

THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS – these yearly ads help to support the weekly publishing of this bulletin and other printed materials like liturgical leaflets. Our weekly bulletin helps us fulfill our mission to spread the Gospel and teach the faith in our community. – Fr. Istre

 <p>7393 Highway 182 E Morgan City, LA 70380</p> <p>PH: 985-385-3333 FAX: 985-385-1382 www.tihardware.com</p> <p>Open 7 days a week</p>		<p><i>In Memory of Cliff and Joan D. Journey</i></p> <p><i>In thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio for his intercession of prayers</i></p> 	
 <p>800 VICTOR II BLVD. • MORGAN CITY, LA 70381 985-384-8335</p>		<p>Mahfouz Law Firm, L.L.C. Attorneys at Law 384-1833</p>  <p>Jude's Lawn Care 985-518-0771</p>	
<p>In memory of Louella & Guy Gilmore, Jr.</p>  <p>SEWART P.O. Drawer L Morgan City, La 70381 985-385-0380</p>		 <p>Jerry Adams Financial Strategies</p>	
 <p>JUST CALL PAUL Handyman Services Veteran Owned/Operated Paul Tholen 503.961.2148</p>		 <p>ST. STEPHEN EARLY LEARNING CENTER Play, Learn, and Grow Together! ★ Pre-K-3 & Pre-K-4 - Half Day Programs ★ Kindergarten - Full Day Program 3217 Second Street, Berwick • Phone: (985) 385-1280</p>	
<p>3190 First Street Berwick, Louisiana 70342 985-397-0793 www.TheOldBuilding3190.com TheOldBuilding@gmail.com</p> 		 <p>SOUTHERN OAKS PHARMACY</p>	
 <p>PAYZONE ENERGY SERVICES www.payzoneenergyserv.com Lyle Thomas (P) 985-397-1408 (F) 985-385-0034</p>		<p><i>Classic Business Products Inc.</i> 7828 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, Louisiana 70380 (985) 384-0809 Copiers, Printers, Sales & Service</p>	
<p>Gray Construction Corp. 447 Highway 182 E. Morgan City, LA 70380 985-399-2401 Heavy / Civil Contractor</p>		<p>In Thanksgiving Carla & Irvin Loupe, Jr. Family</p>  <p>patterson state bank 985-395-6131 pattersonstatebank.com FDIC</p>	
<p>Your Prosperity. Our Priority.</p>  <p>DARNALL SIKES WEALTH PARTNERS darnallsikeswealth.com</p>		<p>the original CASTALANO'S Restaurant & Catering "Home of CASTALANO'S Specialty Foods" 1023 Sixth Street, Morgan City, LA 70380 985-384-6188</p> 	
<p><i>In Memory of Elmore & Ollie Landry by the Landry Family</i></p>  <p>A J Dohmann Chevrolet, LLC 800 ROBISON RD • BERWICK, LA 70342 (985) 385-3850 • FAX (985) 385-6864</p>		 <p>CONRAD SHIPYARD</p>	
<p>With Grateful Hearts Aly & Mitchell Wilson</p> 		 <p>704A Front Street Morgan City, LA 70381 985-384-1414 Brian M. Tranchina Attorney at Law Gerard J. Bourgeois Attorney at Law</p>	
<p>INLAND BARGE RENTALS, INC. 384-8885 P. O. BOX 250, BERWICK, LA 70342</p>		 <p>Guaranteed Title, LLC Michael Aloise, Jr., Attorney • Janea Giroir, Notary / Title Agent • Stephanie Nelson, Closer</p>	
 <p>Nautical Design & Consulting 3020 Third Street, Berwick, Louisiana 70342-2714 (985) 255-4160 www.nauticaldesign.us</p>			



SAINT STEPHEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
30 NOVEMBER 2025

CONTACT OUR
PARISH OFFICE

ststephenberwick.org

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

Phone 985-385-1280

Email ststephenchurch@atvci.net

THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 5:30 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

WAITING FOR THE KING *Entering into Advent*

This weekend, the Church around the world lights the first purple candle on the Advent Wreath. The world around us has already jumped ahead fully into Christmas – but this weekend, the Church calls out, “It’s not Christmas yet! The Guest of Honor hasn’t arrived. So, slow down. Wait.”

A Time of Preparation. *How is the Lord inviting you and your family to prepare for the birth of Christ? How is the Lord inviting you to “slow down”?*

A Time for Spiritual Renewal. *How is the Lord inviting you to begin again this Advent? In your prayer life? In your presence at Holy Mass? In the Confessional? Is He inviting you to spend a half an hour with Him at Daily Mass? Or to begin again with a family member or neighbor? Our faith is founded on the Resurrection – a new beginning!*

In line with the Advent Season, our own parish family will celebrate a few new beginnings:

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

Beginning this weekend, on the first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 30), our Sunday evening Mass moves to a new, earlier time at 5:30 pm. Join us this Advent for this prayerful evening Mass at a new time. Below is our new Mass schedule:

- | Sat. 4 pm | Organ & Cantor
- | Sun. 7 am | Spoken Mass
- | Sun. 10 am | Organ & Choir
- | **Sun. 5:30 pm** | **Organ & Cantor**

ADVENT MISSION NIGHT THIS WEEK

“What do You Expect? Advent & Christ’s Coming”
Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm

Prepare your family for Advent with our Mission Night with Fr. Don Bernard, pastor of St. Edward Church in New Iberia to preach. The evening includes Exposition, a talk, Benediction, and sacred music, and will last under one hour.

“LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU” ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, Dec. 3: 6:30 to 8 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 10: 6:30 to 8 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 17: 6:30 to 8 pm

Donations For Christmas Decor

To make a donation towards this year’s Christmas Décor in memory of a loved one: – Use the “Christmas Décor” offertory envelope (please write names of deceased loved ones on the envelope) – Or, contact the parish office.



THE RECTORY CAMPAIGN

HONORING 127 YEARS OF PRIESTS & CHURCH STAFF



FRONT ELEVATION

HELP US BUILD A NEW HOME
FOR THE PRIESTS AND STAFF OF ST. STEPHEN’S

TRACKING OUR PROGRESS

Total Donations and Pledged Gifts to Date:

\$ 299,532.00

NAMED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Pairs of Doors (7 available)	1,000
Rectory Landscaping	2,000
✓ Windows (0 available)	1,000 each
✓ Priest’s Office	15,000
✓ Office Lobby	10,000
✓ Secretary’s Office	5,000
✓ Bookkeeper’s Office	5,000
✓ Records Room	2,500
✓ Office Front Porch	2,500
✓ Residence Kitchen	10,000
✓ Residence Courtyard	5,000
✓ Residence Living Room	5,000
✓ Residence Pantry	2,500
✓ Residence Utility Room	2,500

ADDITIONAL NAMED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

After a number of requests, we are now offering 9 further “Named Giving” opportunities. I am so proud of what we’ve accomplished together in this campaign, and I am grateful for the support and enthusiasm of our parish family!
Fr. Istre



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

1 December - Votive of the Trinity

J.P. Morella fly. (L&D), Frank Russo, Jr. fly. (L&D), Bethany Loupe fly. (L&D), In honor of our Blessed Mother, Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

2 December - Votive of The Holy Angels

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

3 December - Votive of St. Joseph

Lee Felterman, Thanksgiving to St. Therese of Lisieux, Thanksgiving to St. Maximilian Kolbe

5 December - Votive of the Sacred Heart

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Laura Larive, Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio

6 December - 8 am First Saturday Mass

Laura Larive

6 December - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly. (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), John Tholen, Louis & Girlie Berthelot, Leroy & Mercedes Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Hazel Richard

7 December - 7am Mass

Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Susan Landry Aucoin

10 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo, Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Annalee Daigle, Jimmy Joseph Hue, Bob Radtke

5:30 pm Mass - John Czajka, President Donald Trump

NEW OPPORTUNITIES THIS ADVENT:

ADVENT OUTREACH DAY (NEW OPPORTUNITY) Saturday, December 6 - Following First Sat. Mass

Join us for this new opportunity for outreach with families in need. We have arranged for a group from St. Stephen’s to serve lunch at St. Joseph’s Diner in Lafayette. Due to space limitations, the kitchen has imposed a limit on group size: please call the parish office to register. *This is a “pilot group” – we hope to take many more in the future!*

LESSONS & CAROLS - Tuesday, December 16, 6 pm

This festive service of Advent and Christmas carols will feature an exceptional choral group from Lafayette, *Nova Luminae* – all recently-graduated UL music and voice students. It will be a great way to prepare your family for Christmas.

LOOKING AHEAD THIS ADVENT

ADVENT MISSION NIGHT, WITH FR. DON BERNARD

“What do You Expect? Advent & Christ’s Coming”
Tues., December 2 at 6 pm

ADVENT “LIGHT IS ON” EVENING CONFESSIONS

Wed., December 3 – 6:30pm to 8 pm
Wed., December 10 – 6:30pm to 8 pm
Wed., December 17 – 6:30pm to 8 pm

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Fri., December 5 – following 12:10 pm Mass, concluding with Benediction at 5:20 pm

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Sat., December 6 at 8 am

ADVENT OUTREACH DAY

Sat., December 6 – St. Joseph Diner, Lafayette
(see article below)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - MONDAY, DEC. 8

A Holy Day of Obligation

12:10 pm Mass & 5:30 pm Mass

NOEL NIGHT - A Benefit for the Rectory Campaign

Thursday, December 11 at 6pm
Petroleum Club of Morgan City

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

December 6 & 7

FOR THE RECTORY CAMPAIGN

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 7,268
New Rectory Fund	\$ 1,030
Total Offertory Giving	\$ 8,298

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe, easy way to support your parish. Go to ststephenberwick.org and click on the “Give” tab, or, scan the QR code, at right.



