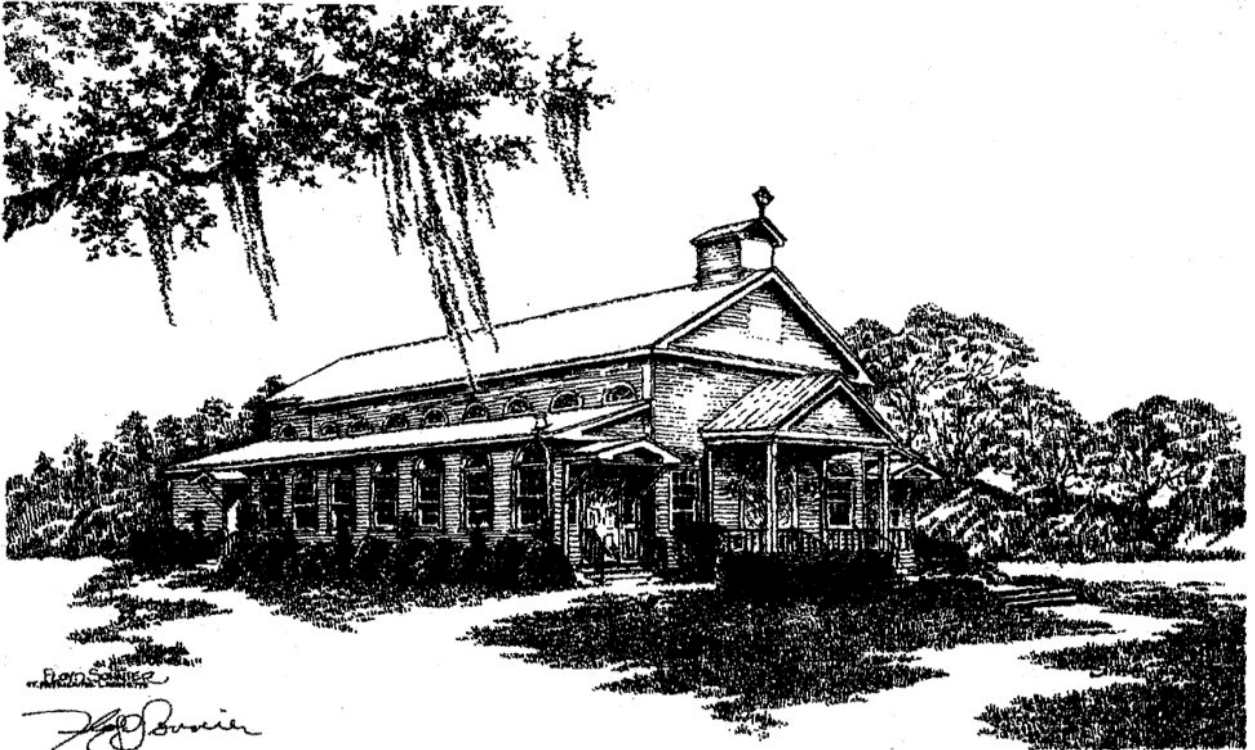


St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 28, 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs:
9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.
Fri: closed

Holy Mass

Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 & 10 a.m.
Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:20-3:50 p.m.
Weekdays: 7-7:25 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 27

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; John P Zagar; Alaina Bouvier (*living*)

Sunday, July 28

8:30 a.m.: LaFleur & Walker family

10 a.m.: For Parishioners

Monday, July 29

7:30 a.m.: Dr Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col Clark Comeaux & Catherine & Col Kimberley Fedele (*living*)

Tuesday, July 30

7:30 a.m.: Beau Lege (*living*)

Wednesday, July 31

7:30 a.m.: Marlene Bellard; Ludden Bellard; Faye Beasley

Thursday, August 1

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, August 2

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker

Red Bird Ministries

Red Bird Ministries will be hosting two events with keynote speaker Jeff Schiefelbein, founder of Undivided Life and host of the BeatiDudes.

Annual Soirée

Date: Friday, August 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Location: St Pius X Church, Lafayette

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit redbird.love/2024-remember.

Brunch with the BeatiDudes

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2024, 9-11 a.m.

Location: St Leo Church, Lafayette

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit redbird.love/2024-brunch-beatidudes.

Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards

Saturday, August 17, 2024. Visit diolaf.org/bishopsdinner for more information or to purchase tickets.

Catholic Charities of Acadiana

To donate to the homeless shelter, give online at catholiccharitiesofacadiana.org or by a check to PO Box 3177, Lafayette, 70502. Write "emergency sheltering" in the memo.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests" will be held Monday, August 5, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House

Our Lady of the Oaks Jesuit Retreat House, located at 214 Church St in Grand Coteau, offers retreats for men, women, and couples. These retreats, directed by Jesuit priests and thoroughly trained lay directors, are based on St Ignatius of Loyola's famous Spiritual Exercises. Mass, Reconciliation, Way of the Cross, and the Rosary are also featured during the retreat experience. For a calendar of all upcoming retreats, and to register, you may go online to ourladyoftheoaks.com.

Fête-Dieu du Mississippi

The 10th annual boat procession on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary will begin at St Joseph Cathedral, in Baton Rouge on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 8 a.m. Following the Mass, there will be a eucharistic procession to the Mississippi River, where the 130-mile procession and blessing will commence. The two-day procession will conclude with a celebration in New Orleans at Jackson Square on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register visit fetedieuduteche.org or email fetedieuduteche@gmail.com. Companies wanting to register boats should email frchampagne@yahoo.com.

Let us pray for:

Jan Judice, who is recuperating in the hospital after a fall.

Parishioner Mary Kramer, who is moving to San Antonio to be near family.

Todd Cameron, son of parishioner Robin Roy, for his health concerns.

Owen Marc Baum, son of Michael and Candice Baum, grandson of Marcus and Andre Delahoussaye, who was baptized at St Patrick on July 27.

Gail Roetker, who is being treated for cancer.

Brenda Simon, who had a stroke and is recovering.

Doug & Karen Nicko, Merrick Stelly, and Dickie Bell for their health concerns.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions. Email us at office@stpat.org.

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1333, 1335

At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfillment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.

Thank you for last week's stewardship Offerings.....\$3,993

Next week's second collection is for St Patrick's building and maintenance fund.

Online giving at St Patrick's

If you would like to contribute to St Patrick's online, please visit our website (stpat.org) and click Give Online at the top, where you will be directed to Give 52. Fill out the information and select St Patrick Church from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your support of our parish and its mission.

From the Pastor's Desk

Five loaves and two fish. “*But what good are these for so many?*” This was the question that Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, asked Jesus. The disciples were soon to see, to learn, that the wisdom of the world, its categories and its reckoning, is wholly useless before the power of God.

We know, don't we, that fives loaves and two fish cannot feed five thousand men, “*not counting women and children*” (Mt 14:21). This makes me wonder how many other things we know for certain that just aren't so.

Coming to grips with such things that just aren't so, things that we once mistook as certain, things that had once formed the foundation of our whole world outlook, calls for humility. And humility takes courage.

It takes courage to say, “Wow, I was wrong about that” or “Wow, I was looking at such-and-such in the wrong way, but now I see.”

This is what is sometimes called an *ontological shock*. Something happens in our lives, something we witness or realize just shakes us to the core of our being. This shock then produces a whole new way of seeing the world and relating to the world. This is called a *paradigm shift*. My

way of seeing the world (my paradigm) is shifted (moved). And I can't unsee what I now see. I can't go back. And I don't want to. It's an “*amazing grace*” moment: I once was blind, but now I see. This dynamic is at the heart of every conversion and is quite often how the Holy Spirit works in us to bring about *metanoia*.

The disciples of Jesus first experienced this at the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee, when Jesus turned gallons upon gallons of water into wine. This was the first of Jesus's signs as recorded in the gospel of John: “*and his disciples began to believe in him*” (Jn 2:11).

They *began* to believe. Jesus would then give his disciples six more signs (for a total of seven). The fourth is the feeding of the five thousand. Each sign was meant to chip away at the disciples'

“certainties,” based on a worldly way of thinking, and move them toward *metanoia*, a renewal of mind and heart.

Some could not handle the shock, the shift, and so they left Jesus. “*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts*” (Ps 95:7-8). But others could not turn away, even if they did not yet fully understand: “*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life*” (Jn 6:68).

