SINCE 1728

Saint Mary of False River Catholic Church

348 West Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana 70760

St. Francis Chapel

10364 Pointe Coupee Road, New Roads, Louisiana 70760

SINCE 1823

MAY 8 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Pastor:
Reverend Christopher Decker
cdecker@stmarysfr.org
Bookkeeper:
Patti Aguillard
paguillard@stmarysfr.org
Parish Ministry:
Sr. Mary Anne Hebert, CSJ
mhebert@stmarysfr.org
Dir. of Facilities/Exec. Secretary:
Lisa Chutz
lchutz@stmarysfr.org
Director of Christian Formation:
Molly Cline
mcline@stmarysfr.org
Receptionist/Bulletin Editor:
JoNell Doucet
jdoucet@stmarysfr.org
Maintenance:
David Gauthier
Coordinator of RCIA:

Website: www.stmarysfr.org
Telephone Numbers:
Parish Office: 638-9665
Fax: 638-6346
Emergency Line: 225-713-1514
Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Weekday Mass Schedule:
Tuesday through Friday: 12:00 Noon
Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m.
(St. Francis Chapel)
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:
Wednesday - 11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.
Saturday - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment
Anointing of the Sick BY APPOINTMENT ONLY and Communion for the Homebound:
Notify Sr. Mary Anne Hebert, CSJ at 225-638-9665

Marriages:
At least 6 months preparation is necessary.
Baptisms:
A seminar for parents and godparents is required.
For more information on wedding and Baptismal planning **contact: JoNell Doucet jdoucet@stmarysfr.org**

DEVOTIONS

RCIA/Adult Confirmation
For more information please contact the parish office 225-638-9665

Perpetual Help Novena
Tuesday following noon mass.

Litany of St. Joseph
Thursday following noon mass.
Adoration Chapel Hours:
Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays 8:00 a to 12:00 p.m.

OUR MISSION

As members of a devout Eucharistic Community established in 1728, we at St. Mary of False River and St. Francis Chapel, take as our mission the sharing of our gifts with one another. As followers of Jesus Christ, we strive to fulfill the needs of those within our Church Parish, but also those we are called to serve beyond. As faithful stewards of our many ministries, we will persist in our work to share our love for Christ with all people by demonstrating to our best ability, the warmth of a Christ-like love.

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Easter Greetings!

One of the most important things that we can do to strengthen our relationship with Jesus is to periodically take time away for some intentional prayer. For priests, this is built into our year with a retreat offered every October. Often, a church parish staff doesn't get the opportunity to do this together. This week, however, most of our staff members will head out with others from the Catholic Community Radio audience toward Hanceville, Alabama. Located at the end of a long road in a small community, The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a spiritual oasis for so many in The United States. Founded by Mother Mary Angelica of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, of EWTN fame, the shrine welcomes people of all faiths to take some time out in Adoration of Our Eucharistic Lord. In addition to the large monstrance in the upper church, our staff will have the opportunity to visit the lower church which houses the crypts of the Poor Clares who have died and a very beautiful exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. We'll also get to see a meditation on the Eucharist – Its origin at the Last Supper and The Cross, as well as an exhibition on The Mass as a continuance of Jesus' actions in the Upper Room at the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Center. There will also be time for a rosary and Mass at the Lourdes Grotto as well as all-important time to visit with one another and share faith. Even though it may inconvenience our community for a few days to have the office closed (Tuesday through Thursday), I feel that this is necessary for a parish team to work well not only together, but also with The Holy Spirit —the true author of activity at St. Mary's.

I know that you also share my sorrow at the coming departure of Sister Mary Anne Hebert, CSJ from our family here at St. Mary's. As I said at Mass, it is certainly bittersweet. It was so great to see so many of the Sisters of St. Joseph, some of whom have had close connections with our parish throughout the years. It was wonderful to celebrate with them the shared activity of The Lord through their ministry and most specifically Sister Mary Anne's contribution to our community. Saying goodbye is always difficult, but I know you'll join me in wishing Sister Mary Anne well as she moves on to care for her sisters in Kansas. Because she's not retiring, but moving into a new phase of ministry, we thought that it would be a nice gesture to give Sister a place to prop her feet up at the end of a long day of care. So, thanks to your generosity, I'm overjoyed to report that Razook's Home Furnishing in Wichita, Kansas had just the perfect recliner to speed over to her new apartment to be ready and waiting for Sister Mary Anne's arrival in a few weeks! If you didn't get a chance to wish her well, she will be around for the next few weeks. Please, stop by and visit. I know she'll be happy to see you!

