

Cathedral Renovations

We have before us an awesome opportunity and a massive task: to raise \$2.8M to renovate St. Francis. Like the disciples in this past weekend's Gospel faced with feeding the multitudes, we may feel overwhelmed. So let us take our example from the Lord. First, he prayed. To that end, I invite you all to join me in praying together for the renovation ahead of us.

Secondly, I encourage you to make a one-time sacrificial gift for the Cathedral renovation. For a \$2.8M project, we have to have half of the funds on deposit to begin. So that's the sense of urgency for us today: to start the renovation in October, we need to have \$1.4M in hand.

Again, we can feel like the disciples faced with feeding the 5,000. But let's make the numbers more manageable. If each and every one of our registered parishioners would be able to make a one-time sacrificial gift of \$430.00, we could raise \$2.8M. Or if each registered household of parishioners would be able to make a one-time sacrificial gift of \$1,250.00, we could raise \$2.8M. That being said, we deeply aware that a widow living on a fixed income or a 5th grader could not make such a sacrificial offering. But, again all of us can pray: please pray that those who can afford to make a sacrificial gift will be generous enough to do so.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUG 6- 12

- Monday** - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
- Tuesday** - Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36
- Wednesday** - Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday** - Jer 21:31-34; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday** - SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR
2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
- Saturday** - Hb 1:12:2-4; Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday** - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30 – 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

PRAY FOR: Harold Haydel, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Judy Porche Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffelh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Toups Miller, Kathy Folse, 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, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Nelson Gonzalez, 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, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Norman Simon, Alaina Maiorana, Cassandra Rios, Charles Spence, Nell Kay, Isabella Cole, Kathy Savoie, Ken Pitre, Christina Sparks, Peter Cantrelle, Betty Olivier, Ursula M. Breaux, Pam Jarveaux Ford, Beryl Toups Odom, Wilbert Duplantis and for all prayer shawl recipients.
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Almus "Al" Boudreaux, Jr.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Church

In Loving Memory of John & Helen Saia donated by Jeanne Saia.
In Loving Memory of Diane Baker donated by Bonnie Prosperie.

BAPTISMS

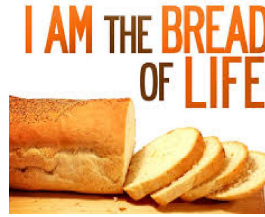
The Cathedral of St. Francis Parish welcomes our newest members, **HENRY MASON LORIO, GRACE KATHERINE PREJEAN** and **WYATT JAMES PELLEGRIN** who were baptized in Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

John 6:24-35

*“Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life.
What can we do to accomplish the works of God?”*

John 6:24-35



The disciples of Jesus were hardworking people who rarely traveled far from the place of their birth. His followers from Nazareth and around the sea of Galilee were intelligent, but the extent of their knowledge was limited to their role in the family or the skill they needed for their trade. It is understandable that when Jesus spoke to them about not working for food that perishes, but rather for food that endures for eternal life, they asked how to accomplish such “works of God.” When Jesus told them that he was the “bread of life” and that those who believed in him would never hunger or thirst, they had difficulty understanding how Jesus could be “food.” It would take time for them to realize that belief in all that Jesus did and said, and imitation of Jesus, is the “food” that does not perish and the “bread of eternal life.” They would eventually sacrifice much and give all to accomplish the “works of God.” Do we understand? Do we desire the “bread of eternal life?” How are we “accomplishing the works of God.”

Sunday – July 29

Envelopes (289).....	\$14,091.00
Loose	2,814.81
	\$16,905.81

PARISH NEWS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic Church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and beyond) wedding anniversary during 2018 to a Diocesan Prayer Service to be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow in the Life Center. If you wish to participate in this program, contact the cathedral office 876-6904, before August 24th, 2018 to register. All registered couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish during their scheduled parish celebration.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales is gearing up to begin RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions will begin in the fall, August 2018. If you - or someone you know - is interested in becoming Catholic - or would like to know more about the Catholic faith before making that decision, these sessions are for you!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process, a journey of faith, designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely are initiated into the Catholic Christian community. This faith journey is for adults who

1. have been Baptized in another faith tradition,
2. have been Baptized Catholic but have not celebrated First Communion or Confirmation, and have never received religious instruction in the Catholic faith,
3. or have never been Baptized in any faith.

