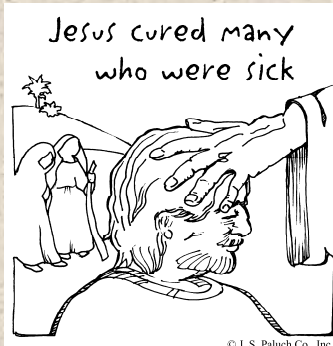


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Year Of The Grace Of Honor

THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.



Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

February 5, 2012,
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I come to rely more on heavenly grace?

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all people.



Monday, 2/06

9 AM: Howard Blessing, Jr., Burl Colomb, Jeff Fontenot, Stan & Susie Smith, Jim Lapoint

Tuesday, 2/07

5:30 PM Pesson Family, David Meche, Special Intentions for Alice Baronet

Wednesday, 2/08

9 AM Charlene Campo, Vincent Campo, Dorothy Pierson Hubeny, Leo & Sadie Domingue, Donald LeBlanc, Allison Ortte, Paul Lawrence Miers, Elrida Breaux

Thursday, 2/09

9AM Bill Endris & Family, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Pere, Special Intentions for Alice Baronet, Lisa Fasnacht

Friday, 2/10

9AM Hazel Maynard, Kelly Perrin

Saturday, 2/11

4PM: Henry Perret, Sr., Bill Endris & Family, Harold Guillot, Mrs. Bruno "Boo" Kidder, Nina L. Breaux, Stella & Lynn J. Veron, Florence & Tony Battaglia, Jean Jones, Laura G. Rhodes, Lorena & J.D. Gary

Sunday, 2/12

9AM: For all Parishioners.

11 AM: Kyle Michael Borges, Evelyn Nauck, Frank Ackerman, Mrs. Odile Clement, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Bob Buniva & Parents, Merlyn Lachaussee, Maxine Begnaud, Jim Lapoint

5 PM: Michael Glynn Broussard

Church Offerings

January 29th Offerings \$ 17,403.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving!

Religious Formation



**NO CLASSES ON FEBRUARY 5TH
FOR 9TH, 10TH AND CONFIRMATION
BECAUSE OF SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held on the 2nd Sunday of **February, the 12th** because of Super Bowl Sunday. If you have registered, please not the change. If you are interested in attending the course, please call the church office at 984-9643

Jr. High Communal Penance Service

On **Monday, February 13th** at **7:00pm** the **7th** and **8th** graders will participate in a communal penance service. Parents are invited to attend!



Holy Cross Lenten Mission

Holy Cross is planning a three day Lenten Mission March 5, 6 & 7, 2012. The theme will be "Rhythms of the Spiritual Journey." Tom Zanzig, a well respected author and teacher in Catholic spirituality, will lead us to a deeper understanding of our life-long spiritual journey. There will be morning and evening sessions each day. Additional information on the Mission will follow.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Collection baskets are set up in church and also in the Religious Formation Building, for gently used school uniforms. If your child has out grown his/her uniform, please donate to this cause. The need is great!



Saint of the Day—App now available on the iPhone and iPod touch. Visit www.americancatholic.org

Catholic Links

Diocese of Lafayette (Louisiana)
www.diolaf.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
www.usccb.org

Vatican
www.vatican.va

PRAYER

We often make dedicated effort to pray for particular persons, issues and concerns. It's reassuring to know that our prayers can be supplemented by prayer gifts of others ready to receive requests directed to prayer chains.

Daily Inspirations

www.loyolapress.com

www.catholicmom.com

www.americancatholic.org



Want to get involved or offer support?

Please Contact

**Travis Cummings 225-235-4529
or Josh Thomas 337-652-9880.**

Email taprootyouthministry@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

STEUBENVILLE ON THE BAYOU

Registration for Steubenville on the Bayou begins today (Jan 29th). The dates are June 15th-17th, 2012 for all high schoolers and those entering 9th grade. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church with amounts and due dates. For more information please contact Josh at taprootyouthministry@gmail.com Please fill out the form and return it to the church office, ATTN: Taproot Youth Ministry

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model
of humility. He fulfilled Your Will
by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in
His Resurrection.
We ask this through our
Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen



Question of the Week

Mark 1:29-39

Mark describes for us how Jesus' day begins and ends with taking care of others. He heals Simon's mother-in-law, he cures others who are sick, and he drives out demons from those who are possessed. He comforts the downhearted and discouraged.

Question for Adults: How has Jesus healed you in your life?

Question for Children: How has Jesus helped you in your life?

2011 Contribution Statements Please call the church office, 984-9636 if you need a Contribution Statement for 2011. As a reminder **you must use your church envelopes** for us to keep a record of your contributions.



If you do not have church envelopes and would like to begin using them, please call the church office, 984-9636. Thank You!

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** to honor couples who have been married 50, 60 or more years.

Our upcoming anniversary mass will be on March 4, 2012 for those celebrating 50, 60 or more years of marriage. held at 2:00pm, at St. Peter's Church, 108 East St. Peter St., New Iberia, LA 70560.