We're also in the last few weeks of school at Catholic of Pointe Coupée. Please join me in praying for those still preparing for exams and for our seniors who will receive their diploma very shortly!

So much going on, yet onward we go! I'm always grateful for your prayers too.

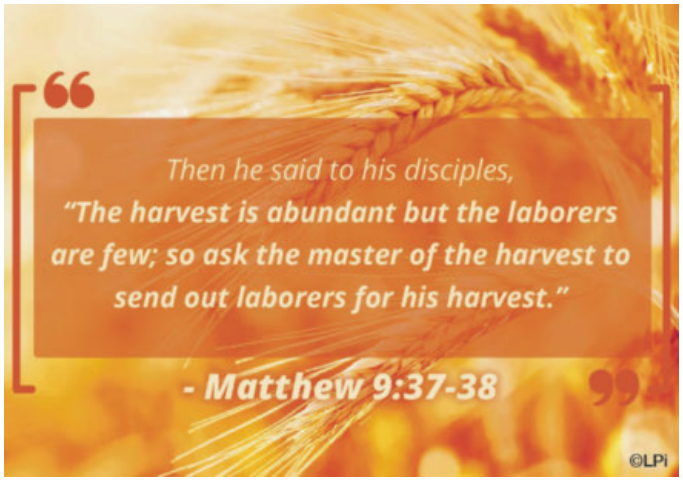
Pax Christi,

Fr. Chris

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun, May 8	**4th Sunday of Easter** **7:00 AM Mass - SF** **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH** **2nd Collection - CSPC Tuition Assistance**
Mon, May 9	**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Adoration Chapel Open**
Tues, May 10	**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Adoration Chapel Open** **Parish Office Closed - CCR Pilgrimage** **No Noon Mass or Novena**
Wed, May 11	**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Adoration Chapel Open** **Parish Office Closed - CCR Pilgrimage** **No Noon Mass** **6:00 PM - Choir Practice - CH**
Thurs, May 12	**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Adoration Chapel Open** **Parish Office Closed - CCR Pilgrimage** **No Noon Mass or Litany**
Fri, May 13	**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM - Adoration Chapel Open** **12:00 Noon - Mass - CH**
Sat, May 14	**9:00 AM - Baccalaueate Mass, Awards, & CHSPC Graduation - CH** **2:30 PM - 3:30 PM - Reconciliation - CH** **4:00 PM - Mass - CH**
Sun, May 15	**5th Sunday of Easter** **7:00 AM Mass - SF** **9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH**

CH - Church, PH - Parish Hall, PO - Parish Office, SJC - St. Joseph Center, SF - St. Francis



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 8 - 7:00 AM
Horace Swindler, Jr.
Sunday, May 8 - 9:00 AM Mass
For the People
Sunday, May 8 - 11:00 AM Mass
Emanuel Jewell

Tuesday, May 10 - 12:00 Noon Mass
No Mass - These intentions moved to May 17th

Wednesday, May 11 - 12:00 Noon Mass
No Mass - No intention requested.

Thursday, May 12 - 12:00 Noon Mass
No Mass - These intentions moved to May 19th

Friday, May 13 - 12:00 Noon Mass
Ramona Nickens

Saturday, May 14- 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Kenny Ramagos

Sunday, May 15 - 7:00 AM - St. Francis
Patsy Sanchez
Sunday, May 15 - 9:00 AM Mass
Pro populo
Sunday, May 15 - 11:00 AM Mass
Edwin Jewell

Bulletin Article Deadline

The Deadline for submitting bulletin articles is Friday before noon. **Articles can be faxed to 638-6346, or emailed to jdoucet@stmarysfr.org**.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We welcome new Parishioners. Parish registration forms are in the rear of church for your convenience and in the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office if your address or telephone number changes, or if you move out of the parish.

