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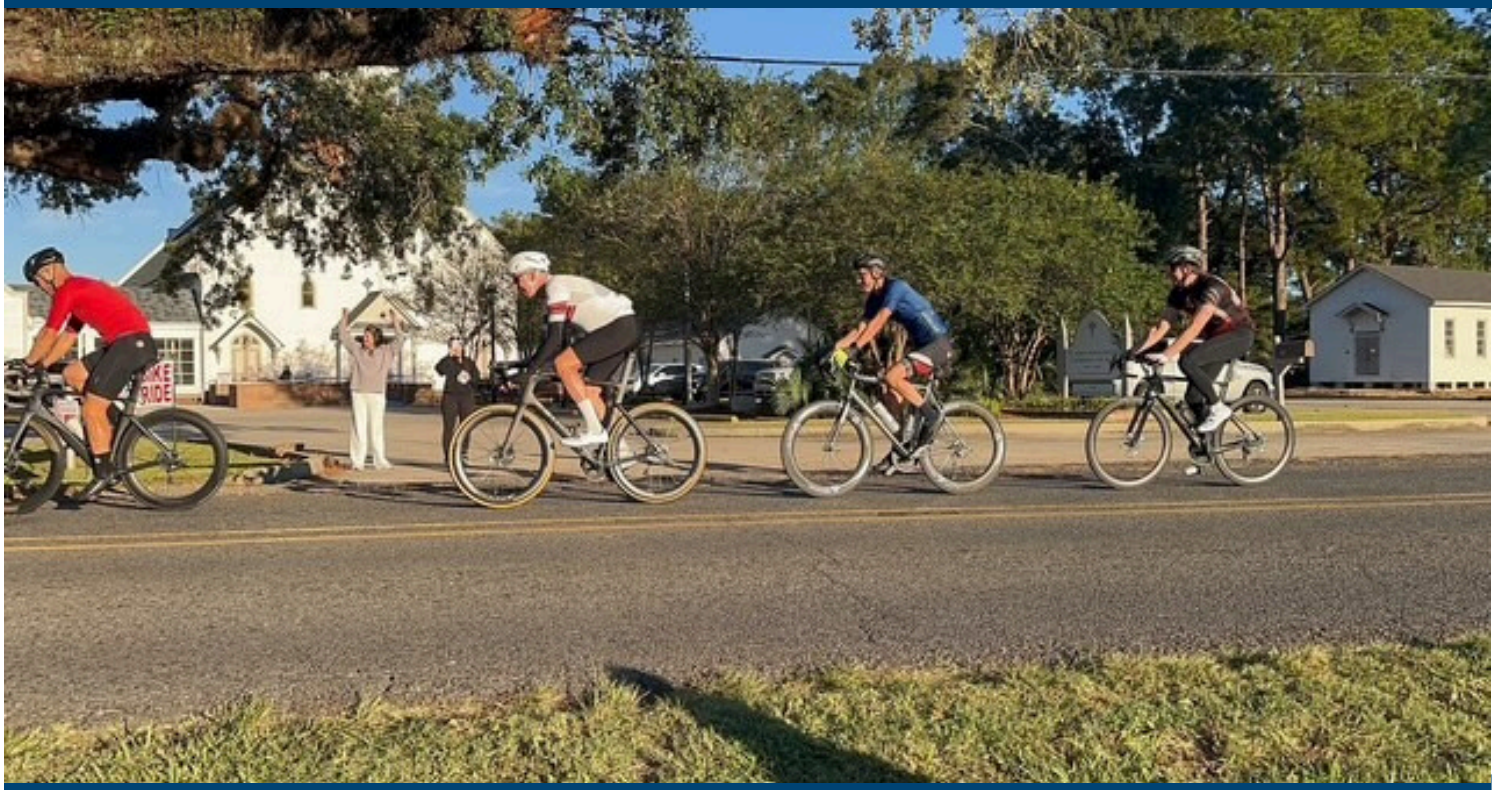

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MASS SCHEDULE

SaturdayVigil at 4:30p.m.
Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

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BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this parish and actively practice their faith.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Church Office to begin funeral arrangements.
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

Dear Parishioners,

What would we do if we are told that we had just one more day to live? What would be our spontaneous thoughts running through our minds at that moment? What would be the feelings that accompany those thoughts? We may not have the power to read other people's minds or search the depths of their hearts, but judging by the way that many react we can guess that some would be concerned about planning their wills. Others might want to give last minute instructions to the rest of their family. Quite a few of us would be concerned about making a good confession and receiving the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Many would be praying desperately to God that in some way we would scramble through the gates of heaven.

This is where the parable of today comes in. The Kingdom of Heaven is like the celebration at which ten bridesmaids took their lamps to meet the bridegroom. The story may be along the lines of the Palestinian custom whereby the bridegroom has to go to the bride's house to make the marital agreement with his father-in-law. When the bridegroom returns to his own home, that is the time for the celebration to begin.

According to the parable, there were 10 bridesmaids who were waiting to meet the bridegroom upon his arrival. Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise. The big difference between the wise and the foolish bridesmaids was this: the wise ones carried enough oil to last until the bridegroom had arrived, and the foolish ones made no such provision. At the last minute when the bridegroom arrived, they were caught off-guard. They rushed to the market place at that unearthly hour to see if there were any shops open so that they could buy more oil for themselves. During that time, the wise ones went into the wedding feast with their lamps lit. The foolish bridesmaids were stranded outside and the doors were shut. The moral of this story is not that we should always be awake looking for the signs of when the Son of man will come, but that we should be constantly prepared for His coming with the oil of our deeds. We should not have the panicky last-minute anxiety of the foolish bridesmaids, but the calm preparedness of the wise ones.

