

HOLY FAMILY PARISH BULLETIN

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*It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more. — Isaiah 43:25*

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MASSES: Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sundays: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: Vigil 6:00 p.m.; 6:30, 8:00 a.m.
WEEKDAYS: Tuesday - 5:00 p.m. (Novena following),
Wednesday - 5:00 p.m., Thursday - 8:00 a.m.,
Friday - 12:00 noon

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.
or any day by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Check the monthly calendar or call the office.
Couples should contact the priest during pregnancy to schedule a Baptism interview, and to register for a Baptism Seminar (usually held every other month, odd numbered months). Godparents are also expected to attend a Baptism Seminar.

MATRIMONY: Couples should contact priest at least SIX months before making other arrangements. Diocesan Policy requires a Marriage Preparation Program which will be explained to the couple.

PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA: Every Tuesday following 5:00 p.m. Mass.

SICK CALLS: Parishioners are urged to contact priest to inform him of persons who are ill.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Offered at daily Mass or privately to those who are facing surgery or illness. Call the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Are requested to contact the Rectory to register as parishioners.

ADORATION: Tuesday & Wednesday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Family Parish is a loving, caring community of devoted and committed Catholic Christians. Our mission purpose is to spread and deepen the Kingdom of God among all people. Our aim is to carry out this mission through our *strong tradition of faith and family*, through a *strong sacramental and liturgical life*, through a *total Catholic educational program*, through a *ministry to the social needs of the community* and *through evangelization*.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Isaiah announced the word of the Lord: “[S]ee, I am doing something new!” (Isaiah 43:19). And what was this new thing? A promise for a people who “did not call upon me” and “grew weary of me” (43:22); a promise of forgiveness. “It is I, I, who wipe out . . . your offenses; / your sins I remember no more” (43:25).

Paul told the Corinthians—and tells us—that Jesus is God’s “yes,” and that all God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Does that include God’s promise to forgive sins? Mark gives the answer when he relates how some people lowered a paralytic through a hole in the roof, seeking a cure.

As far as we can tell, no one requested forgiving the man’s sins. But that’s what Jesus did, exactly as Isaiah had announced. Then, lest anyone doubt his authority on earth to forgive sins, Jesus said, “[P]ick up your mat, and go home” (Mark 2:11). The man “rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away” (2:12). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 19

No 11:30 am Mass
1:00 pm - Port Allen Mardi Gras Parade

Monday, February 20

Church Office Closed!
Holy Family School Closed All Week

Tuesday, February 21

Church Office Closed!
No Mass!
No Adoration Today!

Wednesday, February 22



6:30 am - Mass - Church
12:00 noon - Distribution of Ashes (No Mass)
6:00 pm - Mass - Church
No Adoration Today!

Thursday, February 23

10:30 am - Deanery Meeting
7:00 pm - RCIA - Jubilee Hall

Friday, February 24

5:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
5:30 pm - KC Fried Fish Dinner - KC Hall

Saturday, February 25

3:00 - 3:30 pm - Confession - Daily Chapel

Sunday, February 26

9:30 am - RCIA Rite of Sending- Mass
5:30 pm - RCIA Rite of Election - St. Joseph Cathedral

ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Because of Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday, the Adoration Chapel will remain closed on Tuesday, February 21st, and Wednesday, February, 22nd. Please make a note of this change.

LENTEN PENANCE 2012

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

There will be several dates during Lent that priests from Holy Family, St. John the Baptist, and Immaculate Conception will hold services for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They are as follows:

February 29th - Fr. David Allen
March 7th - Fr. David Allen
March 14th - Fr. Matt Dupre'
March 21st - Fr. Matt Dupre' & Fr. Greg Daigle
March 28th - Fr. David Allen & Fr. Greg Daigle

All of these services will take place at
St. John the Baptist in Brusly from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE



COLLECTION COUNTERS - Wednesday, February 22:

Eve Riviere, Ruth Stanley, Oscar Bourgoyne.

COLLECTION REPORT for February 12, 2012

The collection report for the weekend of February 11th & 12th will be listed in the following bulletin.

Special Collection: The collection for **Eastern Europe** will be taken up this weekend. Please place your envelope in the collection basket.

