



February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent



Tuesday, Feb. 20— 5:30 PM—EGAN- (L) Walter Stroupe (D) Tommy Pinson, Jack & Edna Oliver, Robert & Dortohy McManus

Wednesday, Feb 21—8:00 AM— IOTA- (L) Kaeley Dufrane (D) Mary Agnes Fabacher, David N LeJeune, Paul Andrepont fly, Wilbert LeJeune fly, Paulette Coleman, Allison Welch, David & Bobby Mouton

Thursday, Feb. 22- 7:00 AM—IOTA- (L) Eddie Higginbotham, Hallie Fulton (D) Jeanette Higginbotham, Larry Leckelt, Souls in Purgatory

Friday, Feb. 23— 7:00 AM—IOTA- (D) J.D. Miller , Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Feb. 24- 4:00 PM- IOTA— (L) Lula Reed fly. , Charles Leger, Ethel Brown (D) Ben Fruge, Calvin Cart, Lillie & Calvin Aucoin, J.F. & Julia Clement, T-Man LaCombe, Rachel Lacomb, Magdalene & Gilton LeJeune, Barry Simar, M/M Joseph Johnson, M/M Phillip Klumpp, Raymond, Lelia & Lilly Pousson, Jimmie Reed, George Hoffpauir, Hoffpauir & Leonards fly, Souls in Purgatory, Raleigh Miller, Gloria Sachhez, Jeremy Latiola, Marlene Leger, Tony Brown

6:00PM— EGAN- (L) Claude & Lana Breaux, Elden Dupre (D) Johnson Myers, Robert & Barbara Myers, Lucy, & Theo Oliver, Sr., Theo Jr., Virginia Hebert, Blaine & Teddy Oliver

Sunday, Feb. 25— 7:00 AM— IOTA- (L) All Parishioners

9:00AM- EGAN— (D) John & Elaine Bellon, Kris Bellon, Sam Dommert, Vickie Bellon, M/M Kenny Bellon, M/M Tim Hollier, Lisa Miller, Cleve & Veronica Miller, JoAnn Regan, Hubert & Ella Mae Regan, Leroy & Mabel LeJeune

11:00 AM— IOTA- (I) Conversion of Sinners, Salvation of Souls (L) Frances Myers, Michael LeJeune fly, Tim LeJeune fly, Dustin Lavergne fly, Russell LeBlanc fly, Jake Michael LeJeune (D) Wayne Thevis, Audrey & Rigney Pousson, Sr., Daniel “Buddy” & Kaleb Myers, Phil LaCasse. Wille & Audrey Myers, Rodney & Clarice LeJeune, Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Joseph: In memory of Rachel Lacomb, Barry Simar & Gilton & Magdalene Le Jeune

St. Michael:

Votive Lamps

Angel:

Angel:

St. Joseph: In memory of David Le Jeune



Mass offerings: Thank you for your support!

IOTA:	\$ 5,364.00	EGAN:	\$ 1,395.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 811.00		\$ 537.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 404.00		\$ 109.00

Up-coming collections: Black & Indian Missions- Feb 17-18

St. Joseph - Lectors Feb 24 & 25

Saturday	4:00 PM -L- Betty L	M- Monica M
Sunday	7:00 AM- L- Mary Beth M	M- Donald L
	11:00 AM-L- James B	M- James B

St. Michael- Lectors

Saturday	6:00 PM-L- Pam B	M- Jill J
Sunday	9:00 AM-L- Denise L	

Church Cleaners~ Week of Feb. 19

St. Joseph— Molly C & friends
St. Michael— Ramona & Friends

Communion to Homebound~ Mar 7

Chris L & Nell B Mary G & Betty L

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

CDA- Tues., Feb. 20 @10AM— Parish Hall
KC's- Tues., Mar. 12 @ 7pm— Egan Church Hall
St. Joseph LAS— Mon., Feb. 26@2PM— Parish Hall
Lenten Book Study— Thurs., Feb 22@ 5:00 PM— Parish Hall
Rosary for the Sick— Mon., Mar. 4 @5:30PM— St. Joseph Church
Come Lord Jesus— Wed., Feb 21 @ 9AM call 526-9177 for location & Thurs., Feb. 22@ 6PM— Parish Hall

