



MINISTRY GUIDEBOOK



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SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart,

I am pleased to share with you our 2026-2027 Ministry Guide for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. This booklet is intended to serve as a reference guide for both long-time and new parishioners. I pray that you find it to be a useful resource to see how God is working in our Parish community.

Contained herein is our Parish mission statement, contact information for our Parish staff, Mass schedules, sacramental guidelines, and information about the many ministries our Parish offers.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish supports all three aspects of Stewardship: Prayer, Finance, and Ministry. In this Stewardship of Ministry effort, we acknowledge God's blessing and our response. When parishioners offer gifts of service, the Church grows in grace, honoring God's call and reflecting the nature of shared commitment in Parish life.

Each parishioner is called to be actively involved, for the good of others and to the glory of God. Every year is an opportunity for fresh or renewed participation. Please pray and consider the ways God might use you to serve Him. You can contact the Parish Office or go online to get involved in ministry at Sacred Heart.

This annual guide is provided at no cost to our members of the Parish, but through the generosity of advertisers, many of whom are members of Sacred Heart. Please support those who make this guide book possible. May God bless you for all you do for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and School.

In Christ

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MISSION STATEMENT

Blessed with the unique gift of our ethnic, economic, and cultural diversity, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church exists to love God and make disciples of all nations in the geographical boundaries of our Parish and beyond through our devotion to the breaking of the bread, prayer, fasting, and the teaching of Jesus by the Apostles (Acts 2:42)

PARISH ADDRESSES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

SACRED HEART OF JESUSCHURCH

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Baton Rouge, LA 70802-3198

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday: CLOSED

(The office closes daily from 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM for lunch
The office closes weekly on Wednesdays from
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM for All-Staff Prayer/Meeting)

SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 7:15 AM - 3:00 PM
Summer Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

DAILY MASS

Tuesday: 6:00 PM
Wednesday & Friday*: 8:00 AM
Thursday: 6:00 AM

*Friday Mass is celebrated with the school children when school is in session

NOVENA OF DIVINE MERCY

Follows 8:00 AM Mass each Wednesday for the nine (9) weeks leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Monthly October through June only
Confessions at 11:00 AM followed by First Friday Mass 12:00 PM and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Monthly September through May only
Mass at 8:00 AM followed by fellowship and service in the community.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration Chapel Hours: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily
The adoration chapel is located behind the Church. Contact the Parish Office for the code to enter. Note: security detail is not provided all hours.

HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

FUNERAL PLANNING

Please call the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Registered parishioners should contact Deacon Clayton Hollier in the Parish Office. Parents who wish to have a baby baptized must attend a baptismal seminar along with the Godparents. Seminars are offered on the first Tuesday of every other month at 6:00 PM.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Hospitalized and homebound parishioners should contact the Parish Office to receive Holy Communion.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 5:30 PM
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 AM
Thursday: 6:30 AM
Saturday: 3:00 PM

CONFIRMATION

Sacramental preparation begins in the 7th grade. All qualified parishioners due to receive the Sacrament should contact the Parish office at the beginning of the academic year. Visit the website for more information.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to reserve the Church. According to the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, marriage preparation process must begin at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

HOLY ORDERS

Men discerning the call to the priesthood or the diaconate should contact the Office of Vocations at the Diocese at 225-387-0561.

WE PRAY, WE GIVE, WE SERVE

“Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along
with those who call on the Lord with purity of heart”

2 Timothy 2:22

As Servant and Stewards,

WE PRAY

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.” (Acts 2:42) Empowered by and renewed in the Spirit, the first century disciples prayed for God’s leading and direction, a commitment we share. In today’s busy world, daily prayer time often gets lost. Stewardship of Prayer infuses our Parish with God’s spirit and is the cornerstone for the other two aspects of total stewardship: ministry and finance.

WE GIVE

The apostles established a very high standard for committed financial investment in offering more than their time and leadership ability—they gave all they had. They “had all things in common. They would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to one’s need.” (Acts 2:44-5) Through online giving and weekly contribution envelopes, parishioners and friends follow the model of the apostles and meet the financial obligations of the Parish.

WE SERVE

The first disciples were committed to following the example set forth by the Messiah, their Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. “Many wonders and signs were done through the apostles” (Acts 2:43) those who were “praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.” (Acts 2:47) As is true for us, their ministry not only benefited those with whom they worshiped, but their good works extended significant ministry to the entire community.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Our team of disciples will encounter the Heart of Jesus in prayer, engage our community in discipleship, and equip our parishioners to become disciple makers on earth and saints in heaven.

As Servant and Stewards,

WE ENCOUNTER

We encounter the Heart of Jesus daily in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel, and communal prayer through our Advent Liturgy of the Hours, Lenten Stations of the Cross, nights of praise, and more, knowing that prayer is essential to building and strengthening our relationship with Christ.

WE ENGAGE

We engage our neighbors, school families, and registered parishioners in discipleship through small group Bible studies, sacramental preparation programs, retreat and mission trip opportunities, liturgical ministries, and outreach opportunities to our brothers and sisters experiencing poverty.