Vocation View

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

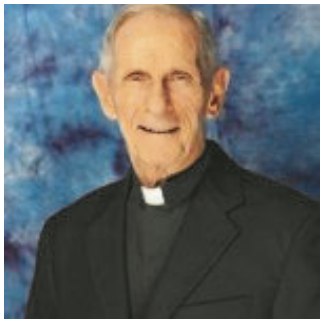
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

©LPi

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Collections: April 18 - May 1

Stewardship (Apr. 18 - Apr. 24)	9,992.00
Online Giving	2,559.00
	$12,551.00
Catholic Home Missions (Apr. 23-24)	334.00
Online Giving	60.00
	$394.00
Stewardship (April 25 - May 1)	10,421.00
Online Giving	3,674.00
	$14,095.00
Building Fund (April 25 - May 1)	2,576.00
Online Giving	862.00
	$3,438.00



Annual Mission Appeal - May 28-29

Fr. David Kelly. M.M., will be at the parish on May 28-29 for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Kelly will speak at all Masses. Fr. Kelly will share his experience serving in the missions of Latin America. You will be invited to participate spiritually and financially in the Church's mission that brings the Good News of Jesus to all people.

Upcoming Special/Second Collections for May

May 7 - 8 - CSPC Tuition Assistance - Second Collection
May 21 - 22 - Catholic Communication Campaign - Special Collection
May 28-29 - Annual Mission Appeal

PRAYER LIST

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four week period, please call **JoNell Doucet at 638-9665**.
Please pray for all military persons and their families, and all those in need, especially, for the following people:

V.J. Alioa
Cecil Armond
Patsy Armond
Miller Backus
Candace Barentine
Trevar Barnes
Pris Baum
Butch Beauvais
Linda Beauvais
Albert Bergeron
Lester Bergeron, III
Erin Bertinot
Charlene Bolton
Colbi Bonaventure
Arthur Bondy
Melvin Boudreaux
Toni Brantley
Brian Bridges
Dennis Bridges
Donna Burkett
Eddie Callegan
Meredith Campanella
Beaud Capps
Boc Capps
Erin Capps
Sonya Chauvin
Emily Chutz
Kathy Cook
Shirley Costello
Raymond Cushionberry, Jr.
Jason David
Stella David
Anna Davis
Henry Davis
Lana Day

Alcina Dietrich
D. Paul Doucet
Leigh Easley
Bobby Eastman
Shirley Fabre
Joan Faust
Faye Fitzgerald
Annagrace Fremin
Gabriel Gandy
Judy Gaspard
David Gauthier
Rob Gautreau
Robert Geier, Jr.
Carson Gueho
Daniel Guerin
Mary Guidroz
Amelia Guidry
Marcey Hazel
Earl Jarreau
Jimmy Jarreau
Lauren Jarreau
Mary Jarreau
Raymond Jarreau
Doris Jewell
Susan Jewell
Avery Jobe
Cary Johnson
Faye Johnson
Jack Kellerman
Kim Kinchen
Jerry Laurent
Dee LeCoq
Sr. Rita Lambert, CSJ
Elizabeth Langlois
Bonnie Sue LeBlanc
Patsy LeBlanc

Toni LeBlanc
Addison Leigh
Lynda Lorio
Becky Maggio
Sonny Major
Lessie Martinez
Doyle Maxwell
Olivia McAfee
Sam McVea
Carol McWithey
Mark Melancon
Bryce Metz
Elaine Michiels
Sidney Miller, Jr.
Dolores Mix
Rick Moore
Buck Morgan
Fr. Thomas Montelaro
Andy Moreau
Beverly Mougeot
Sophia Mule
Barbara Navarre
Marty Navarre
H.J. Navarre
Ada Orsak
Charles Parolli
Mason Part
Mary Plauche
Merlin Plauche
Heather Davis Poff
Chris Pope
Sissy Poret
Wilford Porche, Jr.
Ed Rabalais
Jennifer Rabalais
Dewey Reed

Harold Robillard
Wendy Robinson
Jeanie Roy
Kearn Roy
Nadley Roy
Paul Roy
Kerry Sadden
Jackie Saizan
Fr. Michael Schatzle
Hunter Schurba
Sammy Serio
Anna Stanley
Martha Stoute
Anna Lee Swindler
Sr. Suellen Tennyson, MSC
Susan Thomas
Dania Tolliver
Rodney Totter
Raleigh Vige
Debbie Wall
Robert Wilkins
Millie Williams
Quinn Williams
Sheena Wisler
Miranda Young

