

**THIS WEEK**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
**Monday – Friday 6:25 AM – 6:45 AM**

SUN Feb 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St. Mary Debt Reduction  
 8:30 CCD Program (School)  
 9:30 Children's Church  
 9:30 Scout Sunday Awards after Mass  
 3:15 Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)  
**5:00 NO MASS TODAY**  
 6:00 RCIA  
 6:00 Life Teen

MON Feb 8 2:00 Suga Bees Meeting (Conf. Room)  
 4:30 CCD Program (School)  
 6:15 CCD Program (Parish Hall)

TUE Feb 9 7:00 AM Communion Service (No Mass)  
 11:00 Altar Society Mass and Lunch  
**NO BELLS** (Children & Adults)  
 7:00 Youth Group (School)

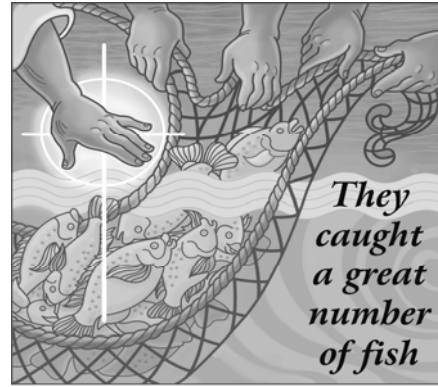
WED Feb 10 6:45 Adult Vocal Choir (Ministry Room)  
 7:00 Prayer Group (School)

THU Feb 11 7:00 AM Jr. Hi Meet after Mass (Ch)

FRI Feb 12 11:00 Adult Social (Parish Hall)

SAT Feb 13 3:00 Confessions (Church)  
 4:30 Mass (Church)  
 5:30 Game Night (School)

SUN Feb 14 **NO CCD Programs**  
 3:15 Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)  
**5:00 NO MASS TODAY**



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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A. OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Our Weekly Goal.....\$17,000  
 Average Offertory since July 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$17,748  
 January 31.....\$12,002

**B. DEBT REDUCTION COLLECTION**

Our Monthly Goal.....\$10,000  
 January Debt Reduction.....\$ 8,007  
 • As of January 31 we are \$6,092 short of our goal.

**C. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Haiti Earthquake Victims.....\$16,229

**PRAY FOR A PRIEST**

**Pray for a priest each day:** Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests in the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Monday, Feb 8	Rev. Clair Cazayoux, SJ
Tuesday, Feb 9	Rev. Walter Cerbin, SSJ
Wednesday, Feb 10	Rev. Michael Champagne
Thursday, Feb 11	Rev. Gregory Chauvin
Friday, Feb 12	Rev. Blaine Clement
Saturday, Feb 13	Rev. Gregory Cormier
Sunday, Feb 14	Msr. Douglas Courville

These intentions are presented by the Serra Club of Lafayette, Louisiana through the Diocese of Lafayette.

**FLOWER MEMORIAL**

In memory of Alvin and Robert Altepeter

**DIED IN CHRIST**

**John Joseph Daigre**, father of Janice Beyt  
**Ann Walden Lane**, mother of Clif Lane

**GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS**

Feb 11-12	Miriam Ellis & Jill Guidry
Feb 18-19	Sally Block & Paula Simon
Feb 25-26	Pauline Mahfouz & Roberta Ruiz

**PURIFICATOR FOR FEBRUARY**

Georgie Schilhab

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon	Feb 8	7:00 AM	Alvin Altepeter; Claude Landry; Elsie Martin; Flavia Daigle; Dr. & Mrs. J. T. Abshire
Tue	Feb 9	7:00 AM	Communion Service – No Mass
Wed	Feb 10	7:00 AM	Arthur J. Mire Family; Gerry Guidry
Thu	Feb 11	7:00 AM	George Morgan Squires
Fri	Feb 12	7:00 AM	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Sat	Feb 13	4:30 PM	Dominic Versaggi; Jack Schneider; Larry Guidry; Claylee Latour; Del & Emery Guidry
Sun	Feb 14	7:30 AM	Ashley Manuel; Jeanette O'Rourke; Gerry Guidry; Beverly Vincent; A.P. & Helen Frank
		9:30 AM	Dr. Charles LeBlanc; Lou Alice Miller; Murray Couvillon
		11:00 AM	Faye Marie Gesser; Keith LeJune; M/M Herman Gesser Sr; Earline Savoie; June Concienne; Irby & Inez Gaudin; Emile & Lessie Concienne; Schoelen Family; Judge Mike Sullivan; St. Mary Parishioners
		5:00 PM	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>

**SICK IN THE PARISH**

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers this week as we wish them a return to good health:

**Lou Fuselier; Raymond & Stephanie Pellerin; Thad Doucet; Joan Holloway; Lorraine Namias; Angela Moliere; Hilda Duhon; Marie Couvillon; Ethel C. Bergeron; Revera Joseph; Renee LeBlanc Mallette; Wesley Ardoin; Joseph McDade; Henry Cary; Darrel Landry; Anne Robichaux; Wanda Cambre.**

## NO 5:00 PM MASSES

Please take careful note that on **two consecutive Sundays** the 5:00 PM Mass will not be celebrated:

- **This Sunday**, February 7, Super Bowl Sunday
- **Next Sunday**, February 14, Mardi Gras weekend

## LENTEN MISSION

Fr. Peter S. Chepaitis, OFM and Sr. Anna Tantsits, IHM, from New York will speak at all the Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (**Feb 20-21**). They will conduct our Lenten Mission that week, Monday-Thursday (**Feb 22-25**). Mark your calendars and plan on coming. Learn more about them by going to [www.midtel.net/~bethmin](http://www.midtel.net/~bethmin).

