



The Ascension of the Lord

May 4, 2008

He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.

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

Our collection for this past weekend was \$6,483.08.

Collected for Catholic Home Missions was \$531.00

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

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of the Deceased Members of Post 556 Brooks/Richard
By: American Legion**

Altar Flowers

May 10-11 Donated by Flower Fund for Mother's Day

Thensted Center Annual Fun Day Fair is scheduled for today-Sunday, **May 4, 2008 8:30 am-5:00 pm.** Pork & Chicken Dinners are \$6.00; Bingo, Plants, Trash & Treasure and lots of fun. ***Come out and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship.***

During the month of *May*, the **St. Charles Church Altar Society** invites all to come to the 5:00 P.M. Mass on Thursdays. After each Mass, Altar Society Members will proceed to the Grotto to pray the Rosary. If you cannot stand while at the Grotto, please bring a lawn chair.

St. Charles Church **Teen Ministry** is sponsoring a **Puritee Wear** fundraiser through May. Puritee Wear offers clothing and jewelry items with Christian phrases and scripture. Please pick up a business card on the table at church entrance and browse the website.

Please do not place **missalettes** in racks where songbooks are kept. Put missalettes at the end of the pew. *Thank You!*

PRAYER

All that should be sought for in the exercise of prayer is conformity of our will with the divine will, in which consists the highest perfection.

A **Baccalaureate Mass** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 18th** at the **10:30 a.m.** Liturgy. All graduating Seniors of 2008 are invited and encouraged to participate. Please wear your cap & gown and arrive promptly. The front pews will be designated for graduates.

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.

Activities of the Week

May 5-May 11

M	5	4:30 PM Vigil Mass	Choir Practice
T	6	6:00 PM	7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	7		
TH	8	5:45 PM	10:30 Mass Choir Practice
F	9		
SA	10		
S	11		

Minister Schedule-May 10-11

Vigil -Lector Mildred Rubit & Jim Burleigh
Communion Caro & Shirleen Louviere, Mary Menard
Barbara Burleigh, Margie McClendon
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

7:30-Lector Amy Lowery & Melba Courtney
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Warren Norton,
Pemella Williams, Tommie Miller
Darrell Burleigh
Alter Server Carlie Pierre

10:30-Lector Naomi Marks & John Olivier
Communion Barbara Broussard, Frank Domingue,
Angela Boone, Nancy Bourque,
Doris Etienne
Altar Server Josh Fontenot, Andrew Smith
Sydney Willingham

Church Cleaners for May 10-11

Earline Taylor Lou Santillo
Susan Dugal Amy Lowery
Margie & Mike McClendon

Food for Seniors/Pink Card Commodities
will be distributed on **Monday, May 5th:**
Bellevue-Church Hall from 9:00-10:00 AM
Grand Coteau-City Hall from 9:30-12:00 PM
Sunset/Cankton-Sunset Community Center
1:30-3:00 PM

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

Key Theme #7: Caring for God's Creation.

Care for the earth is a duty of our Catholic faith. We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future.

Rx Screening Center Update:

A single mother of two young children applied for free prescriptions on April 24th. Her recent prescription had cost \$140. Following the screening process she was able to receive a 3 month supply of medication for FREE from the Lafayette Community Health Clinic's Pharmacy. This screening process was completed in one day. Being the first client to be approved was a special day for all of us. We (the volunteers) applaud her and know that this program has improved the quality of her and her children's life. Thank you for letting us help.

SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

If you or someone you know needs healthcare, but does not have insurance and can not afford to pay for private care, St. Bernadette Community Clinic at 409 St. John Street in the Bishop O'Donnell Center may be of assistance. The clinic provides non-emergency, medical care including breast and pelvic exams to the homeless and the poor at no charge. More information may be obtained by calling 267-1427.

Angel Food Ministries

The Thensted Center would like to bring Angel Food Ministries to Grand Coteau-Sunset-Bellevue and the surrounding area. Angel Food is not based on income. There are no applications and no qualifications. Anyone interested can take part. The program offers a chance to buy quality foods at an affordable cost. Angel Food is available at \$30 per unit. Each month offers a different menu and consists of both fresh and frozen items with a retail value of \$40-\$60. There are no second-hand, damaged or out-dated goods. At this time we are trying to determine if there is enough interest in the program to move forward. For more information about the program, the website is: www.angelfoodministries.com
If you are interested in taking part in the program, call the Thensted Center at 662-5838.

Engaged Couples

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic **Engaged Encounter Weekend** in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekend dates are May 23-25, June 20-22, August 1-3. For other dates and to learn more visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or call 984-7954.