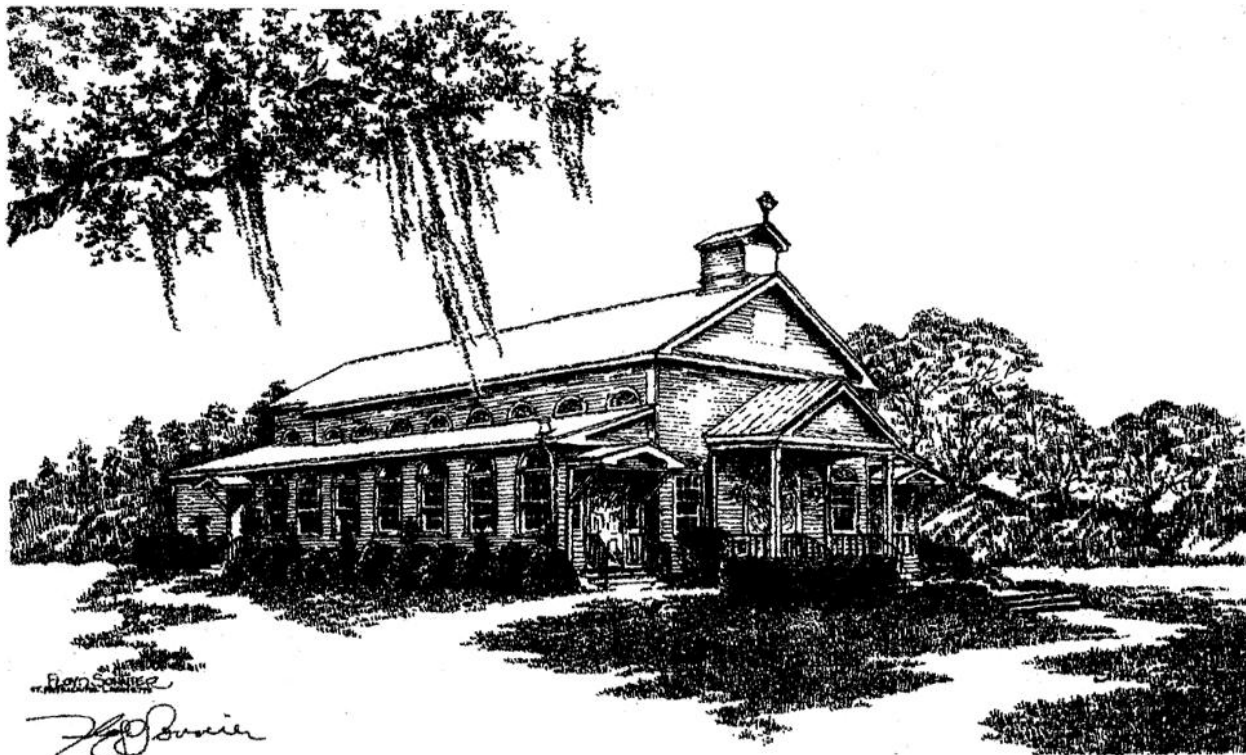


St. Patrick Catholic Church

*August 24, 2025
Twenty-first 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, August 23

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Ron, Wallace & Romaine Venable

Sunday, August 24

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, August 25

7:30 a.m.: Geri P Kreamer

Tuesday, August 26

7:30 a.m.: Robert "Bob" Neef

Wednesday, August 27

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Thursday, August 28

7:30 a.m.: Val Mayhall & Caroline Lege
(*living*)

Friday, August 29

7:30 a.m.:

What are my gifts, God?

Discovering his mission for me

Join us for this silent preached women's retreat (ages 23+), September 5 through 7 at Our Lady of the Bayous Retreat Center, Abbeville, where you'll encounter God and pray with the gifts He has given you. We will spend the weekend discovering God's mission for you. For cost and registration information email janiefrankeretreats@gmail.com.

The Forge, Fr Chester P Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference

The 22nd annual Fr. Chester P Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference will be held September 4 through 7 at the Hilton Riverside Hotel located in New Orleans. The conference will focus on developing spiritual and life enhancement skills that will help men, young and old, live more effective lives. Conference attendees will be able to partake in workshops, health fair, praise and worship sessions, as well as fellowship with other Black Catholic Men of Faith. For more information go to bowmanfrancis.org.

St Patrick's women's bible study

A 22-week bible study beginning on Tuesday, September 9 (8:15-9:30 a.m.) here in the office building conference room, using the book *Touching the Divine* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer, which can be purchased on online at walkingwithpurpose.com or on Amazon. Contact Judi Dugas (337-247-5789), Stephanie Bacque (337-278-9303) or Penny Spizale (337-296-0346) for any and all questions, information, and registration.

