



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2008

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you
have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory for this past weekend was \$6,602.50.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mr. John Earl Cormier
By: Family**



**Thursday, December 11th, 3" of
snow fell in Grand Coteau!**

New Year Holiday Mass Schedule:

St. Charles Church 4:00 PM December 31st
Christ the King 9.00 AM January 1st
St. Charles Church 10:00 AM January 1st

Please Note: There will be NO HOLY HOUR
on Thursday, January 1st.



Prayer for the Christmas Season

God of Life, in this Christmas time
We rejoice in the celebration of your coming.

You sent your Son, Jesus, born in Bethlehem.
He is the Prince of Peace, and the one in whose
name all oppression shall cease.

May we welcome his coming each day
And prepare for his coming at the end of time.
May we build a culture that welcomes him by wel-
coming every child, born and unborn.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior, who
lives with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now
and forever. Amen.

**Registration for "Six Steps to Easter" Religious
Education Program** is scheduled for Wednesday,
February 11th at 6:00 P.M. in St. Charles Chapel.
This program is for students in Jr. High & High
School (grades 7-8, 9-10 & higher). Completed form
and a fee of \$15.00 are due at registration. Four years
of this program are required for Confirmation as a
Junior in high school. Parent and child must attend
this mandatory meeting. Classes start February 25th.

Activities of the Week December 29-Jan. 4

M 29	5:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 30	6:00 PM 7:30 Choir Practice
W 31	New Year's Eve
TH 1	Happy New Year!
FR 2	

Minister Schedule-January 3-4

Vigil -Lector Ivy Lavergne & Jim Burleigh
Communion Barbara Burleigh, Kalina Cormier
Mildred Boast, Jo Burleigh, Janice Fox
Altar Server Nicholas Smith

7:30-Lector George & Mary Murray
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau,
Perry & Brenda Kennerson,
Paul & Lolita Henry
Altar Server Carlie Pierre

10:30-Lector Cathy Taylor & Danielle Belson
Communion Frank & Avis Domingue,
Andy & Kim Dakin, Angela Boone
Altar Servers Armand Olivier, Morgan Boone,
Lauren Bourque

Church Cleaners for January 3-4

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

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God

PARKING AREA: We are planning to designate parking spots in the area located to the east of St. Ignatius School. This is the area extending toward Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House.

As the parking area is being setup, please be careful to follow the signs that will appear and to use the designated spots for parking. Thank you for your cooperation.

MARRIED COUPLES—Want to give your loved one a gift that keeps on giving? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage encounter Weekend—it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next WWME weekend is:

February 6-8 in Baton Rouge
March 13-15 in Slidell

For more information call 1-800-586-5469.

Website: <http://geocities.com/wwmebatonrouge>

Looking for a wealth of sources about our Catholic Faith and for help in your personal spiritual life? Please take a look at and explore the web-site: <http://www.loyolapress.com>

Anointing of the Sick: Parishioners are reminded that the area hospitals do not have a Catholic Chaplain. The area priests are called upon to visit the parishioners at the hospital. Sometimes the priests cannot respond immediately to requests for the anointing of the sick as their schedules are full. If a parishioner is scheduled to have surgery, please contact your parish priest for celebration of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick before going to the hospital. Thank You!

The office of Family Life Ministry is again sponsoring the **DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CLEBRATION** to honor couples who have been married 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years. Only the above mentioned years will be honored, no between years will be accepted. It will be held on Sunday, February 8, 2009, 2:00 p.m., St. Edmonds Church 4131 West Congress St., Lafayette. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate a special Mass and will give certificates, suitable for framing, to all couples being honored. Couples who wish to be honored must register no later than January 23, 2009. For more information, please call Family Life at 261-5653.