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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2009

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$5,866.50.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mrs. Angelle Sinette
By: Family**

**Altar Flowers for May 16-17 In Memory of Vickie Landry,
Jeremy Boudreaux, Christopher White & Walter Dodge
By: Carole & Blane Boudreaux, Christina Landry,
Judy Dodge, Donna Gardiner**

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we praise and thank you for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers. May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nourished and cared for us. May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We pray for mothers who are separated from their families by war, poverty, and conflicts of every kind. May they feel Your loving embrace that wipes away every tear.

We pray for women who are not biological mothers but who love and guide others with motherly care and compassion. May they rejoice in the good they do.

We pray for all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us and who live now in Your presence. We hold them with love in our memories, and we pray that they will continue to help us with their love and prayers.

We ask this with confidence through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Collection for Improvement Projects.

Next **Sunday, May 17th**, we will have a second offertory to support our two current improvement projects. Please be generous.

The all-weather cover for our handicap entrance on the north side of the church is completed. I hope that you have seen how nice this *porte cochere* looks and how serviceable it will be, especially in bad weather.

Work continues to expand the parking area on the north side of the church. This project will be completed as funds become available.

Thank you for your support of these projects.



Graduation
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Congratulations to all Graduates of 2009!

With Prayers for God's Blessings upon you for your future successes,

St. Charles Church Parish

Please Note: The **Pro Life Rosary** will be prayed on **Wednesday, May 13th** at **8:50 A.M.** with all the students of St. Ignatius School. Please join us.

Activities of the Week May 11-May 17

M 11	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 12	6:00PM Chimes Choir Practice 7:00PM Parish Council Meeting
W 13	9:00 PM Pro Life Rosary
TH 14	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
FR 15	



DEEPDEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.
—George Washington

Minister Schedule-May 16-17

Vigil -Lector	Shirleen Louviere & Mildred Rubit
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Caro Louviere Jim & Barbara Burleigh, Juanita Comeaux
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith, Meghan & Emma Bush
7:30 -Lector	Jos. Ewell Meche & George Ramier
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Melba Courtney Sr. Betty Renard, Pemella Williams, Stephanie Richard
Altar Server	Carlie Piere, James Charles, Taneshia Cormier
10:30 -Lector	Danielle Belson & Cathy Taylor
Communion	Marie Eaglin, Margie McClendon, Janice Fox, Julia Key, Janice Kilchrist,
Altar Server	Morgan & Emily Boone, Taylor Kimble

Church Cleaners for May 16-17

Susan Dugas Lou Santillo
Earline Taylor
Michael & Margie McClendon

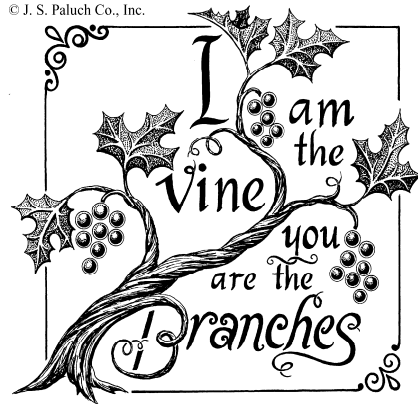
Because of the confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza in the Lafayette area, Bishop Michael Jarrell, Diocese of Lafayette, has issued the following directives for all Churches:

1. The faithful should not attend Mass or other services if they have symptoms of Influenza. It is not sinful to miss Mass when one is sick.
2. All ministers of Communion, ordinary and extraordinary are to sanitize their hands immediately before and immediately after distributing Holy Communion.
3. Holy Communion shall be offered to the faithful only under the form of the consecrated bread.
4. It is recommended that the faithful receive Holy Communion in the hand.
5. For the greeting of peace or any other prescribed greetings, physical contact should be avoided. A nod or bow may be substituted.

These directives shall be in effect until May 29, 2009.

Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Family Life is offering a Young Adult Program beginning on **Wednesday, May 20th**, and continuing on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, **Theology on Tap**, to be held at Tsunami Restaurant in downtown Lafayette. This event is open to ALL young adults, ages 18-35, married or single. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night. A different speaker will present a topic that will be of interest to all who attend. On March 20th, Fr. Jude Halphen will speak on "Dating in the 21st Century: Tools for Happy/Healthy Relationships, both Inside and Outside Marriage.

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LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana is pleased to offer in 2009...

Individually directed retreats: May 18-27;
June 1-10; June 15-24.

"We Are Called and Blessed: Gay and Lesbian Catholics Telling Their Story" - Friday, May 15-Sunday May 17. Presenter: Fr. Jim Schexnayder. God calls us to experience the blessedness of who we are.

Freedom of Spirit and the 12-Step Journey— Thursday, June 11-Sunday, June 14. Presenter: Sandra Spencer. Areas of resentment, anger, grief, and forgiveness in light of the 12 Steps will be addressed.

For an application form, visit jesuitspiritualitycenter.org **or call 662-5252.**

Angel Food Ministries: Great food menus available. Senior Box, Regular Box, and Specials available. Contact Thensted Center at 662-5838 for more information and to place order or go online at angelfoodministries.com.