



# OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese of Shreveport

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## Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, promise to abide by the commandments and will of God, which is nurtured in us by our prayer life and by our worshipping together. We will proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing this, we will work to minister to the growth and needs of our neighbors and this community.

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**Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday**

## Welcome **NEWCOMERS!**

We invite you with great joy to become a member of our parish by filling out an enrollment form and census form located in the vestibule. You may put the completed forms in the collection basket or mail to the office. Thank you.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
**Saturday after the mass at 6:45 – 7:15pm, and by appointment**

Questions about other Sacraments (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage)

**Please contact Fr. Duane C. Trombetta**

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**Office will be closed Mon. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 - MLK Day**



**New Mass Time - Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.**

**Monday – Thursday ----- Holy Mass----- 5:00 p.m.**

**Holy Days ---- 9:00 a.m.**



**Following 9AM Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

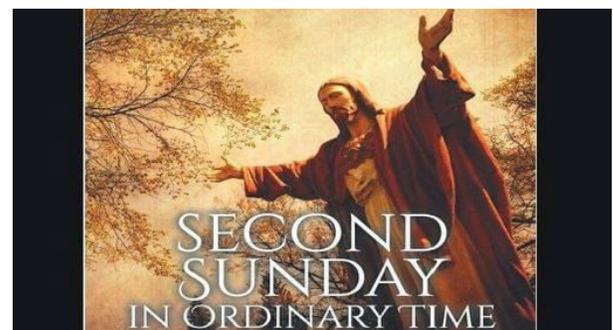
**Journey of Faith: Tuesday @ 5:30 pm**

**Soup & Scripture: Wednesdays @ 11:00 am**

**Christian Men's Group – Be A MAN - 2<sup>ND</sup> Saturday of the Month @ 11:00 AM**

**Third Order of the Secular Franciscans – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 10:00 am**

**January 15, 2023**



**Second Collection: Building Maintenance**

*ACIS: An Easy Way to Pray Guide*

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adoration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praise God for who He is.</li> <li>• Read scripture that praises God</li> <li>• Reflect upon God's mercy, love, goodness, generosity, or some other attribute of His</li> <li>• Rest in God's presence, invite Him into your prayer</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contrition</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect on what you have done or failed to do today that has distanced you from God</li> <li>• Speak about struggles and need of God's mercy and grace</li> <li>• Ask God for help in reparation of sin</li> <li>• Ask for help in repairing relationships</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thanksgiving</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for the small or big blessings of today</li> <li>• Thank God for bringing about good in the world</li> <li>• Thank God for people and things placed in your life</li> <li>• Thank God for His never ending love</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Supplication</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask God for the things I need physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually for the day, week, year</li> <li>• Ask God to answer the needs of others, the Church, and the world</li> </ul>

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**Request a Mass Intention**

Remember to offer Masses for: **Deceased relatives, deceased Birthdays, Anniversary of Marriages, Ann. of Deaths, Health and Healing for relatives, dads, moms, brothers, sisters, cousins, children, Special Intentions, Giving Thanks to God, etc. Need our supplications.** *“Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them”. Mt. 5:7*  
 Call the office or send in your intentions by mail. There are forms in the vestibule of church. Forms have also been sent to your email so you can send your requests to [olbschurchsport.com](mailto:olbschurchsport.com).  
**\*\*\*Please submit your requests to the office no later than noon on Wednesdays.** Thank you and God Bless!

**FORMED**

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is pleased to offer a very special resource to our Parishioners - [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) - which contains Catholic content from more than 60 leading faith-based production companies. Now access thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs, and studies direct from any browser, mobile, or connected device like ROKU, Chromecast, or Apple TV. Best of all, it's available at no cost to our parishioners.

