



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

November 2, 2008

If, then, we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory for this past weekend was \$5,376.30
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)
Collected for World Mission Sunday was \$309.00.

Altar Flowers

November 8-9 In Memory of All Deceased Family Members

By: Caro & Shirleen Louviere

Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mr. Merlin Potier

By: Priscilla (Poulet) and Family

Advent Prayer Group

Would you like to deepen your prayer during Advent and focus on a spiritual preparation for the Christmas celebration? Join our **Advent Prayer Group**.

The **Prayer Group** will meet each of the four Monday nights of Advent from 7:00 until 8:00 in the Holy Family side-chapel of St. Charles Church. Our daily prayer will be guided by "The Word Among Us" booklet gives the scripture readings for each day of the Advent Season together with a short meditation for the day.

Participants are asked to commit to daily prayer. The Monday meetings will be for reflection, guidance, and sharing.

If you would like to participate, please call the church office to give us your name and phone number. We must place an order for the booklets around November 20th so that they will be here for our first Monday meeting on December 1st.

The **African American Catholic Youth Congress** will be held on **Saturday, November 22, 2007** at St. Thomas Moore Catholic High School in Lafayette. ALL youth ages 13 and up are invited to attend. Please contact Paula Jordan at (337) 351-4532. for more information

Senior Citizens will gather at Thensted Center on **Friday, November 7th at 10:00 A.M.**

Thensted Center's Gumbo Bingo Fund

Raiser is scheduled for **Sunday, November 9th**. Gumbo is \$6.00 and will be served at Thensted beginning at 11:00 AM. Gumbo to go or eat here!

Reminder: On **Saturday, November 8th**, the Vigil Mass will begin at **4:00 PM**; and the confessions will begin at **3:15 PM**.

A Candidate Chart for Conscientious Catholics

Are you looking for accurate and clear information on the positions of Presidential Candidates related to our Catholic Social Justice tradition? Please look at the web-site for "NETWORK" - a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby. Go to www.networklobby.org and select "A Candidate Chart for Conscientious Catholics".

Activities of the Week November 8-9

M 3	5:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 4	5:30 PM Evangelization Meeting 6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice
W 5	
TH 6	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice 7:00 PM Exposition & Benediction
FR 7	10:00 AM Seniors gather at Thensted

Minister Schedule-November 8-9

Vigil-Lector Jim Burleigh & Deborah Alpough
Communion Barbara Burleigh, Pat Sonnier
Gerry Richard, Lou Santillo,
Margie McClendon
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

7:30-Lector Pemella Williams & George Ramier
Communion Warren Norton, Stephanie Richard,
Tommie Miller, Garry & Cheri Dubroc
Altar Server Carlie Pierre

10:30-Lector Janice Fox & Naomi Marks
Communion Nancy Bourque, Doris Etienne, Julia
Key, Lorraine Marks, Natasha Williams
Altar Servers Lauren Bourque, Cody Williams,
Morgan Boone

Church Cleaners for November 8-9

Kandy Boss Velma Boss
Larry & Jean Janise Anna Lee Boss
Agnes Lewis Gloria DeValcourt

The **Confirmation Class of '09** is sponsoring a **Food & Toy Drive**. Nonperishable food items, and unwrapped, new toys for children ages 5-12 will be collected and donated to the Thensted Center for distribution at Christmastime. If you would like to donate, please bring items to the Religion Center, Monday thru Friday in the mornings. Thank you for supporting our parish youth in this worthwhile cause.

A **Special Joint Meeting** for the **Knights and Ladies** of St. Peter Claver will be held on **Wednesday, November 5th** at **7:00 PM**. All members are urged to attend.

The **Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver** Meche Council #34 will be honoring our Founders on **November 16th** at **7:30 AM** **Mass** celebrating **100 years** of service to God and our fellow men.

Circle of Friends—Fr. Timothy Richard, will be speaking at Circle of Friends on **Monday, November 17th** at **7:00 PM**. Circle of Friends is a Separated and Divorced Support Group that meets every Monday Night at the Immaculata Center in Lafayette. Please call the Office of Family Life for more information at 261-5653.

Since Pope Benedict has named this year as the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, the North Region, of the Diocese of Lafayette is offering a series of four talks on the Life and Teachings of St. Paul on the Tuesdays of November from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Msgr. Paul Metrejean will give these presentations in the Lady of Mercy Catechetical Hall in Opelousas. Topics covered will be:

Nov. 4 Introduction to the Life & Letters of Paul

Nov. 11 "In Christ Jesus" A Basic Theme in Paul's Letters

Nov. 18 The Two Adams: Law and Grace, Flesh and Spirit, Death & Life

Nov. 25 The Day of the Lord — Paul's Teaching on the Second Coming and the Resurrection of the Body.

Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends!
Call 942-4174 for more information.

A Prayer for our Nation as we Prepare to Elect our Leaders

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but also of nations and governments. We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law.

We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but also to influence others to vote—and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active.

Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken your people to a commitment for the rights and dignity of each person—especially those who are most vulnerable, the unborn and the frail elderly. Help us to elect leaders who will work to build a country where the hungry and the homeless are assisted, the immigrant is welcomed, the environment is protected, and all legitimate paths to peace are pursued.

Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.