or removed, contact Kathy at the office. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.

Pastoral Council

Chair: Deborah Bess, Nicole Coreil, Brad Gadel, Priscilla Gadel, Runnie Hunter, Bobbie Long, Marshall Long, Rachel Patin

Finance Council

Chair: Marshall Long, Brenda Benoit, Pat Brister, Gary Delaney, Bernard Patty, Kevin Switzer

Trustees

Pat Brister, Gary Delaney