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# **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday-Communion Service at 12:10pm Tuesday-Friday Mass at 12:10pm Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am Holy Day Mass Schedule will be announced CONFESSIONS

Saturday—4:00-4:45pm Sunday—8:00-8:45am & 10:45-11:15am

# **PARISH STAFF**

Pastor: Fr V. Wayne LeBleu Deacon: Al Weinnig

Director of Religious Education: Julie Roussel Asst. Director of Religious Ed: Tobi Ebarb Parish Secretary: Julie Roussel Parish Bookkeeper: Aimee Brasseaux

Music Minister: Sheila Manning

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA): Angela Lannen Youth Ministers: Danny Hernandez, Julie Roussel

Maintenance Head: Larry LaLande

# PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center	337-463-6878
Music Ministry	337-348-9367
Education Building	337-463-6878
St Joseph Hall	337-463-6878
Youth Ministry	337-396-5578

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

The couple preparing for marriage must contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the desired time. Confirmation of date of wedding must be made by the priest officiating the wedding.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Pastoral Center to schedule an interview and register for Baptism. 337-463-6878 **ADORATION** 

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday after the 12:10pm Mass from 12:40 to 4:00pm, ending with Benediction at 4:00pm.

# **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the funeral liturgy.

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Office closed 12:00 noon - 1:00pm

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Remember, Reflect, Respond

This feast has had several names through history. Strangely, the title that is most confusing to non-Catholics is the official one. When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are not saying that she somehow preceded God or is equal to God. We are simply recognizing that her human son Jesus is also the divine Son of God.

Today's Gospel records one simple action of Mary: to keep these things in her heart. Even in this simple sentence we are given a good example of being a disciple. Like Mary, we need to both keep, or remember, what God has done, and to reflect on what we remember. First, how much do we remember about what God has done for us? How well do we know the stories of salvation found in the scriptures? Do we recall the prayers God has answered, the guidance given, the love of God that others have shown us, the times God has forgiven us?

Second, how much do we reflect on what God has done? Even if we have many memories of God's goodness to us, we also need to pray over them and ask ourselves how we have changed because of what God has done. Do I forgive hurts more readily? Do I share my faith with my family or friends? Do I support my parish with my time or offerings? Let us ask God's help to imitate Mary by remembering and reflecting. Tom Schmidt

## Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios Recordar, reflexionar, responder

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oficial. Cuando llamamos a María la Madre de Dios, no estamos diciendo que ella de alguna manera precedió a Dios o que sea igual a Dios.

Simplemente estamos reconociendo que Jesús, su hijo humano, también es el Hijo divino de Dios.

El Evangelio de hoy registra una simple acción de María: guardar estas cosas en su corazón. Incluso en esta sencilla frase se nos da un buen ejemplo de cómo ser discípulo. Como María, tenemos que guardar o recordar lo que Dios ha hecho y reflexionar sobre lo que recordamos. Primero, ¿cuánto recordamos lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros? ¿Qué tan bien conocemos las historias de salvación que se encuentran en las Escrituras? ¿Recordamos las oraciones que Dios ha respondido, como nos ha guiado, el amor de Dios que otros nos han mostrado, y las veces que Dios nos ha perdonado?

Segundo, ¿cuánto reflexionamos sobre lo que Dios ha hecho? Incluso si tenemos muchos recuerdos de la bondad de Dios hacia nosotros, también debemos orarlos y preguntarnos cómo hemos cambiado debido a lo que Dios ha hecho. ¿Perdono las heridas más fácilmente? ¿Comparto mi fe con mi familia o amigos? ¿Apoyo a mi parroquia con mi tiempo u ofrendas? Pidamos la ayuda de Dios para imitar a María recordando y reflexionando.

Tom Schmidt



# Prayer Corner

O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world;

safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfill their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven. Amen.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	1	12:10 pm	Jane Donnelly
Tues	2	12:10 pm	Jane Donnelly
Wed	3	12:10 pm	Fr. Henry Bakker Coburg
Wed	3	12:40-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	4	12:10 pm	Geraldine Richard
Fri	29	12:10 pm	Geraldine Richard

#### Jan 6th & Jan 7th, 2024

Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm: for all Parishioners & Visitors

Sunday, 9:00am: Beauregard Parish Doctors, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Dirk Robinson, Family of Jayne Robinson, Walter Gagliano, Special Intention, William Libert, Lori Bruce, Loretta Mertins Manuel, Jessie & Vida Miller

**Sunday, 11:30am** Trishia Skinner, Pat Trunick, Ray Trunick, David & Kathy Pendley, Therese & Bill Pendley, Bart Fazio, Gualalupe Mendoza, Rose Broussard, Bethany Guidry, Sheila Guidry, Adrian Guidry

Offertory for Dec 23rd & 24th				
Offertory	\$	TBA		
Bishop's Services Appeal		TBA		
Insurance		TBA		

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

The 2nd collections for the Month

1st weekend of the month is-Bishop's Services Appeal

3rd weekend of the month is-Insurance

<u>Cereal for God's Food Box</u> is collected on the 2nd weekend of the month

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

# <u>Liturgical Ministers Schedule</u> Jan 6th & Jan 7th, 2024

**Extraordinary Ministers** 

5:00pm Charlie Lannen, Angela Lannen

Janie Marin, Nancy Simmons

9:00am Deacon Al, Glenn Granger
Melinda Granger Katia Wainnia

Melinda Granger, Katie Weinnig

11:30am Deacon Al, John Burch

Theresa Stout, Tara Lestage

Lectors

5:00pm 9:00am 11:30am

Rosemary Lestage Dwain Ducote Vanessa Walker

Altar Servers

5:00pm Jude Lowe

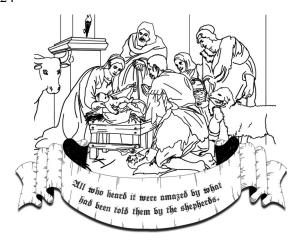
9:00am AJ Deb, Ethan Deb

**11:30am** Ethan Thompson, Macie McBride

# **Upcoming Announcements**

Altar Society will have their meeting Feb 19th, 2024 @ 6pm in the Education Bld.

The Pastoral Center will be closed Dec 25th -Jan 1st, 2024



"Despues de verdo, contaron lo que se les habia dicho De aquel nino, y quantos los oian quedeban maravillados"

<u>Father Wayne</u>, (celebrating his 30th Anniversary of **Priesthood**) is planning a 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Pilgrimage dates: 05/26/2025—06/04/2025.

Brochures are available in the Foyer and the Pastoral Center.

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 31, 2023

**Sunday** Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary

and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother

Monday of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of

the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

WednesdayMemorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7 -11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Sunday** The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-

3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### **RCIA** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We continue to pray for Catechumen, Joshua O'Bryan, Breeana Sexton who is preparing for her initiation in the Christian Faith by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter and Roxanne Carriere, Erin Russell and Sean Ledesma who will enter into the fullness of the faith through completing their sacraments.

• The Vocation Cross is suspended until the 1st weekend of the New Year. Please pray for our Parish Priest during these weeks of the Holy Season.



Men of St Joseph, come and join many of your Brothers in Christ at the <u>Annual Men's Silent Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Choteau</u>, <u>January 18-21</u>, 2024

Call Darryl Fontenot for info at 462-2323.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please see bulletin boards at each entrance for all upcoming events within the parish and the diocese.

Also visit our website at: www.stjosephderidder.org