We want to inspire all our parishioners to take advantage of

**Any announcement requests to be approved and MADE by Father should be submitted to the office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Reserved Meetings & Events Schedule**

**Center reserved:**

**Today after mass – Fr. Knabel KPC Council 144 & The Altar Society**

**Saturday, Feb 4 all day – KPC**

**Saturday, February 18 all day – Sylvia Williams**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month after mass (KPC)

Tuesday 5:45 pm. (Journey of Faith)

Wednesday 11 am – 2 pm (Soup & Scripture)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation) following mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 11 am (Christian Men's Group - Be A Man)

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10 am (Third Order of the Secular Franciscans)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month (Bake Sale) Altar Rosary Society, After Mass

Last Thursday of every month 4:00 pm (St. Vincent de Paul)

***Please call the office if you need to schedule an event or meeting anywhere on the church grounds.***

**Monthly Calendar**

Jan 15	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 22	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 29	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Please visit our Parish Facebook Page for LIVE STREAM liturgy broadcasts!**

**Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Daily 3:00 p.m.**

**All able-bodied Catholics are required to attend Mass in person.**

**"Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy."**

*Fr. Duane*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:**

**Michelle Anthony, George Esters and Linda Harwell** for purchasing the three 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Banners that are now located in the back and front of the church by the gates.

The Celebration is almost here!

## Please pray for the Sick and Homebound

**Eleanor Baines, Mary Howell and Mary Johnson**

### Collection for Latin America January 21 and 22, 2023

Bishop Octavio Cisneros invites you to help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by giving to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through the Collection.



**January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.**

#### First Reading

For I am the Lord your God...  
Isaiah 43:3

#### Second Reading

Grace be to you, and  
peace, from God our  
Father, and from the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 1:3

**The Sanctuary Candle**  **at the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament burns: Jan. 14 – Jan. 20, 2023**

**For: The Blalock Family**

**By: Mary Blalock**

Here is the  
**LAMB OF GOD**  
who takes away the sin  
of the world!  
John 1:29





**“Second Homily” by Fr. Duane Trombetta**

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Sunday, January 15, 2023**

Last Sunday, January 8, the Church moved from the Season of Christmas into the Season of Ordinary Time. Did you know that during Ordinary Time, our lectionary walks us through the public ministry and life of Jesus Christ, over a span of either 33 or 34 weeks? (It's 33 this year.) Well, today, January 15, we move to the second week of Ordinary Time, and here we encounter the St. John's Gospel account of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist.

There in the Jordan River, John baptizes Jesus, and sees the Holy Spirit come down like a dove from heaven. We know this story well, and we are familiar with the Holy Spirit's depiction as a dove. But today I invite you to make a connection you might not have made before; namely, let's make a connection between the dove at Jesus' baptism and the dove in the Old Testament account of Noah and the Great Flood (Genesis chapters 7-8).

In the Genesis story, when Noah's Ark comes to rest and the waters begin to recede, Noah sends out a dove and it brings back a freshly plucked olive leaf. The dove and the olive leaf are signs of the restoration of creation, and the new life that springs up after the waters of death recede. “New life”? “Springs up”? Those physical signs sound much like the spiritual signs that take place at baptism, don't they?

Jesus Christ is the ultimate beginning of a new creation, who brings about a new cleansing of the world from sin. And thru the waters of his Baptism, all sin is cleansed. So, the Great Flood in the Book of Genesis anticipates and foreshadows the Sacrament of Baptism! Isn't it wonderful how the Old Testament is fulfilled and made perfect in the New Testament? And isn't it wonderful how the Holy Trinity is present (though not specifically named) in both!

There are so many fascinating and beautiful revelations of Truth in Sacred Scripture. As we embark into 2023, let's make this a year in which we frequently enjoy rich and deep encounters with the Word of God. Will you consider joining a Bible study group, reading a daily devotional, or following an online source, such as the “Bible in a Year” Podcast? However, you choose to encounter Our Lord in Sacred Scripture, I pray it will be spiritually invigorating.

*Fr. Duane*



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### Becoming a Light of Christ

I can remember as a child being told that when you enter a dark room to close your eyes for a moment and when you open them your pupils are open wider to let in even the smallest light in the room helping you to see. And on most nights, you can look up at the sky and see the glow of the moon. The fuller it is, the more light it sheds on a dark night. Yet that light does not come from the moon, it is the reflection of the sun's light, and its position determines how much it reflects the light of the sun. Sometimes the moon comes directly between us and the sun, causing a solar eclipse, but even then, it cannot completely shut out the light of the sun.

This weekend we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King and though he has been gone physically from us for fifty-five years he remains a bright light who shown through the darkness, not only in our country but our world today. Not only was he a light of hope for everyone as he fought for equal rights for all people, but as a believer he reflected the light of Christ throughout the world. Though some people tried to cast darkness over him as he lived as the light of Christ instead of basking in it, they had a tough time doing so. They failed and his legacy lives on as we celebrate his life this weekend. It's like a solar eclipse that occurs in the light of day and don't manage to do more than darken the earth a little, and only for some. Eventually the eclipse ends and the light returns.