A LENTEN REFLECTION: THE CROSS ~ OUR FOUNDATION OF HOPE

Saturday, February 25, 9:30 a.m. - noon at Marian Hall

The Cross of Jesus is ever present in our lives as Christians. We are reminded of this during the season of Lent. When we learn to embrace our daily crosses - from the little aches and pains to the major crises in life - a kind of wisdom comes to us that deepens our understanding of the Cross of Jesus and provides us with a foundation of hope. Marianites, Associates, friends and family are welcome to this special time of prayer and reflection for Easter preparation. The presenter is Dr. Joe Connell, Holy Cross Associate from California. Please see our web site www.holyfamilychurchpa.org to view the flier/registration form. If you plan to attend, please contact Jennifer Lejeune at the Religious Ed. Office (336-4463) or email jlejeune@hfspa.com

POWER OF GIVING WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, February 15, New York Times bestselling author Cami Walker will present a *Power of Giving Workshop* at 6:30 p.m. in the SJA Activity Center.

To register, go to <http://powerofgiving.eventbrite.com/>

Cami Walker was in her early 30s and newly married when she was told that she had multiple sclerosis. Two years after her diagnosis, Cami found herself depressed, sleepless and in constant pain. She called an old friend, Mbali, a South African medicine woman, whom offered this advice: Stop thinking about yourself, stop dwelling on your pain and start giving away 29 gifts in 29 days. The giving cycle couldn't cure her condition, but she was no longer too tired (or too bitter) to live her life. What was once a personal journey has now become a worldwide movement that has impacted thousands.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Carolyn Lowe will direct a Lenten Bible Study Group to focus on the Sunday readings. They will be held on Thursday evenings during the Lenten season. The dates are as follows: February 23, March 1, 15, 22 and 29. It will held at 7 p.m. at her home at 505 Avenue B. You are welcome to participate. There is no cost. Please call Carolyn at 383-1913 to register.

MARRIAGE & PARENTING WORKSHOP

St. Thomas More Catholic Church is pleased to be hosting a marriage and parenting workshop held at the Saint Thomas More Activity Center. This invitation is being extended to ALL Catholic Churches and Schools and their parents, so we are expecting a great turnout! Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! . For your convenience, free babysitting and refreshments will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. You may attend one or both presentations.

Monday, March 26, 2012

Marriage Workshop: 7:00pm - 8:00pm;

HOW TO HAVE A LOVING, DIVORCE-PROOF MARRIAGE:

- the difference between secular dating and honorable courtship
- the common denominator of successful marriages
- marriage builders vs. marriage blockers
- making a good marriage great
- repairing a broken marriage

Parenting Workshop: 8:00pm-9:00pm

HOW TO RAISE OBEDIENT, GODLY AND SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN:

- the importance of obedience and getting children to obey the first time
- teaching conflict resolution
- raising girls and true femininity and raising boys and true masculinity
- building character, NOT characters
- boy/girl relationships

Presented by Jimmy Seghers, Catholic author and speaker known for his appearances on FOCUS, radio programs, published essays and books, retreats, and parish missions

Please RSVP for babysitting by March 23rd. Please give ages to Kathie Guidry 275-7861 or kathy_guidry@yahoo.com



On Friday, February 3, with a Free Dress Day, where students were able to dress down in celebration of Catholic schools. On the same day, several of the School's eighth graders helped with the Blessing of the Throats for the Feast of St. Blaise.



Port Allen Lion's Club will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 26, from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the K. C. Hall.

The donation for the all you can eat breakfast and a drink will be \$5 per person or \$15 per family (up to 4 members). For tickets please call Eve Riviere at 344-4806.

CATHOLIC LIFE TELEVISION PRAYER INTENTIONS

Have no anxieties at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Philippians 4:6

Prayer is such an important part of our lives; the more we pray the more we begin to see the hand of God in our day-to-day life. As a faith community, it is also important to remember other people and their struggles in our prayers. Catholic Life Television is now offering the opportunity to join together and offer this support by airing Prayer Intention segments during our daily broadcasts. Prayer requests will remain on the list for one month so that together we can pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The first Prayer Intention segment will premier on February 27, 2012. To add a name to our Prayer List please call (225) 242-0218 or email television@diobr.org.

Catholic Life Television programs can be seen on Cox Cable, Channel 15 (Baton Rouge); Charter Cable, Channel 10 (St. James) & Charter Cable, Channel 44 (New Roads).

REGISTRATION NEWS

Holy Family School will host a New Family Registration on Tuesday, February 28, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the School's library. Families of prospective students can download the registration application online at www.holyfamilyschool.com. A completed form will be required for each student, along with copies of the student's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, social security card and updated immunization records. Families can take tours of the campus and will be able to meet the administrative team. For private tours, please call (225) 344-4100 or email info@hfspace.com.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO COFFEE CLUB

Join us every morning for "Wake Up, Baton Rouge" on 1380AM radio from 7:00-8:00am with your cup of coffee and the exciting guests from our area and across the nation. Catholic Community Radio brings a full array of Catholic programs to our area every day, from local programs including daily mass, to EWTN, Ave Maria and other Catholic evangelization resources.

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