



Second Sunday of Easter

March 30, 2008

“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.”

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure

Our collection for this past weekend was \$8,802.00.

(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

Special and Sincere Thanks

So many persons participated in our prayerful and beautiful liturgies during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter that it is almost impossible to name every one. As a church family we thank them all for sharing their time and talent to enrich our celebrations in the Lord.

It is good to remember that we are never just “spectators” in our church celebrations. We ALL participate together in the liturgy to praise and worship God the Father with Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior, and in the Holy Spirit given to us through the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

Renovations and Improvements

This past week some important work has been completed at our church.

First: The parking areas around the church were improved by filling the low spots and grading. Several weeks ago the drainage along Church Street in front of the church and St. Ignatius School was cleaned to facilitate runoff of the water from the parking areas.

Second: We discovered recently that the beams supporting the floor along the north wall of the church had deteriorated. As a result the floor was dropping. New support pilings and beams have been installed, and the joist beams were lifted back up to their original height. We hope that this repair will last for at least another hundred years.

The expenses for these renovations and improvements can be handled within the budget for this 2007-08 fiscal year. However, please say a prayer that another major project does not require attention anytime soon.

On **Thursday, April 3rd, First Friday Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 7:00 PM, with Benediction at 7:50 PM. All are invited to come spend some quiet time in prayer to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the **5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 12th.** Persons of any age who are chronically ill, and elderly persons even in good health) can receive this sacrament for healing and for the Lord’s help in bearing the crosses of diminished energies. The sacrament will be celebrated during Mass.

Reminder: All **First Communion** Books and Projects are due on April 14th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Ps. 40; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

Activities of the Week

March 31-April 5

M	31	4:30 PM Vigil Mass	Choir Practice
T	1	6:00 PM	7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	2	9:30 AM	Pro Life Rosary
TH	3	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass Choir Practice
		7:00 PM	First Friday Exposition
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Minister Schedule-April 5-6

Vigil -Lector Al & Dyanne LeBlanc
Communion Caro & Shirleen Louviere, Ada Barry,
Gerry Richard, Juanita Comeaux
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

7:30-Lector Mary Murray & Amy Lowery
Communion Joseph E. & Barbara & Cierra Meche
Sr. Betty Renard, Warren Norton
Alter Server Taneshia Cormier

10:30-Lector Keith & Ginger Myers
Communion Frank & Avis Domingue, Doris Etienne
Nancy Bourque, Stephanie Richard
Altar Server Lauren Bourque, Hunter Myers,
Brenton Smith

Church Cleaners for April 5-6

Bernadelle Thibodeaux Juanita Comeaux
Leola Guilbeau Betsy Douglas
Wilbert & Margaret Thomas

Pro-Life Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 2nd at the home of Oscar & Neva Marks. All are invited.

Grand Coteau Elementary School Registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will be held on April 3 & 4, 2008, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., in the Grand Coteau Elementary Family Resource Center.

Pre-Kindergarten children must be four (4) years old on or before September 30th

Kindergarten Children must be five (5) years old on or before September 30th.

Parents must have the following items to register their child/children: an up-to-date immunization record (shot card): varicella vaccination is required for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children in Louisiana; social security card for both child and head of household, and child's birth certificate.

Parents must also be able to offer proof of residency. Utility bills will be accepted as proof of residency.

Food for Seniors/Pink Card Commodities

will be distributed on **Wednesday, April 2nd.**

Bellevue-Church Hall 9:00-10:00 AM

Grand Coteau-City Hall 9:30-12:00 Noon

Sunset/Cankton-Community Center 1:30-3:00

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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” John 19:30

“On the evening of that first day of the week” Jesus appears to his disciples who are in a room *behind locked doors*. He says, “Peace be with you” and breaths on them and gives them the power to forgive sins. He passes on to them the responsibility for his mission and message. Thomas was not with them and he had some doubts. A week later they are still hiding *behind locked doors*, but Thomas is with them. He sees Jesus and proclaims, “My Lord and my God,” Jesus knew that Thomas and the others believed because they had seen. He also knew others who had not seen him would come to believe. That is us. Fortunately, we have the faith of Thomas, the other disciples, and billions who have believed in Jesus over the 2000+ years to support our faith in Jesus as our Risen Lord. What are we doing to deserve that faith? What are we doing to nurture our faith? What are we doing that will lead others to believe in Jesus because of our faith? What are we doing to carry on the mission and spread the Gospel of Jesus?

What does the Church say about Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?

Key Theme #3: Rights and Responsibilities

Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible. Each of us has a right to religious freedom, which enables us to live and act in accord with our God-given dignity; as well as a right to access to those things required for human decency—food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Morning of Recollection

The theme is *Journey to Justice*

**On Saturday, April 5, 2008—9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Immaculata Center, John XXIII Room
1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette**

All are welcome! There will two presentations, time from reflection and sharing. We hope to offer a prayerful experience for those who attend. Our Christian Journey is on-going so everyone is invited to attend. We hope to give people a new awareness of how scripture calls us to act justly.

For more information or to register call 261-5564.

Important Notice from the Social Justice Commission of
the St. Charles Borromeo Church Pastoral Council

GRAND COTEAU Rx SCREENING CENTER

One of the Social Justice Commission's goals for 2008 was to bring prescription assistance to the residents of St. Landry Parish. Now, in cooperation with the Lafayette Community Health Center Clinic, we are pleased to announce the opening of the **Grand Coteau Rx Screening Center**, located in the west-side classroom of the St. Charles Borromeo Church's Religious Education Building (next to the Thensted Center).

The **Grand Coteau Rx Screening Center** will be open on **Thursdays** (beginning April 3rd) from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. During office hours only you can telephone the Rx Screening Center at 662-5271.

This Rx Screening Center will enable **eligible adults** the opportunity to obtain certain prescription medications at no cost from the Lafayette Community Health Center Pharmacy. This **includes** insulin, but **does not include** narcotics, anti-psychotics and non-formulary items. The **Grand Coteau Rx Screening Center** does not dispense any medication.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this program please come to the **Grand Coteau Rx Screening Center** during **Office Hours - Thursdays, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.**

This is a valuable program, and our Commission is excited to make it available to the members of our community. It is our sincere hope that many of the eligible adults in Sunset and Grand Coteau will take advantage of this service.