



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**“Magi came from the east.  
The prostrated themselves and did him homage”  
Matthew 2:1-12**

An epiphany is the sudden realization or comprehension of the essence or meaning of something. The magi came from the east, probably present day Iran, to search for a newly born child that they believed would be the Messiah promised to the Israelites. They obviously had read the Torah and the prophets. They understood the essence or the meaning of the signs in the skies. They made a very arduous and dangerous trip through a hostile desert just to see the child; to prostrate themselves and pay him homage and give him valuable gifts. The child that they saw we now believe is Jesus, Son of Mary, who lived, died, and rose from the dead for our salvation and to give us an example of how to live in relation to our God. How far are we willing to travel to pay homage to Jesus? What inconveniences, difficulties and risk are we willing to endure to demonstrate our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. The magi were truly “wise men.” Are we an equally wise People of God?

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 8 - 14**

- Monday** - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday** - 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday** - 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-30
- Thursday** - 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday** - 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday** - 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday** - **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;  
Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday – December 31**

Envelopes (278).....	\$19,179.00
Loose .....	3,247.98
	<b>\$22,426.98</b>



**PRAY FOR:** Harold Haydel, Rev. Patrick O’Brien, Lucy Michel, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Judy P.Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffelh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Toups Miller, Kathy Folse, Florence Trahan, Melinda Fabre, Sylvia Chauvin, Keri Niette, Sandra Ellender, Steven Vowell, Pinky Boudreaux, Janice & Mark Windham, Stanley Cantrelle, Craig Louviere, Ralph Deroche, Mark Boudreaux, Carolyn Garrett, Lucille Hymel, Ken Watkins, Michael

A. Thibodaux, Tommy Molaison, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Jeanne Wurzlow, Mary Talbot, Casey Domangue, Ana Lefevre, Jennifer Dinger, Donna Dinger, Patricia Beacom, Ben Leary, Patty Haydel, Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Carol Collins, Aaron Robichaux, Taylor Riché, Sue Barker, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer and for all prayer shawl recipients.

**Pray for the repose of the soul of Delmae Breerwood.**

**PARISH NEWS**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - HELP NEEDED!**

Now that the Christmas Season is over, we are asking for volunteers to help with taking down the decorations and clean up in the Cathedral. The work will take place on Sunday, January 7th after the 5:30 PM Mass.



**CROSSROADS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER  
January 13-14**



Our church parish will be participating in a Baby Bottle Fundraiser next weekend, January 13 & 14, to help support Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center. Crossroads, located in Thibodaux, is a crisis pregnancy center serving women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy and who may be considering abortion. The complimentary services Crossroads provides include pregnancy tests, resources for pregnancy related concerns, ultrasound testing, abstinence education, abortion education and alternatives.

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS  
Church**

*In Loving Memory of John & Helen Saia* donated by Jeanne Saia.

*In Loving Memory of Diane Baker* donated by Bonnie Prosperie.

**Chapel**

*In Loving Memory of Robert Russo* donated by Family.



**LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS NEEDED:**  
 The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales is in need of Lectors and Commentators for all weekend Masses. You can be scheduled to commentate or lector at whatever Mass you attend. Please pray about this most important ministry - and call the Cathedral Office to sign up - or for more information. 985-876-6904

**FACEBOOK**

“Like” us on Facebook at the Cathedral of St. Francis DeSales Church – Houma to keep up with the latest happenings at the Cathedral.

**Contribution envelopes for the year 2018** have been mailed out. Please call the Cathedral office if you would like envelopes or if you did not receive your set.

**HOSPITAL VISITS**

We would like to inform our parishioners if you are entering the hospital or have a loved one currently in the hospital and you would like one of our priests to visit, you can contact the church office at 876-6904, or Father Joseph Chacko who is the Catholic Chaplin at the hospital whom you can call for emergencies. Just tell the staff at the hospital that you would like to meet with Father Joseph. When you register at the hospital, tell them that you are Catholic and your parish is St. Francis de Sales so your name can be placed on the directory; otherwise, the Chaplin or Parish Priest have no way of knowing that you are in the hospital.

**FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT MINISTRY**

Cooks and prepares meals every second Saturday of the month for the homebound, clergy and those in need. If you have the name and number of anyone who may benefit from these services or you would like to help please contact Roxane Haydel 876-5709.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Vandebilt Catholic High School 2018-2019 Registration will be held February 2-23, 2018.** Placement Test for incoming 8th graders will be administered on the VCHS campus on Saturday, January 20, 2018. You must register for the Placement Test through the school office. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a private tour, please call 985-876-2551 to speak with Mrs. Kayla Vicknair, Dean of Admissions and Student Activities.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE  
 Weekend of January 13-14**

**Commentators**

- 4:00 PM Madeline Picou
- 7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
- 9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
- 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
- 5:30 PM Carla Peeler

**Lectors**

- 4:00 PM Christa Duplantis Prather
- 7:00 AM Yvonne Fanguy
- 9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 11:00 AM Earl Eues
- 5:30 PM Wendy Picou



**Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl & Deborah Soudelier, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Paul Labat
- 9:00 AM Mary Ellender, Carolyn Dubois, Clayton & Kathy Lovell, Mona Prejean, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Rene & Julie Rhodes, Norman Simon, Dianna Olivier, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Bill Curth, Kim Sanvi, Volunteer, Volunteer

**Altar Servers**

- 4:00 PM Laura Seibert, Will Seibert, Zachary Miller
- 7:00 AM C.J. Stoufflet, John Breaux
- 9:00 AM Anne Morgan Simmons, Luryn Troclair, Sophia Distephano
- 11:00 AM Remy LeBouef, Addison Arcement, Emma Bennett
- 5:30 PM Andrew Molaison, Alexander Hernandez, Kenny Bowen

