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Cover Photo: (Slovakia, 1950) Men kneel in the mud as the parish priest passes by, carrying the Eucharist to the sick

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

22 JUNE 2025

CONTACT OUR
PARISH OFFICE

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Hours Mon-Wed: 9am-noon, 1-3pm
Thursday: Closed, Friday: 9am-noon

Phone 985-385-1280
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions
Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
+ Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

SWEET SACRAMENT,
WE THEE ADORE!

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend, the Church honors Christ, truly present in Holy Eucharist. This is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, traditionally called *Corpus Christi*.

Why do we have Eucharistic Processions?

Pope St. John Paul II once asked a group of American seminarians in Rome, “Why do Americans no longer have Eucharistic Processions?” When none of them offered an answer, he encouraged them to reintroduce the practice.

Joyous feast days like Corpus Christi were once deeply tied to Eucharistic Processions. In fact, the Church asks that, twice a year, every parish should have a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament. This weekend, we will have processions at the 4pm and 10 am Masses inside of church. *Christ the King once again will walk among us.*

**HAND-PAINTED ICON OF BLESSED SEELOS
DONATED TO PARISH**

This week, a hand-painted icon of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos was donated to the parish in honor of Gloria Hebert. The icon is now in the sanctuary, together with a first-class relic (part of the bone) of Father Seelos.



Father Seelos spent years in New Orleans ministering to the poorest of the poor. In 1867, a yellow fever epidemic struck, and he died caring for the sick.

Next week, the icon will be moved into its permanent home in

the back of church. A beautiful oak shrine has been donated to house the relic (in memory of Iris Berry Dearhamer). The shrine will be installed this week.



THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

23 June - Votive of the Trinity

J.P. Morella fly. (L&D), Mrs. Hazel Richard

24 June - Nativity of John the Baptist

Mrs. Hazel Richard

25 June - Votive of St. Joseph

Mrs. Hazel Richard

27 June - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, L.P. Lipari, Mrs. Hazel Richard

28 June - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wyanette Monceaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Dave Thomas fly. (L&D), Mr. B.A. “Red” Adams, Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, Blume Roy, Don Lasseigne fly., Holy Souls in Purgatory

29 June - 7am Mass

Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams, Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D)

10 am Solemn Mass

Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Eljeon Chauvin Nesmith, Edna Marlene Allelo, Bob Radtke

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini

**KEEPING YOU INFORMED:
THE RECTORY PROJECT**

This Thursday, June 19, I met with our architect and his team in Baton Rouge. The architect has completed preliminary drawings to submit to the diocese for approval. Josh and I must now go before the Diocesan Building Review Board and defend this proposal. This is an additional step required for all new constructions in the diocese. Once we receive their approval, our architect will be able to begin planning work with a contractor. *This phase of the construction-planning process is always slow-going. But know that progress is being made each week. I will continue to keep you updated, and let you know when we have a timeline for work.*

– Fr. Istre

LOOKING AHEAD

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - June 21 & 22

Eucharistic Procession at 4pm and 10 am Masses
• Trumpet at 10 am and 4pm Mass this weekend

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS - July 4, 8:30 am

There will be no First Friday Adoration on this day

FIRST SATURDAY MASS - July 5, 8 am

ONGOING MAINTENANCE
AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Work completed this week:

- Repairs completed on church gutters after damage from snow storm
- All church gutters and downspouts cleaned out

Work to be completed in coming weeks:

- Two damaged doors on parish hall will be replaced with fiberglass doors (doors nearest rectory garage)
- Small window in St. Stephen Reliquary Niche in church is leaking and will be replaced
- Choir loft stairs will be cleaned and painted



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$	9,515
Building & Maintenance	\$	305
Total Weekly Giving	\$	9,820

ONLINE GIVING

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2025 VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL:
FAITH & FUN

This week, we welcomed 70 students in grades Pre-K3 to grade 5 for Vacation Bible School. I’m grateful to Peggy Acosta (our DRE) and to Prissy Davis for leading VBS. Thank you, in a special way, to the volunteers who helped to make this week such a success!.