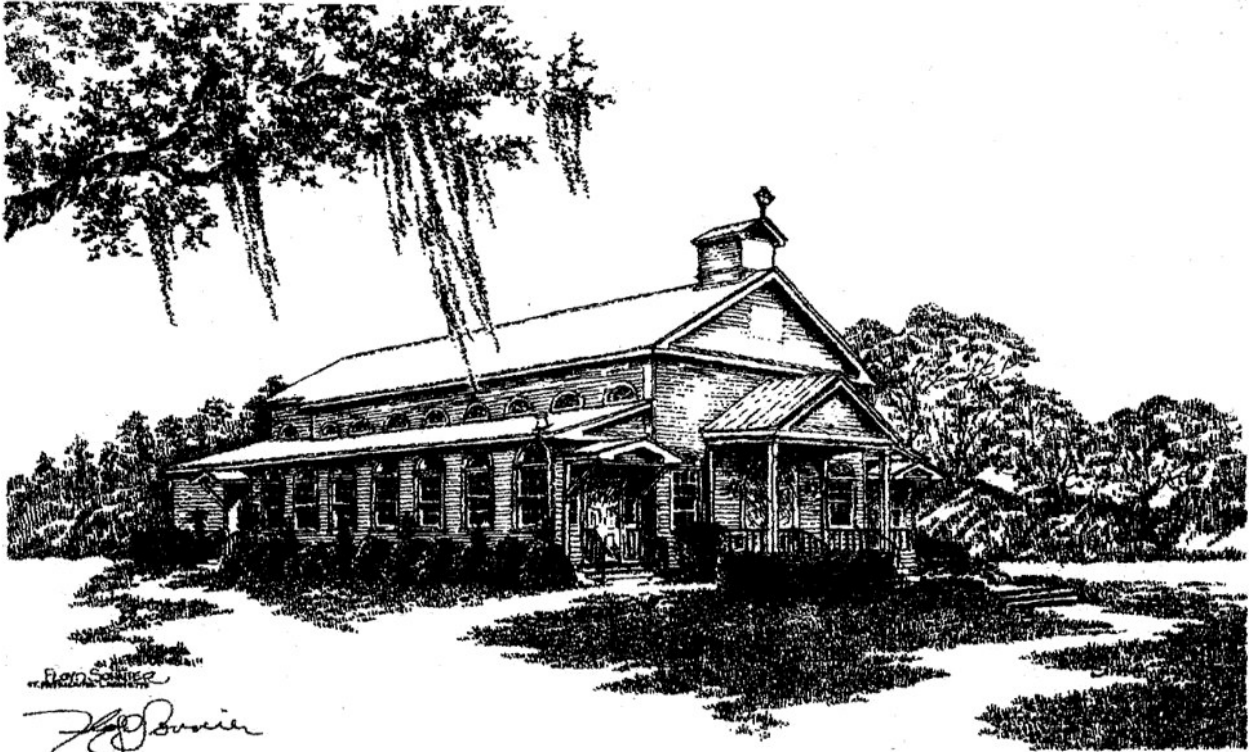


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 31, 2025
Twenty-second 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 30

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Bouvier family (*living*); Pat Low (*living*)

Sunday, August 31

8:30 a.m.: John P Zagar; Marliene Bellard; Ludden Bellard; Faye Beasley

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, September 1

7:30 a.m.: Jerry Collins

Tuesday, September 2

7:30 a.m.: Ashton Petitjean family

Wednesday, September 3

7:30 a.m.: Ronald Lege family

Thursday, September 4

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Friday, September 5

7:30 a.m.: Geri P Kreamer

Labor Day office closure

St Patrick's church office will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

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 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.gcetrements.org or contact retreat captain Louise Stelly 337-540-7037.

Memorial Mass Father Verbis LaFleur

Commemorating the 81st anniversary of the death of Servant of God, Lt Father Verbis LaFleur, a memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Ville Platte on Monday, September 8. Rosary, 6 p.m. Mass, 6:30 p.m. For more information visit frverbislafleur.com.

Permanent Diaconate Office

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Diocese of Lafayette is now accepting online pre-inquiry forms and pre-interviewing for men who feel a call to serve more. If you would like more information, please seek out the Pre-Inquiry form under the Permanent Diaconate Office on the diocesan website. Fill out the form and send electronically and you should be contacted by phone. Please contact Deacon Jim Kincel with any questions (337-735-9433).

*Do not neglect to do good and to share
what you have; God is pleased by
sacrifices of that kind.*

~Hebrews 13:16

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” to be held Monday, September 8, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick’s. 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.

Parish website

On our parish website, *stpat.org*, can be found both the current and past bulletins as well as the texts of some of Fr Guillory’s recent homilies.

Adult faith formation opportunity

On Tuesday, September 9, Mr Jeffrey Cormier will present a talk on the existence of God, how to understand atheist arguments and how to refute them. The talk will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in the conference room of St Patrick’s parish office building.

Let us pray for:

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.*

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.

Collect for the Twenty-second Sunday

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, on social justice, nn. 1934-1937

All human beings have the same nature and the same origin. All are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity. The equality of human beings rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it: Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God’s design. On coming into the world, man is not equipped with everything he needs for developing his bodily and spiritual life. He needs others. Differences are tied to age, physical abilities, intellectual or moral aptitudes, the benefits derived from social commerce, and the distribution of wealth. The “talents” are not distributed equally. These differences belong to God’s plan, who wills that each receive what he needs from others, and that those endowed with particular “talents” share the benefits with those who need them. These differences encourage and often oblige persons to practice generosity, kindness, and sharing of goods.

Thank you for last week’s stewardship Offerings.....\$5,735

Next week’s second collection is for St Patrick’s building fund.

From the Pastor's Desk

The annual Bishop's Services Appeal (BSA) funds direct service ministries throughout the Diocese of Lafayette. None of the monies given through the BSA goes toward administrative overhead. Half of the monies collected fund our Diocese's many seminarians and vocations efforts. Another thirty percent goes toward more specialized ministries: outreach to Black and Hispanic Catholics, pro-life work, marriage and family life, youth ministries, the deaf action center. Ten percent is allocated to the food and shelter ministries of Catholic Charities of Acadiana, and the last ten percent helps with communications about Catholic life and events in our Diocese.

Our little parish has already met its goal for 2025, so far raising \$10,800 over our asked-for goal of roughly \$22,000. And we've done this through the generosity of 42 distinct donors. As I've said in the past, it is less important how much we give than that many of us give and support financially the good works made possible by the BSA. I would love to see our parish with 75 individual donors by the time this year's BSA campaign ends. St Patrick's has always been a powerhouse when it comes to generosity toward the BSA, punching well above our weight. Last year we were only \$500 short of reaching 300% of our goal! 300%! Can you imagine?

So if you haven't yet given this year, I invite you to go online to diolaf.org/bsa, where you can learn much more about what the BSA does and then contribute to the efforts supported by BSA, efforts and programs that you yourselves no doubt hold dear.

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.

Fr Guillory

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities of Acadiana (CCA) 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. For questions Sarah Baquet at 337-235-4972 or sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org. Information about CCA can be found online at catholiccharitiesacadiana.org.