



# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST & ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

— CATHOLIC CHURCHES —

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY:**

**8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

## **Staff**

*Pastor* ..... Fr. Andrew Schumacher  
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*Ladies Altar Society Presidents*  
*St. John* .....  
*St. Margaret* ..... Ethel Thibodeaux, 783-3094

## **St. John the Evangelist**

Saturday Anticipated Mass ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ..... 12:15 p.m.  
1st Friday of every month ..... 5:30 p.m.

*Rosary every Monday afternoon  
beginning at 5:30 pm led by St. John's  
Ladies Altar Society.*

## **HOLY HOUR**

1st Friday of every month ..... 6:00 p.m.

## **CONFESSION**

30 minutes before weekday Masses,  
Saturdays 3:00–3:45 p.m.,  
or by appointment.

## **St. Margaret of Scotland**

Saturday Anticipated Mass ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday ..... 6:30 a.m.  
Thursday ..... 6:30 a.m.  
1st Saturday of every month ..... 8:00 a.m.

*Rosary beginning at 7:30 a.m. led by  
St. Margaret's Ladies Altar Society  
before 1st Saturday Mass.*

## **HOLY HOUR**

1st Saturday of every month ..... 8:30 a.m.

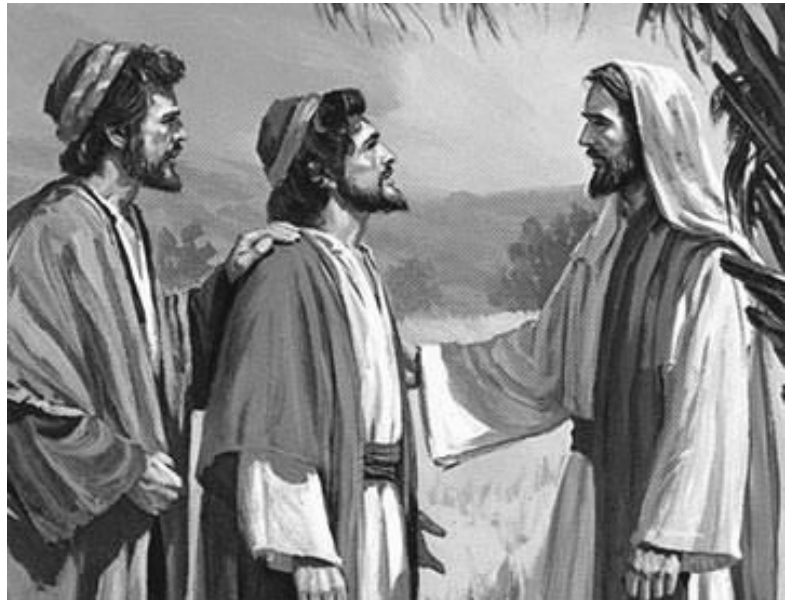
## **CONFESSION**

30 minutes before weekday Masses and the  
1st Saturday Mass, Sundays 7:30–8:25 a.m.,  
or by appointment.

## **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Contact the pastor 8-12 months  
prior to the wedding.

## **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 17, 2021**



## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021**

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16;  
Mk 10:45; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45  
**Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; see Jn  
15:16; Lk 10:1-9  
**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,  
17; Lk 21:36; Lk 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 24:42a, 44;  
Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Phil 3:8-9; Lk  
12:49-53  
**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 77, 93, 94; see Mt  
11:25; Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Ez 33:11; Lk  
13:1-9

## **BAPTISM**

If you are expecting, please call the office as soon as possible after the baby is born to  
schedule the baptism.

## **SACRED HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENTS**

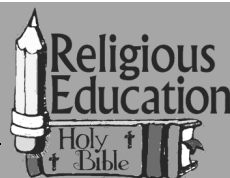
Father has started Sacred Heart Home  
Enthronements. Please call the office to  
schedule your Home Enthronement.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

When you request Masses, please provide a  
phone number so we can call  
if we have questions or need clarification.

### CATECHISM

Religion will be on the **3rd Sunday of each month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** The next class is scheduled for this **Sunday, October 17th.** All classes will report to St. John's Church.



Each month, class will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Students are required to attend Mass. Families are invited to Mass as well.