WE EQUIP

We equip our community with formation and resources through educational programs, seminars, workshops, and more so together we can console the Heart of Jesus and cultivate unity in the Body of Christ on earth as it is in heaven by going out and making disciples of all nations.

(Matt 28:19 & John 17:11)



SACRED HEART
OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Their mission is to evaluate and modify the goals and objectives of the Parish and provide advice to the Pastor on various issues.

More specifically, the Pastoral Council members are recognized spiritual leaders in our Parish who are stewards of the spiritual development of the community. They keep in touch with the values, hopes, dreams, and desires of the parishioners and translate those into future directions for the Parish. They serve to enable fellow parishioners to get involved in the various ministries of the Parish.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Germain Bienvenu
LaMiesa Bonton
Dee Dee Culotta
Tiffany Dykes, Business Manager
Perry Franklin
Sharon Jones, School Principal
Kristina Miremont
Jennifer Monette, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis
Jenny Morales, Director of Integration
Scott Ritter
Ruba Thomas-Anderson
Fr. Josh Johnson, Pastor
Deacon Clayton Hollier, Permanent Deacon
Deacon Michael Parker, Digital Evangelization & Youth Minister

ACTS RETREATS (MEN'S & WOMEN'S)

An ACTS Retreat is a Parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This in turn fosters a desire for intentional discipleship. ACTS Retreats are given by parishioners for parishioners, and in this way, serve to build Christian community at the Parish. Utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Members facilitate the annual Advent Giving Tree program by preparing the gift lists for the trees and collecting and distributing the Christmas gifts.

ALTAR SERVERS

Boys & girls in fourth grade and older who assist at liturgical celebrations.

Servers are scheduled on a rotating basis and as needed for special occasions. This ministry is also available to high school students and adults. Requirements include: Baptized Catholic; willingness to serve weddings and funerals on occasion; practicing faith (i.e., Sunday Mass attendance, yearly Confession, daily prayer); must attend a training class, and have parental consent.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Men and women of the Parish who take care of the Church and help with general cleaning, caring for the linens, cleaning candlesticks, holy water fonts, etc. The group is divided into teams and each team meets approximately once per month.

AMATA CHRISTI*

Ministry designed for high school girls throughout the Parish featuring nights of praise and Bible Study groups.

BAKING TEAM

Members prepare baked items for Parish events such as receptions and welcoming new parishioners. Members participate on a rotating basis as needed for events.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (OCIA)

Becoming Catholic (OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process by which adults who are interested in the Catholic faith may attend and inquire about the beliefs and practices of our faith. People of other faiths, those who have never been Baptized and/or Confirmed or were Baptized earlier in life but never completed initiation into the Church are welcome to join the group. Each meeting includes one or more short presentations, Question and Answer sessions about the Catholic Church and its beliefs, and ends with night prayer.

BIBLE STUDIES/SMALL GROUPS

Individuals gather in small groups to pray and study scripture. Parishioners are invited to attend and lead Bible Studies throughout the year.

CHURCH CHOIR

Music ministry at the 11 AM Sunday Mass and for seasonal celebrations.
Minimum age is 8th grade.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Volunteers prepare, serve, and oversee the weekly Coffee & Donuts following the 9 AM Mass and occasionally the 11 AM Mass.

COR JESU MEN'S GROUP*

An intergenerational group of men and boys from the Parish committed to growing in holiness through prayer, mentorship, formation, discipleship.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Parishioners participating in service opportunities and projects to support, uplift, and celebrate the community making up the Church geographical boundaries. Service examples are listed below and new ideas are welcome!

LITTER MINISTRY: Serve in groups to keep the school, Church, and neighborhood streets clean by picking up litter along the grounds.

CEMETERY CARE: Care for the plant life and grounds of the historic Sweet Olive Cemetery down the street from Sacred Heart.

DISASTER RELIEF

Volunteers help with planning, preparation, and education for times of disaster and aftermath of disasters (hurricanes, floods, chemical spills, etc.)

DOROTHY DAY CAFÉ

Volunteers serve free coffee in the café creating intentional space for the Church, school, and neighborhood community to gather in fellowship.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Parishioners who administer Holy Communion at Masses and bring the Sacrament to homebound parishioners. Training is required. Ministers are scheduled on a rotating basis. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

Teams of volunteers shelve donated food and pack bags of food for distribution into the surrounding community. Volunteers must be able to lift 10 to 15 pounds. Volunteers help load the SVdP team member vehicles with the bags of food for distribution every other Saturday morning.

GREETERS

Volunteers are a welcoming face for those who enter our Church. Greeters help pass out materials and may also be asked to assist in other ways for special liturgies, feasts or special programs held in the Church. The only requirement is a friendly smile and a desire to make parishioners and visitors feel welcome at Sacred Heart. Greeter assignments are on a rotating basis; no scheduled meetings for this ministry.

*The Diocese of Baton Rouge is committed to certifying our employees and volunteers for ministry among minors and vulnerable adults. All volunteers 18 years of age or older who work with children or vulnerable adults in any capacity must fulfill a criminal background check and training prior to participation in ministry.

