

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 18 - 24

- Monday** - 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday** - 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday** - 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday** - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- Friday** - 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday** - 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday** - **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



PRAY FOR: Harold Haydel, Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Lucy Michel, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Garland and Judy P.Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffelh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Toups Miller, Kathy Folse, Rhea Barker, Florence Trahan, Melinda Fabre, Sylvia Chauvin, Keri Niette, Sandra Ellender, Steven Vowell, Pinky Boudreaux, Janice & Mark Windham, Stanley Cantrelle, Craig Louviere, Ralph Deroche, Tracy Scott, Mark Boudreaux, Carolyn Garrett, Clem Huerstel, Laura Champagne, Lucille Himel, Shirley Romano Guidroz, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, Ken Watkins, Michael A. Thibodaux, Tommy Molaison, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Darlene Pellegrin and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Dickerson and Rene Ghirardi.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Church**

In Loving Memory of C. G. Keplinger donated by his wife Jean.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday – September 10**

Envelopes (331).....	\$12,906.50
Loose	2,785.61
	\$15,692.11
Hurricane Relief.....	\$10,566.02

PARISH NEWS

ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

The Adult Confirmation Course is set to begin on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Youth Center. This course is offered to those who are at least 20 years of age and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion, but have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be seven sessions, with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, with the final session on January 11, 2018. Confirmation is scheduled for the parish on Sunday, January 14th, 2018. For more information, or to register, please contact the Cathedral office at 876-6904.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION
September 23rd- 24th**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Francis de Sales Conference. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. St. Vincent de Paul Society serves the needs of the poor with food, rent, and utilities who live within our parish boundaries. Our only source of income is the poor box donations and funds are low. Year to date we have spent \$15,000 serving families within our parish boundary with food, rent, and utility needs.

**Bread or Stones Update
Tutoring Volunteers Needed!!**

Leaders with the Bread or Stones Campaign from St. Francis de Sales and St. Matthew's Episcopal met with the new principal at Legion Park Elementary School. Although funding has already been obtained for tutoring in grades 1 and 4, it has been determined that several volunteers will be needed for tutoring youth in grades 2, 3, 5, and 6. The principal is hoping to begin the tutoring in October; it will be held at Legion Park School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 3:35 pm until 4:35 pm and will be offered in segments of 4 to 8 weeks. It appears that the grade for the school has gone down since last year to an "F" rating and the number of children on free lunch is now 100%. Learning in a large group with no assistance in the home leaves little room for success for many of these children. If you can help in any way, please contact Cathy in the Cathedral office at 876-6904 for more info. Education is the key that will allow these children to leave poverty behind. Please prayerfully consider your part in their future.



BREAD or STONES

WHY WE BELIEVE / REDISCOVER YOUR FAITH

The Cathedral Parish is offering parishioners the opportunity to view the 8-week video study on Why We Believe, addressing the most commonly asked questions about the Catholic faith. This study is also available online and can be viewed on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Learn more and sign up on our diocesan website at hdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve.

Upcoming dates/times:

Sun, Sept 17 -	10:15 a.m.	K.C. Hall
Wed, Sept 20 -	10:00 a.m.	K.C. Hall
Thu, Sept 21 -	6:30 p.m.	K.C. Hall
Sun, Sept 24 -	10:15 a.m.	YC
Wed, Sept 27 -	10:00 a.m.	YC
Thu, Sept 28 -	6:30 p.m.	YC
Sun, Oct 1 -	10:15 a.m.	YC
Wed, Oct 4 -	10:00 a.m.	YC
Thu, Oct 5 -	6:30 p.m.	YC



**Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales
Journey of Hope
Bereavement Support Group**

Journey of Hope seeks to walk the journey of grief with others in the hope that by compassionate listening and sharing of our own experience, we can provide avenues of healing which will bring to those who grieve a renewal of faith and hope.