Join us for milk and donuts!

St. John's

Every Sunday after 10:00 a.m. Mass!



### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of altar servers at both St. John's and St. Margaret's. If your child has made his/her First Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server, please sign up on the Altar Server Sign Up sheet in the Narthex of both churches.



### COMPENDIUM-CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Q: What is the relationship between the Spirit and Christ Jesus in his earthly mission?**

**A:** Beginning with his Incarnation, the Son of God was consecrated in his humanity as the Messiah by means of the anointing of the Spirit. He revealed the Spirit in his teaching, fulfilled the promises made to the Fathers, and bestowed him upon the Church at its birth when he breathed on the Apostles after the Resurrection. (CCC 721-726, 744)

### ROSARY AS A PARISH FAMILY

Please join us for a Rosary on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's to pray for a smooth transition for Father Moreau and for our new pastor, Father Andrew Schumacher. If you cannot make it to St. John's, please pray with us wherever you are. We ask that you please spread the word!



### CATECHISM BOOKS

Last school year, students in grades 1st and 3rd — 9th were given books to study catechism at home. Please return all catechism books that were used at home last year. You may bring the books to class on Sunday, October 17, 2021.

### ADORATION

We would like to thank all of the adorers that are faithfully attending Adoration and Exposition at both churches. The attendance has been beautiful. We would like to invite anyone else that would like to spend time with Our Lord to join us on **Tuesdays at St. Margaret's from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.** and **Wednesdays at St. John's from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

### ROSARY GROUP

- St. Margaret's Rosary Group — Due to Covid-19, the rosary group will not meet in homes. Members, please pray a rosary at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays in your home. All parishioners are invited to join.
- St. John's Rosary Group will meet on **Monday, October 18, 2021, at St. John's at 5:30 p.m.**

### SANCTUARY CANDLE — OCT 16-29

- The sanctuary candle at **St. Margaret's** will be burning for 14 days in memory of **Ernie & Ernest Istre**.
- The sanctuary candle at **St. John's** will be burning for 14 days in memory of **Curtis P. Benoit Sr.**  
(The Sanctuary Candle can burn in memory/honor of someone for 14 days for \$10.00.)

OUR NEW  
WEBSITE  
IS LIVE!

[stjohnstmargaret.com](http://stjohnstmargaret.com)

- Mass & Confession Times
- Bulletins
- Online Giving
- Adoration Schedule
- Faith Formation
- Sacrament Information
- News, Events & More



## ONLINE giving

On September 7, 2021 St. John the Evangelist & St. Margaret of Scotland transitioned to the eCatholic giving platform for a better user experience for our parishioners and great efficiency for our staff. If you created a recurring gift on our previous online giving platform, Parish Give 52, you will need to log into the Parish Give 52 to cancel your gift. Your login information for Parish Give 52 will not work on the new eCatholic platform. You will need to create a new login for eCatholic online giving. We encourage you to log into the Parish Give 52 platform today, to cancel your gift, and start a new gift on the eCatholic platform.

Parishioners and friends of *St. John the Evangelist & St. Margaret of Scotland* can now make one-time or recurring gifts directly on our parish website. Stop worrying about weekly envelopes or mailing in special donations or ministry program fees. Instead, give a gift at any time (from any device that connects to the internet) using a current email and checking account/credit card. It's simple and secure. You can even turn your tithe into an automatic gift that gives when and how often you'd like with your own online donor account. Visit [stjohnstmargaret.com/give](http://stjohnstmargaret.com/give) to see how easy it is!

An easy, safe and convenient way to support our church—  
anywhere, anytime!

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# Vocations Prayer Cross

**Sign-up your family to host our parish's Vocations Prayer Cross for a week!**

Our Vocation Prayer Cross kit comes with a prayer booklet to guide you and your family in praying for priests and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Sign-up sheets are currently located in the lobby of St. John's.



## COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**October 24**—World Mission Sunday

**November 7**—Building Fund

**November 14**—BSA

## COLLECTIONS

### Weekend of October 3, 2021

#### St. John the Evangelist

Collection .....	\$2,549.00
Building Fund .....	\$681.00
Weekly Total .....	\$3,230.00
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,500.00

#### St. Margaret of Scotland

Collection .....	\$1,743.00
Building Fund .....	\$545.00
Weekly Total .....	\$2,288.00
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,500.00

### Online Giving for September 28—October 4, 2021

#### St. John the Evangelist

Collection .....	\$335.00
Building Fund .....	\$20.00
Weekly Total .....	\$355.00

#### Second Collection

BSA .....	\$25.00
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#### St. Margaret of Scotland

Collection .....	\$287.50
Building Fund .....	\$105.00
Weekly Total .....	\$392.50

Thank you!

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Nota Bene: If a name is not printed below due to human error, be assured that God has accepted the intention in Heaven.  
Code of Canon Law, 945*

### St. John the Evangelist

**12:15 pm Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

Mike Miers; Pat Primeaux; Bennie Hooper; PeeWee Miers

**4:00 pm Saturday, October 23, 2021**

M/M August Benoit & A.J.; M/M Felix Leger; M/M Elie Benoit; Lovelace Leger; Lucille Gautreaux; Sheeney Gautreaux; Peggy Benoit; Donlean Gary Sr.; Dallas, Michael & Robert Blanchard; Wilson Breaux; M/M Neville Crader; M/M Alcide Blanchard; Mary Myers; **Living & Deceased:** members of the Mire & Leger family;

**10:00 am Sunday, October 24, 2021**

Dominique Woods Jr.; Thomas Godeaux; Betty & Rhonda Woods; M.J. & Yvonne Martin; Irvin "Choppy" & Sylvia Smith; Woodrow & Evelyn Smith; Peterson & Adeline Duhon; Sheeney Gautreaux; Patricia LeBlanc; **Living & Deceased:** members of the Benoit & Cormier families; members of the Broussard & Woods family; **Living:** Trace Benoit (B-day); Ruby Benoit (B-day); Mallory Boudreaux (B-day); couples desiring to get pregnant

### St. Margaret of Scotland

**6:30 am Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

Lawrence Trahan; Julie Maust

**6:30 am Thursday, October 21, 2021**

M/M Paulite Broussard; J.B., Gertrude, Ernie, Sylvia, Loretta, Keith & Kayla Broussard; Laryman, Audrey, Larry, Timmy & Ricky Guidry; Warren Hoffpauir; Frank Gravot; the sick and all needing Masses; **Living:** Tate Savant (B-day)

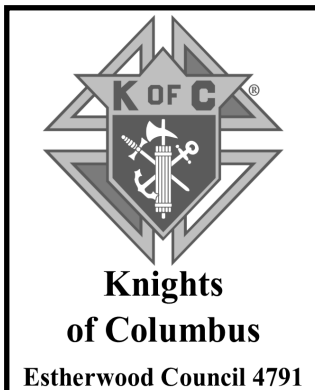
**5:30 pm Saturday, October 23, 2021**

Keith Broussard; J.B. & Gertrude Broussard; Wilbur & Joyce Gautreaux; Al & Jeanette Caswell; Brenda Morgan; Julie Morgan; Etha Lou Morgan Besse; Nedie Hebert Long; those with addictions and the Souls in Purgatory; Conversion of Souls; Kayla Broussard Lopez; Laryman (Death Anniv. 10/27); Audrey, Larry, Timmy & Ricky Guidry; Frank Gravot; Warren Hoffpauir; M/M Paulite Broussard; Anniss & Walter Trahan; James & Ella Ray; Percy & Barbara Sonnier; Leonce & Mary Leger; Theresa & Sonia Duclion; Dominique Jr, Betty & Rhonda Woods; Marla Myers; Todd Henry; Donlean Gary; Alan Mayer; Buddy Schexnayder & family; **Living & Deceased:** members of the Broussard & Woods families; members of the Gary & Woods families

**8:30 am Sunday, October 24, 2021**

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PLEASE THANK OUR  
ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!