A Message from Gale Roy, St. Mary's RCIA Coordinator

Happy Easter! What a glorious journey we made with our five newly confirmed neophytes in this year's RCIA journey of faith! RCIA has been a vital part of my spiritual life since becoming a Catholic thirty-five years ago and serving as Coordinator for St. Mary's RCIA Team for the past fifteen years. I am grateful for the support I have received from Father Bob, Msgr. Berggreen, Father Pat, Father Mike and Father Chris. Sister Rita Lambert was my mentor as I took on this role fifteen years ago, and we have had wonderful supporting team members who journeyed each year with our elect and candidates. Their commitment to this ministry has been inspiring to me.
During the journey many parishioners have come to share their faith with our inquirers and have provided prayerful support and delicious snacks for us as well. Our faith community is so generous!

My life has been touched by each person who has made this journey to our faith. At this time I am opening my heart to new chapters and new experiences and passing the torch on to others who feel called to make this incredible journey supporting others who are eager to learn about our faith. Our church is renewed through RCIA, this special ministry that calls people to the Word, to the Sacraments, to a closer relationship with God. May God continue to bless this ministry and those called to the journey.

Easter blessings,
Gale Roy

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

Baptisms

We welcome those recently baptized, Hudson Michael Murdock, child of Ty Michael Murdock and Cameron Cantrell Murdock.

Parish Office Closures and Mass Changes

The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, May 10th through Thursday, May 12th and there will be no Mass on these dates.** Fr. Chris and the St. Mary staff will be attending the Catholic Community Radio Pilgrimage to The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. **The Parish Office will reopen on Friday, May 13th at 8:00 AM and mass will resume on Friday, May 13th at 12:00 noon.**

Baby Bottle Campaign Update

Our recent Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Women's New Life Clinic raised $600! Thank you for your generous contribution!

Weddings

Congratulations and our prayers of support to George Curry Foreman and Madison Ivy Grace Hurst who made their commitment of love in the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday, April 29, 2022.

Condolences

We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the families of Michael Joseph Lucia, William C. Morrison, and James William Roberts, III.

ATTEND MASS DAILY

Could you not spend 1/2 hour with HIM?

PEOPLES BANK
805 Hospital Rd. New Roads LA | 225-638-3713
www.TheFriendlyBank.com
Member FDIC

Pointe Coupee
Please support your local home health and hospice company. Ask for us by name.
Quality, professional, compassionate home health and hospice care
350 Hospital Road • New Roads, LA 70760 (225) 638-5717

CAZAYOUX INSURANCE
Insure your most important investments with full coverage
Auto & Home Insurance
Whether personal or Commercial, we are here to cover you!
866.775.7362
503 New Roads St. • New Roads

Bergeron Trucking Company, Inc.
Bergeron Organics, Inc.
Natural Mulch • Brown Mulch • Red Mulch
All Natural • Bedding soil • Planting soil
Gardening soil • Growers Mix
For more info, please contact us
Doug Bergeron 225.718.3901
Brandon Bergeron 225.718.4576
Michelle Smith 225.718.3903

Jarreau's Off The Hook
Seafood, Specialty Meats & Catering
Plate Lunches & Short Order Menu Served Daily
BBQ Every Sunday | 225-638-3474
8153 False River Road • Oscar, LA
www.jarreausoffthehook.com
We sell BOUDIN & CRACKLINS

NEW ROADS MOTOR COMPANY
Ford Go Further
(225) 638-9041
Toll Free (800) 716-6762
www.newroadsford.com
608 Parent St. • New Roads, LA 70760

LUCKY PIERRE'S
Restaurant & Casino
(225) 638-8668
1946 Hospital Rd. • New Roads
OF CHICKEN BE WITH YOU!
GAMBLING PROBLEM? CALL (877) 770-STOP

TRITON
Portable High Performance Vacuum Systems
Lottie, LA 225-637-3700
www.triton-industries.com

