



Third Sunday of Easter

April 6, 2008

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

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

Our collection for this past weekend was \$5,873.67.

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

Our Lady of the Oaks is offering a live in retreat for adults 55 years and over. Arrival time is at 5 PM on Monday, May 19 and departure after the noon meal on Wednesday, May 21. A donation of at least \$25 must be brought to Thensted Center no later than May 9th. Please make checks payable to Thensted Center. Attendance is limited so first come, first serve. For further information, call Thensted Center at 662-5838.

The **Altar Society** has made the donation for flowers in the two brick planters in front of church. We thank them for this contribution!

Renovations and Improvements

In the past two weeks 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.

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: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Activities of the Week

April 7-April 13

M	7	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T	8	7:00 PM Religious Ed Meeting 6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	9	9:00 AM Facilities Meeting 9:30 AM Pro Life Rosary 6:30 PM Social Justice Meeting
TH	10	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
F	11	
SA	12	5:00 PM Anointing of the Sick
S	13	5:30 PM Annual Appreciation Dinner

Minister Schedule-April 12-13

Vigil -Lector Janice Fox & Deborah Alpough
Communion Mary Menard, Warren Norton,
Mills & Jackie Vautrot, Pat Sonnier
Altar Server Sydney Willingham

7:30-Lector Cheri Dubroc & Lawrence Edmond
Communion Darrell Burleigh, Ruby Gardiner,
Perry & Brenda Kennerson, Gary Dubroc
Alter Server Carlie Pierre

10:30-Lector Peggy & Bub Harper
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Hugh Soileau
Angela Boone, Marie Eaglin,
Barbara Broussard
Altar Server Morgan Boone, Armand Olivier,
Rose Marie Cutting

Church Cleaners for April 12-13

Barbara Broussard Jeanette Williams
Vickie Meche Julia Key Wilda Richard
Barbara & Stephanie Senegal Genevieve Ray

Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** will give you the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. Upcoming Weekend dates are: April 11-13 in Eunice, June 20-22 in Slidell, July 11-23 in Lake Charles, August 22-24 in Baton Rouge. For more information call 1-800-586-5469. Please visit our website at <http://geocities.com/wwwmebatonrouge>

Attention: Marian Movement of Priest's
Fr. Charles Becker will be holding two (2) Cenacles in Our Lady of Fatima Church, on April 16th at 10 am & again at 5:30 Mass, and a cenacle immediately following Mass. For more information call Ding Huffpouir 337-783-6419 or Rita King 337-984-4607. ALL Rosary groups are welcome.

2008 Natural Family Planning Classes

for the Diocese of Lafayette: Classes consist of a series of 4 classes given once a month:

July 20th St. Leo the Great, Leonville, La.
Dwayne & Marie Zeringue 879-9397

July 7th Our Lady of Fatama, Lafayette, La
Randal & Stacey Caffery 886-2843

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As the Easter season unfolds, the scriptures invite us once again to ponder the mystery of the Resurrection. Peter's inspiring words in the first reading call us to an unwavering Easter faith. He echoes these sentiments in the first chapter of his first letter, in which he urges us to hold on to the things that really matter, namely the precious blood of Christ. Finally, we join the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. On that journey we are reminded that it is in this holy place that we learn to recognize the presence of the risen Christ. Here we find him in one another, in the sacred word proclaimed and preached. Here we find him through the reception of his very body and blood in the Eucharist.

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

Key Theme #4: Option for the Poor and the Vulnerable.

While the common good embraces all, those who are in greatest need deserve preferential concern. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us—the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor and marginalized.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House

announces the following Retreats Scheduled:

Mid-Week Retreats for Women

June 30-July 2, 2008

November 3-5, 2008

Weekend Retreats for Women

May 1-4, 2008

September 11-14, 2008

May 8-10, 2008

September 17-21, 2008

May 29-June 1, 2008

October 16-19, 2008

August 7-10, 2008

November 13-16, 2008

Married Couples Retreat

June 27-29, 2008

October 24-26, 2008

Personally-Directed Retreat

September 4-7, 2008

For information and to register, call 662-5410.

FILL US

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.