### Prayer List





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|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| •Ann Lopez         | •John Thomas Crouch   | •Mike Marceaux         |
| •Austin Spell      | •Joseph Leon LeJeune  | •Nicole Robertson      |
| •Blair Brown       | •Joseph Richardson    | •Perry Gene Ashworth   |
| •Bobby Perry       | •Joshua LaVergne      | •Poncho Fontenot       |
| •Bonnie LeDoux     | •Judy Robertson       | •Red Campbell          |
| •Brantlee Foreman  | •Kelly LeJeune        | •Ricky Larry           |
| •Brian LeJeune     | •Larissa Wiltz        | •Roland Breaux         |
| •Carl Vincent      | •Laura Istre          | •Russell Myers         |
| •Cecile Darbonne   | •Luke Keen            | •Sally Courville       |
| •Charles Benoit    | •Learney Henry        | •Shirley Schexnayder   |
| •Charlotte Suire   | •Lessin "Pie" LeBlanc | •Tammie Vincent        |
| •Crystal Badeaux   | •Linda Gautreaux      | •Timothy Broussard     |
| •Elton Champagne   | •Lois Guillian        | •Timothy Ortego & Fly. |
| •Frances Nugent    | •Mallory Durbin       | •Tonya Miller          |
| •Harold Lachaussee | •Mary Clement         | •Wanda Stutes          |
| •Howard Breaux Sr. | •Melvin LeBlanc       | •Wilda Mae LeJeune     |
| •John Champagne    | •Mike Lachaussee      | •Wilma Sonnier         |
| •John Luke Daigle  |                       |                        |

\*If you know of someone on the sick list that can be removed, please let us know by calling the office or putting a note in the collection.

## CATHOLIC DAILY READING APPS

Laudate is by far the most popular and most used Catholic app. iPieta comes in second. Verbum Catholic Bible and Magnificat are third and fourth, respectively. Please note that the Magnificat app is great and it is free to download but requires a subscription. We encourage you to try these apps and find one that suits you.

Free  
Catholic  
Apps for  
Daily  
Readings

			
Laudate - #1 Catholic App	iPieta	Verbum Catholic Bi...	Magnificat (US edition)
4.5 ★★★★★ 3,057	5.0 ★★★★★ 2,499	5.0 ★★★★★ 2,297	3.5 ★★★★★ 1,171
Free	Free	Free	Free

## DVDs

In the past, we purchased DVDs for you and your family to enjoy. Several copies of each kind were bought. Please be sure to **RETURN** the DVDs to the literature racks in order for other parishioners to be able to enjoy them as well. The titles missing are *Unplanned*, *The Original Image of Divine Mercy*, *Science Tests Faith*, and *The Eucharist "In Communion with Me"*. We appreciate your promptness in returning them. Thank you.

## MISSING SOMETHING?

We have items that were found in church or on the church grounds.

If you have lost an item listed below, simply call the parish office for verification and we can arrange to have such item(s) returned.

Below is a list of items currently in our possession:



### St. John:

- 1 Ring
- 1 Rosary
- 1 Earring
- 1 Pair of Sunglasses
- 1 Umbrella
- 1 Picture & Prayer Card
- 1 *My Picture Missal*
- *Children's Prayer Book*
- 1 Finger Rosary

### St. Margaret:

- 3 Pairs of Eyeglasses
- 3 Pairs of Sunglasses
- 1 Magnificat Cover
- 5 Rosaries
- 1 Bracelet
- 1 Earring
- 1 Initial Charm

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

If you are interested in learning more about Natural Family Planning (NFP) or in scheduling to attend classes, please contact one of the following instructors or visit the "Marriage and Family" link at [www.diola.org](http://www.diola.org) for further contact information.

Clint and Jill Bischoff, Crowley/Eunice	337-580-6061
Dr. Kim Hardey, Lafayette	337-237-0667
Dr. Damon Cudihy, Lafayette	337-261-5433
Sarah Broussard, Gueydan	337-523-3779

## PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen. Originally dedicated to the victims of Hurricane Audrey in 1957. - Fr. Al Volpe, Cameron Parish, LA

## PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STORMS AND HURRICANES

Our Father in Heaven through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this Hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYER TO AVERT STORMS AND HURRICANES

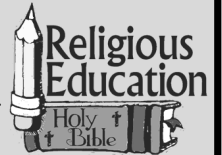
Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

<http://www.arch-no.org/news/Prayers+for+Hurricane+Season>

## CATECHISM INFORMATION

### Catechism Classes

Religion classes will be on the **3rd Sunday of each month** at St. John's in Mermentau, September through April from **4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** for **1st through 11th grades**.