As we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr, we are called to be the light that returns from the dimness of the solar eclipse. Sometimes that eclipse may come in the form of injustice, hate, poverty, illness, or other forms of suffering to our brothers and sisters in the world. This week ask God how you can be a light to others and ask what your calling is when you offer your prayers to him. Though you may not feel worthy, the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians reminds us: “consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong” (1 Corinthians 1:26–27).

We may not go down in our lives a great as some of the saints or Martin Luther King Jr, but by being a light of Christ and living your calling, you give glory to God and yourself. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” Light and love will always be the greater power over darkness and hate. In your time in prayer consider your calling: what does the Lord want you to do with your life in service to others? How does he want you to light up the darkness of the world?

*Deacon Charles*



## SAINTS

### Introduction

All Christians are called to be saints. Saints are persons in heaven (officially canonized or not), who lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or were martyred for the faith, and who are worthy of imitation.

In official Church procedures there are three steps to sainthood: a candidate becomes "Venerable," then "Blessed" and then "Saint." Venerable is the title given to a deceased person recognized formally by the pope as having lived a heroically virtuous life or offered their life. To be beatified and recognized as a Blessed, one miracle acquired through the candidate's intercession is required in addition to recognition of heroic virtue or offering of life. Canonization requires a second miracle after beatification. The pope may waive these requirements. A miracle is not required prior to a martyr's beatification, but one is required before canonization.

cont'd next week

*Every Sunday the Holy Rosary is being said before Mass.*  
Everyone is invited to join in for this special time with the Blessed Mother.



**Please continue to pray the Rosary daily for the People in Ukraine and for Peace throughout the World!**

### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.**

**Amen.**

<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b> <b>Weekly contributions needed--\$5,000.00</b>		We appreciate your contributions! God bless all of you!	
<b>Jan 1</b>	Weekly Col.:	\$3,905.00	\$1,827.57
<b>Jan 8</b>	Weekly Col.:	\$4,968.00	\$1,834.51
<b>Jan 15</b>	Weekly Col.:		
<b>Jan 22</b>	Weekly Col.:		
<b>Jan 29</b>			
		<b>Income: \$8,873.00</b>	<b>Expense: \$3,662.08</b>



**Appeal 2022** - Please consider making your pledge **TODAY!**  
**Update as of Thursday, November 24, 2022 – With Corrections**

Parish ID	# Of Parish Families	# Of Families Participating 2022 (to date)	% Of Participation 2022 (to date)	% Of Participation 2021 Total	Amount Pledged 2022 (to date)	Amount Pledged 2021 Total
69	150	24	16%	15.4%	\$6,620	\$7,526

### O.L.B.S. 2023 Assessments

**These donations are to help off-set the monthly assessment that we pay to the Diocese. We are asking each family to give at least \$200 Our goal is to raise \$15,000.**

**To date Total:**

**Report as of**

**Families paid the full amount of \$200.00**

**Families paid a % of the \$200.00**

**Total paid in 2022 \$6,340**

The **Catechism** of the **Catholic Church** states that "**Adoration** is the acknowledgement of God as God, creator and savior, the Lord and master of everything that exists, as infinite and merciful love." "**Adoration** is homage of the spirit to the King of glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever-greater God."... [\\*\\*\\*en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adoration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adoration) **Can You Spend One Hour with Me – Each Wednesday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

 *Mass Times*

**Saturday --- 5:30 P.M.**

**Sunday --- 9:00 A.M.**

**Weekday, Monday – Thursday --- 5:00 P.M.**



**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**JANUARY**

**For educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-SHIRTS**

We are taking orders for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts.

Prices are as follows:

**YOUTH SIZES:** \$12.00

**ADULT SIZES:**

Small., Medium and Large \$15.00

**XX Large and Up** \$18.00

There is an order sheet in the vestibule of the church.

All money for t-shirts is due at the time order is taken.



*Faith Formation*

Faith Formation instruction for the Sacraments for all ages began **Sunday, September 11, 2022**. Formation sessions are held on the second and the third Sunday of each month in the parish classrooms. Parents if you have not registered your child for Faith Formation (Catechism), please call Nadalie Thomas at 347-9219 at any time or Sylvia Williams at the church office between 9AM-2PM.

