From the Heart of the Pastor

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Here are a few updates from around the parish this week:

New Lights in Parish Hall

We have installed new, brighter, energy-efficient LED light fixtures in the parish hall. I am **very** grateful to the family that generously donated the fixtures. Thank you, as well, to the volunteers who helped to install the light fixtures this week!

New Altar Linens at Side Altars

New altar linens commissioned and placed on the side altars this week. They were donated by my parents in memory of my grandmother, Mrs. Charlene Coppels Istre.

New Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

I'm grateful to Mrs. Lesha Theriot for her donation of a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue was purchased in Fatima, Portugal. The statue was placed on a pedestal in the vestibule of the church.

I grew up in Fatima parish and attended Fatima school in Lafayette. The story of Fatima is very special to me, and I'm very happy to have an image of the apparition in our church.

Masses for the Week

Monday, August 1, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 2, 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 3, 6:30 a.m.
Don Lasseigne

Thursday, August 4, 6:30 a.m.

Friday, August 5, 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, August 6, 4:00 p.m.
Miles Liner fly. (L&D), M/M Herman Pellerin, Sr., M/M E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Rick Ott fly. (L&D), Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Leroy & Mercedes Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Elaine Grant, Dana Robin, Betty & James Rink, Jr.

Sunday, August 7
7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Jr., Clarence Hebert, Jr., Grant Hebert, Joseph Trahan, Ray & Chaille Rasberry
10:00 a.m. Lee Nini, Jr. fly. (L&D), Brenda White
6:30 p.m. Don Lasseigne

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory: $5198.00

Around the Diocese

50th Anniversary Mass for St. Bernadette

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel will officiate the Mass at St. Bernadette Church in Bayou Vista on Saturday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m. in celebration of their 50th year in the new church.

Annual Memorial Mass for Charlene Richard

The annual Mass for Charlene Richard, Servant of God, will be celebrated at 6pm on August 11th at St. Edward Church in Richard. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Deshotel.

Around the Parish

2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We're just a few weeks away from our new year of religious education classes at St. Stephen. Classes will be held on Wednesdays:
Grades 1-5 (3:30-4:30) Grades 6-9 (6:30-7:30)

Classes will begin on Wednesday, August 17. Parents are invited to attend a brief introductory meeting with Fr. Istre on August 17th (at the time of their child's class).

Students registering for the first time are asked to call the Religious Education Office at 985-385-1283.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER KINDERGARTEN SPOTS AVAILABLE

St. Stephen Early Learning Center's Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 classes are currently full—but we still have a few spots available for students in our new Kindergarten class. For more information, please call the parish office.

MEET WITH FR. ISTRE

Fr. Istre would like to hear from you! Please drop by the office or call the rectory at 385-1280 to make an appointment with Father. *Thank you to the many parishioners who have already stopped by to say Hello!*

St. Stephen Prayer List

To have your intention added to Fr. Istre's prayer list, call Lisa at 385-1280.

Pray for our Priests

August 1, Pope Francis
August 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
August 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
August 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
August 5, Rev. Clinton Sensat
August 6, Rev. Bryce Sibley, STL
August 7, Rev. Walter Sidney, SJ

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pray for our Seminarians

August 1, Rev. Blake Dubroc , Director of Vocations & Seminarians
August 2, Seminary Faculty, Parents & Benefactors of Seminarians
August 3, Cole Zaunbrecher
August 4, Rev. Mr. Reed Bellingham
August 5, Nicholas "Nico" Broussard
August 6, Haden Coleman
August 7, John Dugas

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Diocese of Lafayette as priests. May their lives call your people to grow ever closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ROSARY
August 6, 4:00 p.m.	Lisa Russo	Debby Morella	Sherry Crappell
August 7, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Susan Blanchard Cliff Journey Monique Ratcliff		