Please pray for the sick of our parish— Darryl LeJeune, Velma Guidry, Tonya Z. Miller, Gerald Doucet, Jr., Pat R. LeJeune, Kristy McDaniel, Jerry Dale LeJeune, Edwina Sylvester, Leonard Cloud Jr., Quillian Bertrand, Randy Pousson, Connie LaCombe, Roylene Landry, Claude Breaux, Frances R. Miller, Camron Woodson, Gracie Sanchez, Mary Odom, Daniel Lantz, Harold Ducote, Jr., Randy G. Regan, Emily LaCombe, Sidney Fruge, Wilma LeJeune, Germaine Frey, Quincy Lantz, Rene Earles, Lucy LaCasse, JoAnn Hebert, Jaxson Reed, Elizabeth Brown, Charlie “Brown” LeJeune, Donald LeJeune



Dear Parish Family,

Lent has finally begun! We are five days into the Lenten Season: how are you doing? By no means is Lent like New Years where we make a resolution. It is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving where we are meant to conform ourselves closer and closer to Christ. You don't have to have your Lenten practices all figured out in the first week, it is not a process that should be rushed, and in some instances, you don't even have to strive for a "different" or "special" Lent that will outshine all the other Lents you have experienced. Just do what Christ asks of you, and you will be shocked by the results!

We are starting the process known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.). This is a program for those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic, or those who are Catholic and not Confirmed or received their First Communion. February 23rd will be the final date to sign up for O.C.I.A. since the preparation takes place during Lent and ends with the celebration at the Easter Vigil on March 30th.

Since I first arrived, one of my primary concerns has been finding scholarships for St. Francis School. Recently, I was told of a scholarship known as Arete Scholars. It awards K-8 scholarships and empowers parents to place their children in private schools. By the time you read this letter, we have submitted the form to participate in this scholarship. I hope we receive swift confirmation and offer this opportunity to families in our area.

The bulletin has a great deal more information regarding the scholarship as well as the listed requirements. If you have any questions or are interested in this scholarship, please contact me or the St. Francis office. For our returning students or those who do not qualify, we are still actively searching for other scholarship opportunities. I have several leads that look hopeful.

Finally, I feel it is necessary to shed some light on how we receive Holy Communion. As a reminder, there are two ways we can receive: on the hand or on the tongue. Both are accepted; however, we need to remember *how* to receive. I have noticed recently that many people from children to the elderly, and everyone in between, hold their hands either limp, with spaced fingers, or cupped.

You may have noticed that I hold my pointer finger and thumb together after the consecration. This is an ancient practice done by the priest after he touches the Host. It is done out of love and adoration for Our Lord to prevent the particles from the Host falling. It is an external representation of how we should treat Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Please take the time this Lent to genuinely reflect on how you receive Holy Communion. We can often become relaxed in our practices, which leads to a spiritual laziness and lack of adoration for God.

God Bless,
Fr. Killeen



Blood Drive— The Our Lady of Lourdes mobile unit will be at the Iota Fire Department on Saturday, March 2nd from 9AM—2PM. All blood donations will help to replenish supply for Mr. Daniel Lantz, who is undergoing cancer treatments.

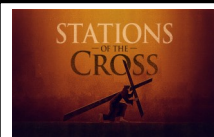
Renewing our Joy in the Lord, A day of Recollection for Widows will be held Saturday March 2nd from 8AM-4PM at St. Thomas More Church, Eunice. The day will begin with 1st Saturday Mass at 8AM, breakfast & lunch will be provided. Presentations will be by Joanne Paulos & Widow to Widow Ministry (W2W). Opportunities for private prayer, group sharing, adoration & confession. Call the St. Thomas More Church office to RSVP— 33-457-8107



BBQ Pork Steak Dinner— The Egan KC's will have their annual Palm Sunday Dinner on March 24th at the Egan Church Hall. The dinner consist of Pork Steak, Rice Dressing, baked beans, garlic bread & dessert. Pick up time will be 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Donation is \$12.00 a plate. Tickets are on sale now and can be bought from any KC member or in the church office.



St. Francis School is currently having registration for new students for the 2024-25 school year. Please contact the school for more information or for a registration packet.



The Way of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 8AM with the St. Frances Students and 5:30 PM, both at St. Joseph.

Lenten Mission

DEFENDERS OF THE CHURCH
ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MICHAEL

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6TH &
7TH, 2024

5:30-6:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH,
IOTA, L.A.