Women's preached retreat

Join the generational Acadiana tradition of making a three-day Ignatian preached retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau, October 9 through 12. For more information or to register visit www.gcretreats.org or contact retreat captain Louise Stelly 337-540-7037.

Remember Me

A support group for those with loved ones who suffer from dementia/Alzheimer's. Meetings twice per month at St Elizabeth Seton Church. Call 337-235-1483 or email setonrememberme@gmail.com for more information.

Studium to Studio

Each week, the Lafayette chapter of Lay Dominicans records a 30-minute program on various topics of interest to a Catholic audience, hosted by St Patrick parishioners Jeff and Cheryl Drozda. All the episodes (so far, over 100 of them) can be found on the YouTube channel “Studium to Studio.” Episodes are aired on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on Christ our King Radio, 90.5 AM, KLFT.

Legion of Mary Rosary Crusade

The Legion of Mary is looking for 100 million rosaries to be prayed starting now and continuing all over the world. They are asking people to pray the rosary for peace in the world, peace in the Church, and peace in the womb. Email rshennum56@gmail.com to commit.

Let us pray for:

Edmund and Clarisse Dugas, who celebrate 73 years of marriage on August 25.

Cordero and Adelia Sparrow, who celebrate two years of marriage on August 26.

Nolan Guidry, who celebrates his 82 birthday on August 29.

Jeff Drozda, who celebrates his 58th Birthday on August 30.

Karen Nicko, Robert Benoit, Joyce Stelly, Harold Schoeffler, Merrick Stelly, Monica Mullins, Gail Roetker, Charles Mire, Ed Roy, Bryan Lege, and Brenda Simon 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 Twenty-first Sunday

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on social justice, nn. 1931-1933

Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that “everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as ‘another self,’ above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity.” The duty of making oneself a neighbor to others and actively serving them becomes even more urgent when it involves the disadvantaged, in whatever area this may be. “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” This same duty extends to those who think or act differently from us. The teaching of Christ goes so far as to require the forgiveness of offenses. He extends the commandment of love ... to all enemies. Freedom in the spirit of the Gospel is incompatible with hatred of one’s enemy as a person, but not with hatred of the evil that he does as an enemy.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....	\$5,271
Assumption of BVM.....	\$398
Online offerings for July.....	\$8,459

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

This past Tuesday, on August 19, I celebrated my 49th birthday. I want to thank everyone for the kind birthday wishes, greetings, and gifts. Your thoughtfulness and generosity mean so much to me, and I am grateful.

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Catholic Charities of Acadiana has begun a new initiative to help those in need. The St Theresa of Calcutta fund is specifically designed for unmet needs that don't fit typical food or shelter services. This fund will help those with critical and immediate needs, such as helping with: utilities to keep someone housed; burial expenses for an impoverished family; paying for prescriptions or medical equipment; vehicle repairs so a parent can keep working; school uniforms for children; financial assistance for a family transitioning out of homelessness, etc.

The need for such assistance is real, and none of these things are rare cases in our community. You can go online to visit catholiccharitiesacadiana.org to learn more and to give, making a one-time or a recurring gift to support these works of mercy.

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The Anointing of the Sick, which used to be referred to as extreme unction, is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This sacrament should not be put off until the moment when death is imminent. Ideally, the one who receives this sacrament would do so while conscious, so as to actively participate in the graces it imparts, possibly even by making a

sacramental confession beforehand and followed by the reception of holy communion.

What does this sacrament do? Its primary grace is to infuse Christian hope into the recipient so that he/she may better withstand the hardships and doubt that come with illness and the approach of death. The result is a spiritual strengthening, and sometimes a physical healing, too.

Who can receive this sacrament? Any baptized Catholic who is in some danger of death because of an illness, disease, or the effects of old age. Again, death does not have to be imminent, nor should we wait until then to ask for this sacrament, which only a priest can perform.

Fr Guillory

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities of Acadiana needs volunteers. Here is how you can help:

St. Joseph Diner: sign up to serve during the most needed shifts: breakfast and dinner.

Food Net Bank: emergency food bags need to be filled; often they have no one to help.

Check the online calendar and sign up where there are vacancies (catholiccharitiesacadiana.org). For questions contact Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org.

United Christian Outreach, 422 Carmel Dr., is also in need of volunteers. Please contact parishioner Geneva Phillips at 337-280-2065 for more information.