This attitude is well exemplified in the life of St. Aloysius of Gonzaga. On an occasion when he was playing, he was asked what he would do if he were to die soon? While others said that they would go to confession or make an act of contrition, his reply was, "I will carry on playing for the love, honor and glory of God." The obvious questions in our minds are: What is the oil of preparedness that we need to have? How are we to live our lives so that at any time we are all dressed and ready to go for the great banquet, the wedding Feast of the Kingdom?

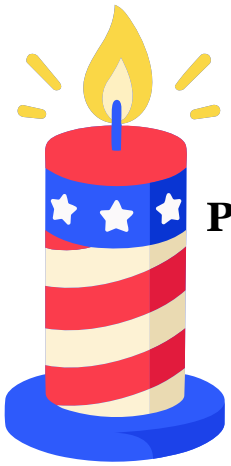
This preparation can be a two-fold formula. The first thing is to live by the Sermon on the Mount, which gives us the essence of the Lord's teachings. We are to be merciful, act justly, work for peace, and to constantly strive to do what God desires of us. Secondly, the Christian formula is that we are to be constantly guided by the great commandment of love in whatever we do. After all, love is the summary of the law of the Prophets. Pray that we be able to live by the two-fold Christian formula so that we can be ready when the Lord calls us.

God bless you,

Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

There will be NO Religion Classes for Grades K-7 from November 23-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Monica McDaniel.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Patricia Dizor and Lynne Dupuy Mire upon their deaths.

Pray for Vocations

Love your neighbor as yourself. Can you serve others as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, please contact your priest about any of these vocations. You can also reach out to Father Josh Johnson at the Vocations Office at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

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Baptism Seminar

Our next Baptism Seminar will be at 6:00pm on Thursday, November 12th in Activity Center Room One. Please call the Church Office to register.

Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm every Tuesday in Church. All are welcome!

Our Veteran's Mass is at 11:00am on Sunday, November 15th.

Our Eucharistic Procession will follow 9:00am Mass on Sunday, November 22nd.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to

Catherine Elise King

and

Elijah Mason Owens

who were married on October 30th.

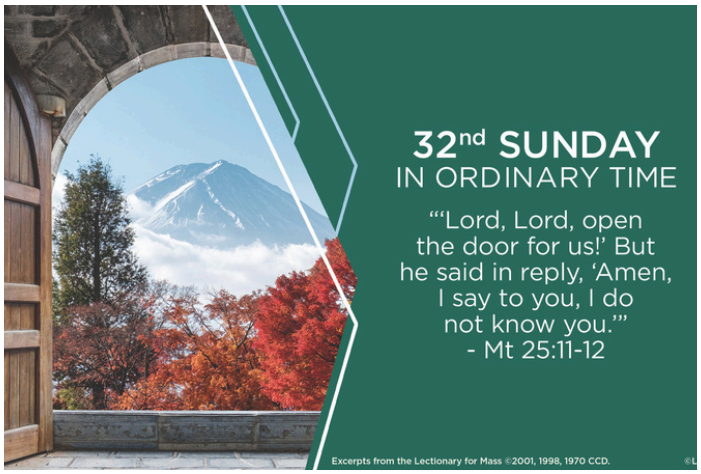
Stewardship of Finance

October 25th:

137 Identified Givers:	**$9,973.00**
Loose Collection:	**+883.00**
Total Collection:	**$10,856.00**

Thank You for your generosity!

Volunteers are needed in these Ministries: Altar Society; Bereavement Committee; Cemetery & Mausoleum grave markings and sales; Children's Church; Liturgical Ministers including Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Ushers; and the Fair Committee.



Readings for the week of November 8, 2026

Sunday:	**Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13**
Monday:	**Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22**
Tuesday:	**Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10**
Wednesday:	**Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19**
Thursday:	**Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25**
Friday:	**2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37**
Saturday:	**3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8**
Next Sunday:	**Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21**

K.C. Calendar October Winners

Patrick Thistlethwaite; Arlette Ourso; Grant Gauthreaux; Sophia Tempanaro; Andrea Normand; Riley Hudson; Natalie Guidroz; Ralph Rivet, Jr. Kerrilyn Breaux; Cole Prejean; Cassie Boudreaux; Blaine Tooley; Aelisa Ockmand; Lana Chaney; Michael Fay; Brian Prejean; Emily Rivet; Veronica Landry; Eddie Theriot; Brian Wille; Kim Dugas; Kamryn Tramonte; Sandy Sanchez; Jacob & Lyndsi Landry; Lorraine Landry; Chris Kershaw; Paul & Lori Black; Lindsey Loreno; Grace Dupuis; Betty Kane; Jeremy Avrill

FEAST ON THE LEVEE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE FOOTBALL BOARDS!

LSU vs. Auburn:
Cherie Kinler & Josie Thompson
Saints vs. Steelers:
Beverly Ducote & Wayne Perrault

The Church Card Party on October 26th had 202 participants and made $6, 940.00!

Zipper Thrift Shop Sale Dates

Fridays from 7:30am-10:30am
November 20th
December 4th & 18th

The Catholic Daughters will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on Sunday, November 15th in honor of our Veterans.

Please donate to the Christ-centered Community for Adults with Special Needs in Greenwell Springs: www.livingunified.org Please see the flyer in back of Church.

Calling all Seniors!

S.A.L.T. Senior Health Expo
Thursday, November 12th from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Port Allen Community Center
Lunch will be provided.

Adoration

Do you know that every Friday from 8:30am-9:30am the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for you? Please visit in silence. Jesus is waiting for you.