*Lector Ministry Schedule*

<i>January 14</i>	<i>Lois Davis</i>
<i>January 15</i>	<i>Fala Anderson</i>
<i>January 21</i>	<i>Van Sanders</i>
<i>January 22</i>	<i>Krisstian Washington</i>

*Attendance*

*Jan 7 ----- 22*  
*Jan 8 ----- 77*



**T-SHIRT**

**SUNDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023**

Readings for the Second Week in Ordinary Time

<i>Monday</i>		Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 2:18-22
<i>Tuesday</i>		Hebrews 6:10-20	Mark 2:23-28
<i>Wednesday</i>		Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17	Mark 3:1-6
<i>Thursday</i>		Hebrews 7:25---8:6	Mark 3:7-12
<i>Friday</i>		Hebrews 8:6-13	Mark 3:13-19
<i>Saturday</i>		Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14	Mark 3:20-21
<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Isaiah 8:23---9:3:3/1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17</i>	<i>Matthew 4:12-17</i>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>		<b>Requested by:</b>
<i>Sat.</i>	Jan 14	William Carthrum (Anniversary of Death) E.S. Addison (Rest in Peace)	Joan LaCour Carthrum Brenda Addison
<i>Sun.</i>	Jan 15	Sylvester Deldrage (Rest in Peace) Mrs. Clara McIntyre (Rest in Peace) Kelly Valentine (Health & Healing)	Phyllis Sarpy Mrs. O.H. McIntyre Michelle Valentine
<i>Mon.</i>	Jan 16	Edna C. Taylor (Belated Birthday) Jan - 3 Elaine T. Brown (Belated Birthday) Dec - 31	Joyce Taylor Dixon Joyce Taylor Dixon
<i>Tue.</i>	Jan 17	Mrs. Clara McIntyre (Rest in Peace)	Mrs. O.H. McIntyre
<i>Wed.</i>	Jan 18	Mrs. Clara McIntyre (Rest in Peace)	Mrs. O.H. McIntyre
<i>Thur.</i>	Jan 19	Mrs. Clara McIntyre (Rest in Peace)	Mrs. O.H. McIntyre
<i>Fri.</i>	Jan 20	Mrs. Clara McIntyre (Rest in Peace)	Mrs. O.H. McIntyre
<i>Sat.</i>	Jan 21		
<i>Sun.</i>	Jan 22	Sylvester Deldrage (Rest in Peace)	Phyllis Sarpy Criner



January 15, 2023  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 64

Reading 1

Is 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant,  
Israel, through whom I show my glory.  
Now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,  
that Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;  
and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!  
It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. (8a and 9a) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.  
I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.  
And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.  
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.  
Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."  
R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.  
"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,  
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"  
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.  
I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.  
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading 2

1 Cor 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Sosthenes our brother,  
to the church of God that is in Corinth,  
to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy,  
with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Jn 1:14a, 12a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
To those who accepted him,  
he gave power to become children of God.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.  
He is the one of whom I said,  
'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me  
because he existed before me.'  
I did not know him,  
but the reason why I came baptizing with water  
was that he might be made known to Israel."  
John testified further, saying,  
"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven  
and remain upon him.  
I did not know him,  
but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,  
'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain,  
he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'  
Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

# Share YOUR Faith



## Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Have you ever wondered how Eucharistic hosts for Mass are made, and who makes them? Orders of religious sisters and nuns commonly manufacture hosts as a means of supporting the work of their communities. Not only does this work offer a means of self-support for those communities, but it also forges a tangible, physical connection between the sisters and the parishes and other diocesan ministries that use the hosts at Mass and bring the Blessed Sacrament to prisoners, seniors, and others who cannot attend Mass.