These sessions are round table and begin with a period of Inquiry – a time where you are free to inquire about the Catholic Faith and have your questions answered. For more information or to register, contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904.

NATURAL DISASTERS

Does your Parish have a Matthew 25?

By definition, Matthew 25 is the parish volunteer disaster preparedness and response program for the diocese. That it is first a ministry and an ultimate opportunity for evangelization of God's people. The name of the ministry is taken from Matthew 25: 31-40.

Planning and preparing for disaster can make a big difference in being safe and expediting recovery efforts in our parish. As we thank God for sparing us any major disasters in our diocese for the last nine (9!) years we don't want to be complacent by not being prepared for this hurricane season.

Catholic Charities is holding refresher training throughout our diocese for the Matthew 25 Disaster Preparedness & Response Ministry. Please attend the meeting most convenient for you:

Re-group and refresher meetings

St. Joseph Life Center, Thibodaux
Wednesday August 1st @ 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm
Sacred Heart St. Joseph Hall, Morgan City
Wednesday August 8th @ 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm
St. Francis Youth Center, Houma
Saturday August 11th @ 9:00 am- 10:30 am
Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, Cut Off
Saturday August 25th @ 9:00 am- 10:30 am

New volunteers are especially welcome. Please call the Cathedral office or Catholic Charities (876-0490)

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER OF THE AMERICAS

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a service organization who works under the Motto of "Unity & Charity". They are comprised of Catholic women age 18 years or older. Their mission is to work for the whole church, nationally and locally. Members of various courts in surrounding areas will be outside before and after all masses August 18 & 19 and will be taking names of women who may be interested in joining the Catholic Daughters for St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. Please prayerfully consider taking this step and answering yes to God's call. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Dawn Fortenberry, First Vice State Regent at 225-324-8610 or dawniecda@yahoo.com.



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

- is a Holy Day with Obligation.

Mass times: 5:30PM Vigil, 6:30AM, 12:05PM & 5:30PM



YOUTH NEWS

CCD

The opening class will begin with a Mass at 5:30pm on Monday, August 20th. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Jane Lirette at 856-5488.

CONFIRMATION

There will be a mandatory meeting for ALL Confirmation Candidates and Parents on Sunday, August 19th, at 4 PM in the cathedral. We would like both parents and the candidates to attend this meeting. Confirmation volunteers are needed! Direct any questions or concerns to Mrs. Jane Lirette at 985-856-5488.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy is in need of volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy techs. The volunteer commitment is generally one morning every four to six weeks. The pharmacy is in operation on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the pharmacy at 985-872-2253.

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS

The session will provide information for middle and low income people who wish to become first-time homeowners. Pre-purchase counseling and credit counseling are included.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 ~ 6:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

St. Luke Community Center 300 E. 10th Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301
Please RSVP: 985-446-0487 ext. 202 to reserve your spot by Wednesday, September 5, 2018

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of August 11 - 12
Commentators

4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM Denise Dover
9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Lectors

4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
7:00 AM Jerry Dover
9:00 AM James Watkins
11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
5:30 PM Christa Duplantis-Prather

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Mary Ann Rodrigue, Judith Archia, Anita Pearson, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Dolly Duplantis
9:00 AM Mona Prejean, Nellie Chemin, Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Volunteer, Volunteer
11:00 AM Rene & Julie Rhodes, Michael D'Angelo, Jude Laperouse, Gail Guillot, Volunteer
5:30 PM Carol Domangue, Jenny & Curtis Briggs, Melanie Babin, Abigail Lirette, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Marly Johnson, Misha Johnson, William Deroche
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM Presley Theriot, Luryn Trosclair, Anne Morgan Simmons
11:00 AM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee
5:30 PM Lily Domangue, Kenny Bowen, Anissa Holekamp



Prayer for Hurricane Protection

Lord Jesus Christ, Creator, and Lord of the universe,

You have set the earth on its foundation

All element of nature obeys your command.

While on earth you save your apostles from perishing

in the storm by calming the wind and wave

on your command.

We humbly beseech you our precious Lord,

to protect us from the unpredictable elements of nature

keep us safe during hurricane season

and give us the favorable weather.

Please help us to calm all the storms of

life that threaten us:

most especially from the destruction of hurricanes,

Help us to remain safe in your refuge

And be grateful for all you have done for us.

In Jesus Name we ask,

Amen.