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On the third evening (**Feb. 24**) of our Lenten mission, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to all those who are suffering from a major illness, recovering from surgery or preparing to have surgery, taking chemo or radiation treatments or living with a debilitating physical or mental condition to come forward during the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick to receive the Sacrament. If you wish to receive the Sacrament that evening, please call the church office (981-3379) so that we can reserve seating for you.

## LITURGY

### LITURGICAL MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Liturgical Minister's Schedule can be found at [www.stmarych.com](http://www.stmarych.com). You are reminded to find a replacement for yourself if you cannot keep your assignment. The March and April schedules will be mailed out the week of **February 22**. Please send in your unavailable dates to Deborah Duhon by email or calling the parish office during regular business hours.

## SOCIAL

### SUGA BEES MEETING

A Suga Bees meeting is scheduled for **February 8**, 2:00 PM, in the Conference Room. All wanting to volunteer are welcome.

### LES BONS AMIS LUNCHEON

The adult social luncheon will be Friday, **February 12**, 11:00 AM, in Founders Hall. All are welcome to join in the bingo fun and share delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

## WELCOMING & ENGAGING COMMUNITY

Our consultant, Bernard Dumond, from ISPD (Institute for School and Parish Development), gave his second presentation last weekend. He reviewed what was presented in November (Welcoming Community) and introduced the concept of being an "Engaging Community." The following is an outline of his presentation.

**Mission Statement:** our parish mission statement has the following key words:

- Welcoming
- Engaging
- Community
- Christlike
- Sharing

**Welcoming Parishes** are those whose parishioners are:

- Warm
- Friendly
- Inviting
- Caring
- Responsive

**Best Practices:** communities that are Welcoming implement some or all of the following:

- Welcoming Committee
- Greeter ministry Masses
- "Buddy Families" for new families
- Reception and/or orientation for new families
- Welcoming Sundays
- Spiritual Partners

**Becoming Welcoming** means:

- A change of the parish culture
- A new way of thinking
- Being a better parish
- Being a faith-filled community

**Engaging Community:** our mission statement calls for us to "Live as engaging Community of Catholics"

**Actively Engaged:** means

- Attend Sunday Mass faithfully
- Parish is an integral part of their life
- Involved in parish ministries
- Attending parish functions

**Typical Catholic Parish in the USA:**

- 30% Actively Engaged
- 30% Not engaged
- 40% Actively Disengaged

**More engaged parishioners** means

- Growth in ministries
- Vibrant parish events
- Strong fiscal stewardship
- Spiritual growth

**Key questions:**

1. In which of the three groups do I belong?
  - Actively engaged (30%)
  - Not engaged (30%)
  - Actively disengaged (40%)
2. Can I imagine our parish going from 30% to 50% engaged?
3. Will I be ready to respond to the call to become engaged?

## ALTAR SOCIETY

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend our annual Mass and salad luncheon Tuesday, **February 9**. Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Robert Angelle beginning at 11:00 AM. All are asked to bring a salad to share for lunch, which will be in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass. All ladies are welcome.

## YOUTH NEWS

### "MEET US FOR MASS"

Every second Thursday of each month, JEM sponsors "Meet Me at Mass" for all 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners. Attend Mass and afterward share refreshments. All junior high youth are encouraged to attend. We also extend this invitation to any age group to share this time with us at St. Mary. The next "Meet Me at Mass" is scheduled for **Thursday, February 11**.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Friday, **February 19**, following the 5:30 PM Way of the Cross, our Junior High group (JEM) invites you to a Parish Operation Rice Bowl Meal. Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and fast in solidarity with those who are hungry and give concrete assistance to those most in need. We will share a light meal of vegetarian soup as a sign of our solidarity with the poor who have little to eat. Therefore, the meal is not intended to completely satisfy our hunger. We will have an offering collected after the meal. Those who wish can contribute what money they would have spent at home or at a restaurant for a more expensive meal. This money will go toward feeding the poor.

## RETREATS & WORKSHOPS

### ENTERING INTO LENT A DAY OF PRAYER

This day of reflection is being presented by the Jesuit Spirituality Center Staff, **February 20**, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This day of prayer will help participants enter into the observance of Lent and the Paschal Mystery. For more information call 337-662-5251.

### ACADIANA DISTRICT THERESIANS RETREAT

"Forgiveness, Living in God's Mercy" is a Lenten Retreat sponsored by Acadiana District Theresians for women of faith. The retreat will be **February 27**, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, at Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Church and Student Center UL - Lafayette campus. Registration is \$20.00 and includes lunch. Make checks payable to "Theresians" and mail to Sally Babineaux, 505 Daniel Dr., Lafayette 70503. For more information, call Sally at 984-4300 or Sharon at 237-3924.