



**PARISH NEWS**

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

The second collection this weekend is in support of 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.

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 25 – OCT 1**

- Monday** - Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday** - Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday** - **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday** - Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday** - **SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday** - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday** - **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Ez 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

**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 Troups 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, Laura Champagne, Lucille Hymel, Shirley Romano Guidroz, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, Ken Watkins, Michael A. Thibodaux, Tommy Molaison, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Darlene Pellegrin, Jeanne Wurzlowl, Jennifer Dinger, Charlie Hebert and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Pray for the repose of the soul of Kip Pierce, Jr.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

**Church**

*In Loving Memory of Ellen Monteiro*  
donated by Krewe of Nix Sisters.

*In Loving Memory of Joel P., David & Hedy Bergeron*  
donated by Rev. C. Paul, Carroll & Carol Bergeron.

*In Loving Memory of Gabrielle Hebert*  
donated by Todd, Rachel & Madeline Hebert.

**Chapel**

*In Loving Memory of Gabrielle Hebert*  
donated by Todd, Rachel & Madeline Hebert.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Sunday – September 17**

Envelopes (300).....	\$12,186.50
Loose .....	3,099.36
	<b>\$15,285.86</b>

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are in Loving Memory of Megan Hitt, Gabrielle Hebert, T.J. Cantrelle and Ian Haydel donated by Cindy Hitt

**BAPTISMS**

The Cathedral of St. Francis Parish welcomes our newest members, **AVERY LYNN HUBER, ALCIDE JUNIUS CLEMENT, THERESE ELIZABETH PREJEAN** and **BRADLEY MARIE PREJEAN** who were baptized in Christ.

**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.

**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 join us for 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 [htdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve](http://htdiocese.org/WhyWeBelieve).



**Upcoming dates/times in the Youth Center:**

Sun, Sept 24 - 10:15 a.m.	Sun, Oct 1 - 10:15 a.m.	Sun, Oct 8 - 10:15 a.m.
Wed, Sept 27 - 10:00 a.m.	Wed, Oct 4 - 10:00 a.m.	Wed, Oct 11 - 10:00 a.m.
Thu, Sept 28 - 6:30 p.m.	Thu, Oct 5 - 6:30 p.m.	Thu, Oct 12 - 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF  
Next weekend, Sept 30 – Oct 1**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a second collection to assist affected areas in recovering from Hurricane Irma. At the Cathedral parish, this second collection will be taken up the weekend of September 30th and October 1st. The proceeds of the collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**1st RECONCILIATION - 1st COMMUNION**

Sacramental Information Packets for Sacramental Prep have been mailed out to candidates. If you have not received a packet and you feel your child is eligible, please call Mrs. Jane Lirette 856-5488. Any parishioner that has a child in 2nd grade preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation must return a completed registration form, copy of baptism certificate, and \$30.00 fee, no later than Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

**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 got to [www.htdiocese.org/M4L](http://www.htdiocese.org/M4L)

**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".

**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](http://sonrisemusicfest.net). Y'all come and help us make a joyful noise!

**RACE FOR LIFE 5K WALK/RUN**

Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life is sponsoring the annual Race for Life 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, October 7th at Broadmoor Park in Houma. Pick up a flyer at the entrances of church for more details, or register online at [www.imathlete.com/events/RaceforLife](http://www.imathlete.com/events/RaceforLife). Leave footprints for those who cannot!

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend of September 30 – October 1**

**Commentators**

**4:00 PM** Carlisle Jukes  
**7:00 AM** Jerry Dover  
**9:00 AM** James Watkins  
**11:00 AM** Earl Eues  
**5:30 PM** Christa Duplantier Prather

**Lectors**

**4:00 PM** Tommy Chauvin  
**7:00 AM** Denise Dover  
**9:00 AM** Nathan Meidinger  
**11:00 AM** Mindy Scott  
**5:30 PM** Wendy Picou

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**4:00 PM** Judith Archila, Mary Ann Rodrigue, Anita Pearson, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer  
**7:00 AM** John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Mark Spence  
**9:00 AM** Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred, Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Volunteer, Volunteer  
**11:00 AM** Carol Domangue, Carol Collins, Norman Simon, Michael D'Angelo, Volunteer, Volunteer  
**5:30 PM** Ed & Joni Huerstel, Gina Danos, Gail Gulliot, Volunteer, Volunteer

**Altar Servers**

**4:00 PM** Laura Seibert, Will Seibert, Alice Kelly  
**7:00 AM** C.J. Stoufflet, John Breaux  
**9:00 AM** Connor Hebert, Caleb Hebert, Seth Cunningham, Corey Hebert, Coryn Cunningham, Madison Henry  
**11:00 AM** Zachary Miller, Kade Twiner, Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Lily Domangue, Evan Besson  
**5:30 PM** Matthew King, Madeline Sonnier, Maria de la Torre



**Prayer for the Protection from Hurricanes**

*Our father in Heaven, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us from all harm during this hurricane season and protect us and our homes from all disasters. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.*