



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## JUNE 8, 2025 - SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

### PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
Chenell Privat .....*Secretary to the Pastor*  
Tammy Hyde .....*Bookkeeper*  
Erin Dowd .....*Religious Ed Coordinator*  
John Buroker .....*Choir Director*

### CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: ..... 4:00 p.m.

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

#### *Weekday Masses*

Monday & Friday ..... 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: ..... 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: ..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

**BAPTISM:** Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

**ANointING OF THE SICK:** For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before your proposed date.

### WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

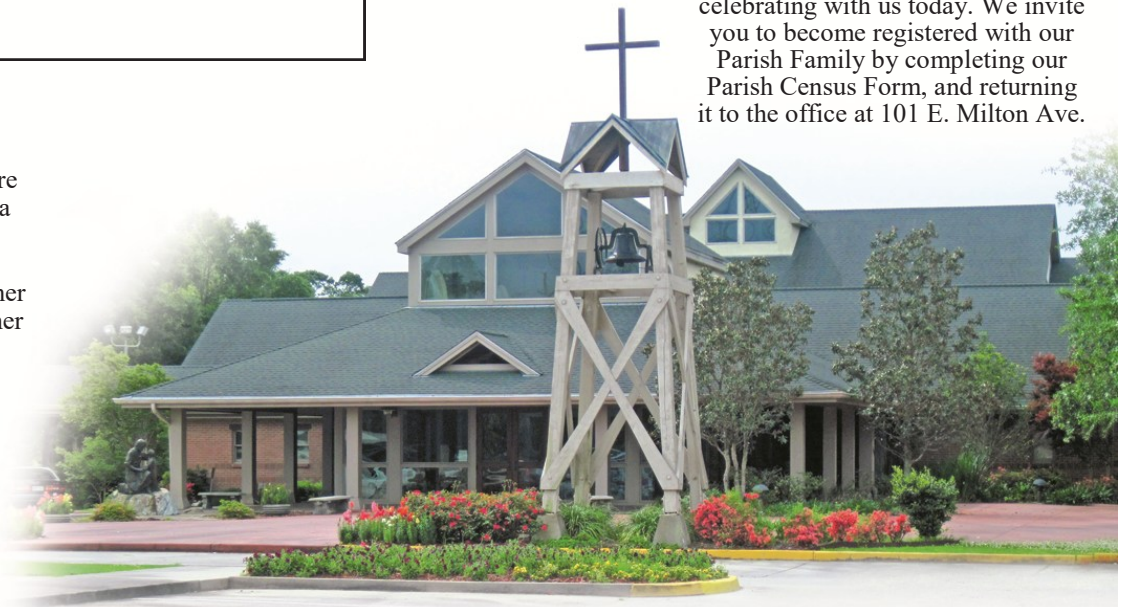
### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux  
Bob Cole  
Charles Duchamp  
Dennis Dumas  
Nick Gaspard  
Dan Guidry  
Cindy LeBlanc

Steve Lemaire  
Nancy Messa  
Guy Picard  
Judy Picard  
David Walther  
Marie Walther

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux  
Robert Landry



## Pentecost Sunday John 20:19-23

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. **"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23).** Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— *Father John Muir*

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## Our Gift Back to God

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| Offertory .....                | \$ 15,153.00 |
| Mailed/Dropped in Office ..... | + 1,520.00   |
| Total (June 1st)               | \$ 16,673.00 |

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| Weekly Goal .....         | \$ 12,000.00 |
| Plus/Minus Our Goal ..... | \$ +4,673.00 |

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| Offertory (May 25th) ..... | \$ 12,410.25 |
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*Thank you!*

## Next Weekend's Second Collection

Bishop's Services Appeal

One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

## Mass Intentions

**Weekend of June 7th and June 8th, 2025**  
**Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,**  
**Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)**

Randall Picard, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Gabe Fortier (Special Intention), Kevin Manceaux, Leora Fuselier, Dorothy Collins, Chester Henry, Cheri Trahan, Shirley Broussard, Patsy Prejean Giese, Frank Louis Boudreaux (Birthday), John Lloyd Trahan

## Weekday Masses

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| Monday 9     | Sick of the Community  |
| Tuesday 10   | Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux,<br>Joseph & Vivian Johnson |
| Wednesday 11 | Tonya Strother Hebert, Abbie Fontenot                          |
| Thursday 12  | Edvard Hebert, Jr., Terry J. Broussard (12th<br>Anniv.)        |
| Friday 13    | First Responders and Those Serving in our<br>Armed Forces      |

## Sanctuary Candle

Kevin Manceaux

## Please Pray For The Sick

Joyce Menard Laura Henry Beau Gaspard  
 Melissa Lapointe David McKeon Diana Johnson  
 Marc Broussard Mark Broussard  
 Yvonne LeBlanc Red Hall Jerome Auzenne, Sr.  
 Danny B. Comeaux Chuck Lindsey Reed McIver  
 Christine Marie Gotte Kenney Stickney  
 Polly Breazeale Pat Broussard Rita McDaniel  
 Gabe Fortier Kenny Menard Melissa Logan  
 Denise Hebert Brenda Romero





**Summer Office Hours** begin on June 2nd through July 31st. The office normally closes at 4:00 but will close at 3:00 p.m. during the months of June and July. Have a safe and happy summer break!