### STUDENTS MAKING SACRAMENTS THIS SCHOOL YEAR

If your child is making their First Communion or Confirmation this school year in our church parish and they are a Catholic school student or homeschool student please contact the office as soon as possible to notify us.

### NOTICE TO PARENTS OF CATECHISM STUDENTS!

Parents, please sign up for our mass text notification system. You will receive reminders about upcoming classes, cancellations, early dismissals, etc. It is of the utmost importance that all parents sign up. You can join online at <https://www.remind.com/join/sjeccd> or by texting @sjeccd to the number 81010.

## Let's Get Social

Keep up with upcoming events, Mass times, special Mass schedules, upcoming bulletins, Holy Days of Obligation, saint feast days and much more!!



<https://www.facebook.com/SJE.MERMENTAU>



[https://www.instagram.com/st.john\\_st.margaret/](https://www.instagram.com/st.john_st.margaret/)

October 17, 2021

Please join us on the 3rd Sundays of each month for our Speaker Series.

October 17

Deacon Adam & Marianne Conque



Deacon Adam Conque  
Marianne Conque



Chad Judice



Lance Strother



Fr. Blake Dubroc



Fr. Aaron Williams

## Speaker Series

at St. John the Evangelist | Mermentau, La

Sundays after 4pm Mass

October 17

Deacon Adam +  
Marianne Conque

November 21

Chad Judice

December 19

Lance Strother

January 16

Fr. Blake Dubroc

February 20

Fr. Aaron Williams



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST &  
ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND  
CATHOLIC CHURCHES



## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### STEWARDSHIP SAINT *for October*



#### Saint Luke

Luke is the author of the third Gospel and was a companion of Saint Paul. According to reliable tradition, he was a Syrian physician from Antioch who wrote his Gospel in Achaea (Greece). Both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are attributed to Luke, because he appears to be the person intended by the first-person reference in Acts. The opening of Acts refers to the Gospel and is dedicated to the same person, Theophilus.

The basic point of Luke's New Testament writings is to emphasize the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Luke also has an interest in the reality of poverty and reveals a deep concern for the poor, the outcast, and the underprivileged throughout the Gospel.

Stewardship is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. Indeed, what emerges from Luke's writings is a sophisticated theology of stewardship that is unique to his Gospel and not addressed so profoundly by other New Testament writers. Luke defines the duty and role of a steward as a unique sort of servant who is entrusted with material possessions by a master, takes charge of them and is required to use them prudently.

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Luke believes stewards are not just a chosen or appointed few. Stewardship is the responsibility of all Christian disciples.

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Luke envisions the steward as not having any possessions or property of his own, but as taking care of his master's property and wealth until the master summons him to turn in an account of his stewardship.

There is a finiteness to stewardship. According to Luke, a steward carries out his responsibilities with alertness, knowing that the master's return may come at any time. And depending on the quality of his stewardship, there is the anticipation of a reward as a result of his stewardship. Luke believes stewards are not just a chosen or appointed few. Stewardship is the responsibility of all Christian disciples.

Luke takes his basic ideas of stewardship and applies them to the motif of material possessions as well, instructing his readers on the right use of wealth and the wrong use of wealth.

Finally, Luke's concept of almsgiving, based on his theology of stewardship, was unique and radical at the time of his writing. Almsgiving was considered an obligation of Christian disciples; imperative inside and outside the community. Luke enjoined his readers to look upon the poor with genuine sympathy and urged those with material resources to remember their identity as stewards, to distribute their wealth to the poor as alms, and to give up ownership of their own material possessions.

Luke is the patron saint of physicians, artists and butchers. His feast day is October 18.

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER *for October*



My Lord Jesus,  
As the rains hide the stars,  
as the autumn mist hides the hills,  
as the clouds veil the blue  
of the skies,  
so the dark happenings of the world  
hide the shining of your face  
from me.  
Yet, if I may hold your hand  
in the darkness,  
it is enough, since I know that,  
as the steward of your grace,  
though I may stumble on this  
journey of mine,  
you will not let me fall.  
Amen.