Bishop Michael Jarrell will preside and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Registration will CLOSE on February 17, 2012. Couples may register by visiting our website, www.diola.org, click on the OFFICES tab and click on Marriage and Family Life.

DIACONATE FORMATION

Diocese of Lafayette
Candidate Ken David



Let us keep in our hearts and prayers *Mr. Ken David and spouse, Peggy David and their family* as he continues his formation and study in preparation for his ordination to the Diaconate. Ordination will be August 18, 2012. Ken is our Holy Cross Administrator and Peggy also is on staff.

THE PATH OF SACRAMENTAL LOVE

Living God's Plan for Marriage
February 10-12, 2012

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center
Chatawa, Ms.

Join Robin and Easton Hebert for a married couples' weekend retreat and explore some of the tools that can help us grow in conscious relationship with one another. Let us work to grow deeper in genuine Christ-like love—presence, self-giving and compassion. *Included in the retreat will be ample time for personal sharing and for prayer.*

Robin and Easton Hebert are spiritual directors and retreat leaders from Lafayette, LA, sharing their love of God, devotion to prayer, and passion for living a balanced lifestyle through parish and retreat ministry. Robin has co-authored two books on spirituality: *When Women Pray* and *When Wisdom Speaks* and serves as marriage ministry coordinator for Our Lady of Wisdom Parish. *Suggested donation is \$280.00 per couple. For reservations: Call Sister Helen Roper at 601-783-0801 or e-mail: retreatcenter@ssnddallas.org*

RCIA

Would you like to become Catholic?

The RCIA is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic, through a process of discerning and ritualizing the stages of gradual conversion. For more information, please call the church office at **984-9636 ext. 233** or **Adult Faith Formation office at 654-9671.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Annual Fish Fry Dinner




It's almost time!
KC Fish Fry every Friday during Lent!
The first Fish Fry will be **Friday, February 24th.**

Please help support our **KC's** who do so much for our church and our Lafayette community!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5  NO Religious Ed Class Tonight Rev. Bernard Lebiedz, OSB	6 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> Rev. Steven LeBlanc	7 Rev. Louis Ledoux	8 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> Rev. Mark Ledoux	9 <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i> Rev. Austin Leger	10 Rev. Donald Leger	11 Rev. Lambert Lein, SVD
12 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Baptism Workshop 2:00pm</i> Rev. Martin Leonards	13 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Jr High Penance Service 7:00pm</i> Rev. James Liprie, OSB	14 Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ	15 <i>Religious Ed Class</i> <i>Sr. Citizens Gathering</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> Msgr Charles Mallet	16 <i>Children's Choir Rehearsal</i> Rev. Curtis Mallet, JCL	17 Rev. Jaison Mangalath, SVD	18 Rev. Wilson Matt

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

DIOCESAN LIFE

AUTISM SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

The group meets at St. Edmond Church, in the Meeting Room of the Family Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00pm. This spiritual group is to provide, safe and spiritual setting in which to share their experiences. For more info. Please contact Michelle Mayer, 654-5033 or michelle@professionalarts.com

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Single adults in Acadiana, ages 30 & up, can find a venue of fellowship and speakers every Tuesday, except the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:00pm. Supper Club provides a monthly social at a local restaurant on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information about the meetings or to be added to the email list, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337-261-5653 or www.catholicfellowshipnetwork.webs.com



*Tools of our Faith
And Their Promises*

Immacul'ee

March 16-17, 2012

Cajundome Convention Center

Friday 6:00-9:00pm

Doors open at 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm

Immacul'ee is here again to share about the "Tools of our Faith" which can inspire us to grow closer to God and live the life full of meaning and purpose as God intended.

For more information or to register
www.immaculee.com

February, 6

Holy Hour for Vocations, 6:00pm-7:00pm
St. Patrick Catholic Church

February, 7

Food for the Journey, 12:00pm Crowne Plaza Hotel, speaker will be Fr. Arockiam, Arockiam, SVD

February 11

Mass of Healing/Anointing of the Sick at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lafayette. 10:00 am

February 23

Day of Recollection at St. Edmond Church, Lafayette. Those who wish to attend must purchase tickets in advance, no later than Feb 16. Please contact RaNelle Simon, 232=2849 for tickets.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS will be held on March 4th, at St. Peter's Church in New Iberia, to honor couples who have been married 50, 60 or more years. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate this special Mass and will give certificates suitable for framing to all couples being honored. A reception will follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. Registration will close on **February 17, 2012**. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life 261-5653.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

All young adults (ages 18-40, married or single) are invited to attend the Well! The Well is held every fourth Tuesday of the month at Sts. Peter and Paul in Scott, LA, and includes Praise and Worship, Adoration and a Guest Speaker (7:00-8:30pm). For more information please contact: thewell.lafayette@gmail.com or [Facebook.com/TheWell.Lafayette](https://www.facebook.com/TheWell.Lafayette).