**Elderberries** next social will be held on Tuesday **June 10th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Life Center. Lunch to follow afterwards at Pinchers in Maurice.

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **June 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

**Go On An Adventure with the STM Cheerleaders!** Lil' Cheer Camp and Summer Intensive Camp will be held **July 8th thru July 11th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Lil' Cheer Camp: (Pre-K to 5th grade)** Earn your badges in Cheers, Chants, Dance, Jumps and play fun games! Pre-Register \$165.00 | Walk up \$175.00 [stmcougars.net/summercamps](http://stmcougars.net/summercamps).

**Summer Intensive: Open to 6th—8th Graders** Strengthen your motions, tumbling, stunts, jumps, mock tryouts. Pre-registered \$165.00 | Walk up \$175.00. [brittany.eskridge@stmcougars.net](mailto:brittany.eskridge@stmcougars.net).



### Events This Week

- Mon. (9th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.  
Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Tues. (10th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Wed: (11th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (12th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. (13th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.  
Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (14th):** Confession 3-3:55 p.m.  
Mass 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. (15th):** Mass 8:00 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

**Sensory Mass (Family Mass)** A monthly Sunday Catholic Mass option for families with children or young adults who could spiritually benefit from accommodations for sensory needs. Various arrangements for self-seating or standing or wheelchair access. Florescent lighting turned off, incandescent lights dimmed. Little or no music. Applicable brief homily, zero-step entry into Church. No rush environment to enjoy your family and time with God in worship. The next Mass will be held **June 21st** at 5:30 p.m.



**Registration for Religious Ed is now closed for 2025-2026** for students in grades 1st through 8th. The deadline to register was May 31, 2025. Please call Erin Dowd at 856-0800 if you should have any questions or concerns.

**Adoration** Join us every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, the Church is unlocked from dawn to dusk for personal prayer. Adorers may pray in our *Blessed Sacrament Chapel Area* behind the altar.



**Word of Life** “Dearest St. Joseph . . . Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.” *For our nation: May we build a society in which the legal protection of human life is accompanied by profound care for mothers and their children; let us pray to the Lord.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2,3 & 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-3

### Next Sunday's Readings

- Proverbs 8:22-31
- Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

## Pentecost Sunday

I am a sports fan, and perhaps you are one, too. I don't follow all sports, but those that I do follow usually involve a team. There is something about a team of individuals coming together for the goal of victory that is compelling. A team is only as good as the sum of all its players. If you have all the right talent at the right positions, great things can happen. What is hard for a fan to watch is a team that has great talent but fails to achieve its goals because some players choose not to give their all to the team. Selfishness, apathy, or immaturity keep some from giving fully of themselves. The hopes and dreams of a team and fan base are dashed even though they had all they needed to be the best.

A parish is a lot like a team. Those in a parish community work together to achieve goals that ultimately lead others to Christ. We come together to give of ourselves to advance the mission of the parish. When we all are committed to fully giving our gifts and talents, fulfilling our position in the Body of Christ, then our hopes and dreams of transforming the world around us can become reality.

However, when we sit out on the sidelines, we hurt our team. When we hold back and choose not to give of ourselves, we diminish what is truly possible for our parish community. I believe God always provides our parishes with what they need to be fruitful and vibrant. His gifts to us exist in each other. If you think your parish could be so much more, than perhaps this week you should call your pastor or other pastoral leader and say, "Put me in coach!"

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure of Ars*

### Please Pray for Our Priests:

Pope Leo XIV  
Rev. William Gearheard  
Rev. Taj Glodd  
Rev. Msgr. Richard Greene  
Rev. Eric Groner, SVD  
Rev. Mitchell Guidry  
Chaplain Capt. Brad Guillory USN  
Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL

**Youngsville Meal Site** Connect with other seniors (60 and older) at the new Youngsville Meal Site located at the VFW Hall, 204 Lafayette Street, Youngsville. Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. excluding holidays. Registration is required. Call 337-262-5990. Meals are \$1.25. Meet other people, eat a nutritious meal and enjoy activities.



### Thought of the Week

Worrying is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

## Why Use Incense?

**Question:** Why do we use incense at Mass?

**Answer:** The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

### Liturgical Ministers June 14th and June 15th, 2025 Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please request a sub on your ministry pro app if unable to make your scheduled time.

#### Saturday, June 14th, 4:00 p.m.

**Sacristan:** Sherry Kenner  
**Lector:** Shelley Broussard  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sherry Kenner, Angelique Latiolais, Eadie Slimbach  
**Altar Servers:** Vivian Deshotel

#### Sunday, June 15th, 8:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Angie Landry  
**Lector:** Robert Cole  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stacey Picard, John Landry, Paula Landry  
**Altar Servers:** Matthew Brou, Lena Ruckstul

#### Sunday, June 15th, 10:30 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Kristi Lancaster  
**Lector:** Pam Burley  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cindy LeBlanc, Gerard Labat, Dan Guidry  
**Altar Servers:** David Morley, Thomas Sanner, Gabriel Gremillion

#### Sunday, June 15th, 5:00 p.m.

**Sacristan:** Sharon Moore  
**Lector:** Sharon Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Steve Moore, Aaron Goss, Cherie Bailey  
**Altar Servers:** Madison Goss, Nathan Waguespack