The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales will offer two 8-week support sessions to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. The first will be offered on Wednesday evenings, September 27th through November 15th, 2017, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the small meeting room of the Youth Center. A separate 8-week session will be offered on Thursday mornings, from October 19th through December 14th 2017, from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, also in the small meeting room of the Youth Center. Please call the rectory office at 876-6904 to register or for more information.

YOUTH NEWS



MARCH FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
Youth Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.

For students 10th – 12th grade

January 15-20, 2018



Join us for a life-changing experience that will take you from Louisiana to the White House. We will join the hundreds of thousands from across America taking a stand for life!

Dates & Deadlines:

October 6th – (Group Leader Deadline) Registration Forms and \$300 deposit per participant due

November 29 – Mandatory Meeting Youth and Leaders
6:30-8:00 PM Diocesan Pastoral Center

November 29th -\$350 (remaining balance)

All participants must register with their Church Parish group. Catholic School students can return registration forms to their school campus minister. If more information get to www.htdiocese.org/M4L

PRIEST CONVENTION

All the active priests in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will be attending the Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans, beginning Tuesday, September 19 thru Thursday, September 21. A 5:30 p.m. mass will be celebrated next week at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, Monday – Thursday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOUMA LIFE CHAIN



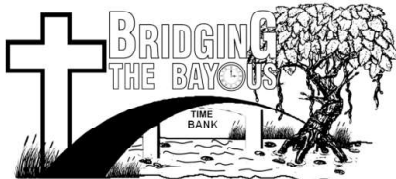
The Annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 1st from 2-3 (rain or shine). Those participating will line the median of Tunnel Boulevard in Houma and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. Pick up signs at Mr. Ronnie's

Donuts. St. Francis parishioners will meet at Creole Lanes Bowling Alley. Join with other pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN".

Constitution Week is September 17-23

Fly the Flag!

Sponsored by: *the Daughters of the American Revolution*



BRIDGING THE BAYOUS TIMEBANK

Have you ever wanted to learn something new or have some work done around your home but you didn't have the money to do it? Do you have a skill that others could use? Catholic Charities is proud to announce it's newest program, Bridging the Bayous Timebank. The program's operation is simple. When you join and become a member of Bridging the Bayous Timebank, for every hour of service you provide to a Timebank Member, you will be given one hour of someone else's service to assist you with things you need help with around your home or in learning something new. To find out more about this exciting program, please visit our website at <https://www.htdiocese.org/bridging-the-bayous-timebank>

SON RISE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

The second annual Son Rise Christian Music Festival is set for Saturday, October 7th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Come out and enjoy a full day of the area's top Christian bands and performers, including More Than Sunday, Metanoia, Christian solo artist, Katelyn Danos, Christian soul and R&B artist, D.J. Rhodes, and Christian rap artist, Kaelan Levy, as well as Elevate, Cross Church, and Calling All Creation. Enjoy incredible Louisiana Cuisine, along with numerous Christian artisans and displays. It's all happening outdoors on the parking lot at the Houma Civic Center on Barrow Street on October 7th. Admission is free. Complete details can be found online at sonrisemusicfest.net. Y'all come and help us make a joyful noise!

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of September 23-24

Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
7:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM Carla Peeler



Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM Mindy Scott
9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl & Deborah Soudelier, Becky Badeaux, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, Paul Labat, Gail Leconte, Carla Exnicious
9:00 AM Mary Ellender, Darlene Pellegrin, Mona Prejean, Madeline Picou, Kelli Cazayoux, Volunteer
11:00 AM Bill & Ellen Blanchard, Jude Laperouse, Abigail Lirette, Dianna Olivier, Volunteer
5:30 PM Tammy Blanchard, Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Bill Curth, Randy Bethancourt, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Evan Besson, Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere
7:00 AM Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Gage Scott
9:00 AM Emily Cazayoux, Claire Cazayoux, Sophia Distephano
11:00 AM Remy LeBouef, Lucia Pizzolato, Lily Gros
5:30 PM Delsin Blanchard, Sadie Viator, Anissa Holekamp

Prayer for Safety in 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 in 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.

By the Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981)
Former Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church
Second Bishop of Lafayette, Louisiana