Call the Parish office at 225-387-6671 for more information.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OF FAITH ROSARY GROUP

Parishioners committed to gather weekly in person or online to pray the rosary and share faith in a small group. The groups focus on rosary meditations offered by the Holy Family School of Faith. Contact the Parish Office for more information or visit schooloffaith.com to preview the meditations.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Ministers visit and pray with parishioners who are hospitalized at Our Lady of the Lake Medical Center and Baton Rouge General Hospital. Minimum age is 18. Commitment involves one hour per week on a rotating basis according to a schedule issued semi-annually.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Members prepare for fellowship events throughout the year. They help with planning, decorating, providing refreshments, serving, and clean-up. Sometimes this committee is asked to help with socials for other ministries. Commitment involves 4-5 hours, two or three times per year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A national Catholic fraternal organization for men 18 and older, dedicated to promoting the virtues of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Msgr. Dominic Blasco Council #3298 members are involved in service projects fundraisers, and more. They also sponsor Coffee & Donuts monthly for the Parish. Commitment involves monthly meetings in the Parish Hall and quarterly Mass. Dues are required.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER

A national Catholic fraternal organization for men 18 and older. The Order engages in national service projects and is committed to serving God and His holy Church, promoting Catholic fellowship, standing for social justice issues, and supporting its members and the community.

LECTORS

Parishioners who proclaim the Word of God at Masses and other services. Lectors are scheduled on a rotating basis. Training is required. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

MID CITY MISSION*

Annual summer service mission for 9th grade through 12th grade students and young adults to serve and share the Gospel with those in need within the Parish boundaries.

NURSING HOME VISITATION

Volunteers help with monthly Masses at local nursing homes by setting up for Mass, reading, and administering Holy Communion.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Provides office assistance to the Parish staff, such as answering the phone, data entry, stuffing envelopes, etc. Volunteers contacted as needed. Adults and older teens are welcome.

OFFERTORY COUNTERS

Tabulators sort, count, and prepare deposits. Involves about two hours at an assigned time on a rotating basis.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)*

Teachers and volunteers* provide religious education for non-parochial school students. Training is provided for various tasks, such as teaching, copying materials, speaking to classes, etc. Teachers must be 18 or older and confirmed Catholics. Volunteers assist with First Communion & Reconciliation, Dominus Project events, and Parish Confirmation.

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PRAYER LINE

Parishioners on the Prayer Line are notified of prayer intentions that are received by the Church Office and asked to intercede for the individuals/families requesting prayer.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM: Members assist with Baptismal Seminars and Baptisms scheduled every other month. Training is provided.

MARRIAGE: Couples married sacramentally for more than five years are encouraged to become mentor couples in Sacred Heart's Witness to Love marriage preparation process. Mentor couples need no experience and will receive training and materials. Each mentor couple serves on average once every three years, meeting with an assigned engaged couple to walk with them as they prepare for marriage.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

SOBER HEARTS

Dedicated Open Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings hosted weekly on Sundays at 5 PM in the Activity Center Fr. Blasco Room. Meetings follow the traditional AA format creating a space where participants can share their experiences with others who understand the challenges they face. Anyone with a desire to stop drinking, whether it be a first meeting or following years of sobriety, is welcome. No fees or registration required.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY, SACRED HEART CONFERENCE (SVDP)*

Members meet every other Wednesday and Saturday to provide emergency assistance to the needy in our area. Volunteers maintain the Food Pantry, process assistance request calls, visit families in their homes in teams of two, and engage other forms of outreach to the poor. Minimum age is 16.

ST. SEBASTIAN MINISTRY

The purpose of the St. Sebastian Ministry is to share our gifts and talents with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and School community specifically toward the maintenance of our iconic baseball field. Volunteers share their gifts and time two to four hours per month maintaining the grounds and field.

SUPPER CLUB

Seasonal ministry hosted in the Fall and Spring, parishioners sign up to be placed in a Supper Club group which aims to gather once a month for dinner and fellowship based on their schedules. The Fall season runs September-February and the Spring season runs March-August.

USHER SOCIETY

Women and men at weekend liturgies who greet parishioners, coordinate offertory processions, collect offerings, etc. You may serve at the Mass of your choice. Minimum age is 14.

VAGABOND MISSIONS*

Volunteers and supporters work to uplift the efforts of the local Vagabond missionaries in serving inner-city youth in the area. For more information, please contact the Vagabond missionaries.

VOCATIONS

Individuals who work toward increasing awareness of the need for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May assist with vocations retreats and events at the Parish throughout the year.

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WELCOME COMMITTEE

Members provide hospitality to new parishioners with phone calls, cards, visits, etc. Volunteers offer to visit with new families and bring a welcome packet and answer questions about Sacred Heart Parish. Commitment involves about one hour per month on a rotating basis.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Intentional community built upon the pillars of prayer, fellowship, and service designed for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s. Young Adults is run by a Commission of committed members hosting Bible Studies, service opportunities, coffeehouse socials, adoration nights, family-focused events, and more.

NOTES