The Conceptionist Sisters of Fortaleza, Brazil, is one community that makes the hosts used at Masses in the diocese. After years of manufacturing hosts, the sisters needed new, more reliable, modern equipment for baking and cutting the hosts. With the assistance of a grant from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Church in Latin America program, the sisters purchased new machinery that allows them to continue this work of service and unity for the local Church now and for years to come. Your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America are your way of participating in the sisters' work and that of communities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

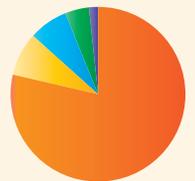
For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### 2021 CLA Financials

#### Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **78.67%**
- Program Costs: **8.25%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **7.22%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **4.25%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.61%**

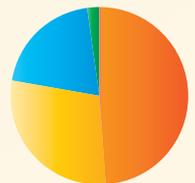
**Total Expenses: \$5,556,692**



Total Number of Grants Approved: 281

Total Amount Approved: \$6,112,536

- General Pastoral\*: **49%**
- Emergency Disaster Funds: **29%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **20%**
- Child Protection: **2%**



\*includes evangelization, religious education, family and other pastoral ministries



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**Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth  
Leadership Award**

Attention High School Seniors! The St. John Berchmans Cathedral Knights of Columbus Council is collecting applications for the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. State Winners receive \$4,000. Applications are due by 25 January 2023. For application and information to [www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla](http://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla). For questions contact Grand Knight Ryan Chmielewski at 318-399-1978.

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**REFLECTION BY BRIAN SCHMISEK**

You are invited to attend a reflection by Brian Schmisek, former Director of the Greco Institute The reflection will be held in Vandegaer Hall of St. Mary of the Pines on **Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Brian has written a book entitled Signs, Superstitions and God's Plan. The meaning of God's Plan for one's life and the world, providence, destiny and superstition. This book is both engaging and thought provoking. Since a light lunch will be served, please RSVP by calling the St. Mary of the Pines Office at (318) 687-5121.

Please call me with any questions about this reflection at (318) 366-7003

Sincerely,

Very Reverend Mark Watson, V.F.

Pastor

St. Mary of the Pines Catholic Church

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**FRIENDSHIP HOUSE**

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is committed to serving the people of our local community. In particular, we wish to help the families and children of Friendship House on Clay Street in the Allendale neighborhood. Community Renewal Friendship Houses are beacons of hope, providing after-school education programs, character building, service projects, GED courses, tutoring, computer training, art and music lessons, and more. Will you consider offering your time to tutor children in reading and school projects? Just an hour or two per day, on one or more days per week would make a big impact! And what a rewarding way to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ! Call the parish office for more info.

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**MARY'S PLACE**

Mary's House provides pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, someone to talk to, and help getting a doctor at no cost for any pregnant woman.

"Babies have never kept me from the dreams and plans God has given me." Leah Darrow

You're invited to hear Leah's story at the **Fête For Life benefiting Mary's House**, Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Last day to buy tickets is January 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets start at \$50.00 Call Mary's House 318-220-8009 for tickets. For more info go to [MarysHouse.net](http://MarysHouse.net).



**GOD'S RICHEST BLESSING TO THE OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH FAMILY, STAFF & FRIENDS!**

The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – O.L.B.S Church Conference & , are so very, grateful to all who contributed to the success of our 2022 EOY (End of the Year) projects:

1. **150 Christmas Gift Bags** for the residents & staff of **Harmony House Nursing & Rehab Center** – the residents & staff were very appreciative!
2. **Joint project with the KPC (Knights of Peter Claver)** to collect food & supplies for **Woody's Home for Vets**. With the support of donations, we bought over \$700 worth of food & supplies The vets & staff are always so very grateful!
3. **40 Christmas fruit baskets/bowls** for the sick, homebound, those who need their spirits uplifted & those in remembrance. Many thanks to those who took the time to send "thank you" cards & notes. Bless you!
4. **Christmas Turkey Give-away** to 100 "friends in need" – serving in excess of 231 family members

A very special thanks & blessings to **Michael Mackey**, who secured a large donation for us from an anonymous donor. May the Lord bless our other anonymous donors & benefactors as well. **It may not be known publicly as to whom you are, but God knows & He will reward you for building His Kingdom.**

**The Lord is so awesome to us; He continues to perform miracles as He works thru all of our supporters. Without you, much of what we do would not be possible; but without God, we can do nothing!**

**May the Lord grant His love, His mercy, His grace, & His peace to all, throughout this year of 2023!**

St. Vincent de Paul – Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Conference

**NOTE:** THOSE PERSONS WHO NEED A LETTER FOR YOUR **2022 TAXES**, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT JANIS HAYNES @ 318 518-2012. WE'D BE DELIGHTED TO PROVIDE THAT TO YOU!