*Inspired by a Celtic prayer*

## Stewardship and the Family

We refer to the family as the "domestic Church." It is a phrase the Second Vatican Council brought forth from the writings of the early Church fathers and describes family life as the center of Catholic spirituality and faith. Those of us who live in a modern family, though, can attest to the incredible challenges of creating a family life that fully lives up to that image of "domestic Church" especially in the autumn of each year. Even during these still uncertain times, busy schedules have emerged to become routine again. Family members feel as though they live as ships passing in the night. Job demands, class schedules, school events, parish activities, business trips, commute times, sports – the list goes on. Experts tell us the family dinner, a nightly event years ago, is an increasingly rare occurrence, and even when families are together under one roof, smart phones, televisions, and every imaginable screen demanding their attention keep them isolated from each other in the same house, even the same room. What can we do to make sacred the "domestic Church" within our homes? What can we do to exercise better stewardship of our families? How about starting with the family meal? Schedule a breakfast or brunch on Sunday after Mass. The table celebration could include everyone's favorite food. Make it a family event from beginning through clean-up. Keep a large, visible calendar on which everyone's schedule is noted, so that a family dinner can be planned and prioritized. That meal should be a social occasion, not the time to check if Bobby passed his science test or scold Suzy because she wouldn't get out of bed that morning. It is a time for pleasant conversation, no electronic devices permitted. And don't worry if it's not roast beef – pizza out of a box and a salad can be just as fun. Then, create a plan to work on family prayer time. Besides going to Sunday Mass together, how about a time in the evening when everyone stops what they're doing and gathers for just a few moments before bedtime for prayer? Perhaps use commute times – the trip to the soccer field or the morning drive to school – to share a brief and heartfelt prayer with your children. Do your children see you pray with Scripture? Let children see you make prayer a priority. Saint John Paul II stressed the importance of prayer as a family. "Prayer makes the Son of God present among us," he wrote. What else might you do to elevate the sacredness of your own domestic Church? Do your children see you honor special time with your spouse? Do you make quality time with each child individually? Do you listen to them when they speak, or are you checking your cell phone texts as they talk? Communicate the idea that family comes first and they will catch on. As a steward of your family, prioritize your own sense of family stewardship. If our children grow up with the idea that "church" is indelibly linked to "family," their faith will grow stronger.

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

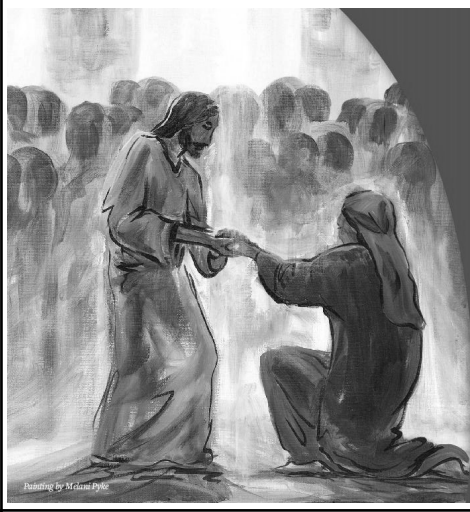
After healing the blind man in today's Gospel Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man chose to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life. What choices will we make this week that give witness to our decision to follow Jesus Christ?

# 2021 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL

*Supporting the Works of Christ*

## Bringing Hope and Healing

We are in the final months of the 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal. Family by family you can proclaim the Good News, ensure the future of our Church and rebuild lives in our diocese through the Bishop's Services Appeal. Today, the appeal is at 78.6% of its overall goal. We need your involvement! Thank you for whatever gifts you can provide for the significant work that faces us. To donate, text DIOCESE to 41444 or visit [www.diolaf.org/bsa](http://www.diolaf.org/bsa) to make an online gift. You can also mail a check to 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501.



Bringing  
Hope &  
Healing

*A journey of renewal begins with you.  
Give to the 2021 BSA to share in Jesus'  
mission to bring hope and healing  
to a troubled world.*

Pledge online at [diolaf.org/BSA](http://diolaf.org/BSA)  
or text DIOCESE to 41444.

2021  
BISHOP'S  
SERVICES APPEAL  
*Supporting the Works of Christ*  
DIOCESE of LAFAYETTE  
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