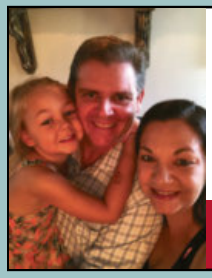
Stout Architecture, LLC
A professional architecture firm serving Louisiana and Texas
Creighton Stout, AIA
(225) 618-5085 | www.stout-arch.com

Pointe Coupee General Hospital
Skilled Rehabilitation Program
Local • Convenient • Effective
(225) 638-5788

Niland's Funeral Services Incorporated
210 West End Drive
New Roads, LA 70760
(225) 638-7103

STAR Service, Inc.
527 North Acadian Thruway • Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Phone (225) 383-0306 • Fax (225) 387-6411
Toll Free (800) 538-0306 • E-Mail: robertmiller@star-service.com

FARM BUREAU INSURANCE
Real Service. Real People.™
AUTO • HOME • LIFE
3411 Ewing Drive • New roads, LA 70760
225-638-8626

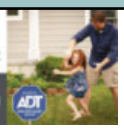


Chris Yancey
Owner
COLEMAN ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION LLC
• Insurance Restoration
• Commercial/Residential Roofing
• Gutters • Awnings • Remodels
225-379-7663
www.colemanroof.com

Steve's Tax Service, LLC
Steve St. Martin BSME, MSB
Enrolled Agent
(225) 713-9030 -or- (504) 858-7036
stevestaxservicellc@gmail.com
201 Saint Jude Street New Roads, LA

GROW YOUR BUSINESS BY PLACING AN AD HERE!
CONTACT US!
Contact Kim Broyard to place an ad today!
kbroyard@4LPi.com or
(800) 477-4574 x6322

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
• Burglary • Fire Safety • Flood Detection • Carbon Monoxide
1-855-225-4251



Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
Instantly create and purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO
4lpi.com/adcreator

Dean J. Martin, CFP®
Financial Advisor
102 East Main Street
New Roads, LA 70760
(225) 638-3746
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC
Edward Jones
Making Sense of Investing

Scott L. Smith, Jr.
ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY
WILLS, SUCCESSIONS, TRUSTS, LIVING WILLS
www.SmithLawFirmLA.com
Call 225-718-5334

SMITH-LBA INSURANCE
Since 1903
111 West Main St. • New Roads, LA
Charles B. Smith,CPCU – President
225.638.4473
charles@smith-lba.com

Juneau's Cajun Meats
Fresh Beef • Pork & Poultry
Boudin & Cracklins
We Serve BBQ Plate Lunches on Sundays
Hours. Monday-Thursday 7-6
Fri 7-6:30 | Sunday 7-2
1642 Hospital Rd New Roads 638-8435

OLINDE GROUP
ONE SOLUTION
(225) 922-9999
www.olindegroup.com

ZACHARY LUMBER AND HARDWARE
225-570-8199

FONTAINE LUMBER
225-638-8537

LIVONIA LUMBER & FARM SUPPLY
225-637-2354

PARISH HOME & FARM
225-240-7673

Pointe Coupee HEALTHCARE

Accommodations:
Private Room & Bathrooms for Every Resident
Services:
Skilled Nursing • Short Term Rehab/Rehab to Home
Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapies • Long Term Care
We Accept:
Medicare, Managed Care/HMOs, Medicaid & Private Pay
1820 False River Drive • New Roads, Louisiana
Phone: 225-638-4431 Fax: 225-372-5085
www.pointecoupeehealthcare.com

Lakeview Manor
Services
Nursing Care • Wound Care
Pharmacy Services • Laboratory Services • Hospice Services
Secure Unit • Long or Short Term Respite Stays
Activities
Bingo • Arts & Crafts • Casino, Shopping & Fishing Trips
Barbecues • Religious Services • Birthday & Holiday Parties
400 Hospital Road • New Roads, LA (225) 638-4404
a place you can call home...

Shelter Insurance
Is there a Shelter agent working for you?
Set an appointment and arrange for a free insurance review today.
Carol Triola
Casey Triola Guidry
727 Hospital Road #A
New Roads, LA 70760
225-638-4541
We're your shield. We're your shelter

Guaranty Bank and Trust Company
175 New Roads Street
New Roads, LA 70760
(225) 638-8621 • Fax (225) 638-5636
www.guaranty-bnk.com
Member FDIC