



January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Tuesday, Jan. 21— 5:30 PM— EGAN— (D) Pam D. Vincent, Frances Miller, Kristy McDaniel

Wednesday, Jan 22—8:00 AM— IOTA—(I) For an End to Abortion (L) Charles Leger (D) Mary Agnes Fabacher, David N. LeJeune, Paul Andrepont fly., Wilbert LeJeune fly., Paul Andrepont fly., Russell & Barbara LaCombe, Dot, J.M. & Joan McCrory, Marlene Leger, Fr. Van Brero, Alex & Abraham Valier, Lawrence & Karl Leonards, JW Zaunbrecher, Sylvester & Helen Frey, Sue Ritter, Frances Miller, Mable Cart

Thursday, Jan 23— 7:00 AM—IOTA—(L) Sandra & Abbie Seilhan (D) Larry Leckelt, Istre & Leckelt fly.

Friday, Jan 24— 7:00 AM—IOTA— (L) Carol Leonards & fly., Cancer patients our Community, S.F.S. & I.H.S. students (D) Lawrence & Karl Leonards, Richard LaCombe, M/M Albert LaCasse

Saturday, Jan 25- 4:00 PM- IOTA— (L) Charles Leger, Lula Reed & fly. (D) Diana Gotte, Marlene Leger, Francis Reed, M/M Joseph Johnson, M/M Phillip Klumpp, Raymond, Lelia & Lily Pousson, Magdalene & Gilton LeJeune, Barry Simar, Rachel Lacombe, Christine Gresko, JF, Julia & Jeffrey Clement, T-Man Lacombe, Ben Fruge, Calvin Cart, Lillie & Calvin Aucoin, Raleigh Miller, Gloria Sanchez, Jeremy Latiola, Jana, Billie & Ernest Francois, Sr., Willard & Bennie Miller, John Laughlin, Lucy & Leighton Matthews, Gustin & Josephine Boone, Charlie & Ione LeJeune, Johnny & Sis Sittig, Ronnie LeJeune, Elaine Dupre, Joycelyn Hebert, Jimmie Reed, M/M Demas Simon, Jean Simon, George W. Hoffpauir, Hoffpauir & Leonards fly., Souls in Purgatory, Janis Williford, Kaleb Myers, Paulette Coleman

5:30 PM— EGAN- (D) Tommy Pinson, Jr., Carl & Brent Hebert, Frances Miller

Sunday, Jan 26— 7:00 AM— IOTA- (L) All Parishioners

9:00AM- EGAN—(D) Alex Touns, Burton David, Betty S. Pousson, Donna P. Hebert, Karen P. Leonards, Floyd LaCombe, M/M Philibert LaCombe, M/M George Regan

11:00 AM— IOTA- (L) Nancy Myers, Michael LeJeune fly , Monique Cavazos & fly. (D) Wayne Thevis, M/M Rigney Pousson, Sr., Willie & Audrey Myers, Rodney & Clarice LeJeune, Souls in Purgatory, Mayo Landry, Willa LeJeune, Lorenzo Cavazos, Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Joseph: (D) Hilton & Magdalene LeJeune, Barry Simar, Rachel Lacombe, Christine Gresko



St. Michael: (L & D) Lawrence Leonards fly

Votive Lamps

Angel: (D) Marlene Leger, Fr. VanBurero (L) Charles Leger,

Angel: In thanksgiving by Connie & Ralph LaCombe

St. Joseph: (L) Gabriel Gotte, Leonard Cloud, Jr

Mass offerings: *Thank you for your support!*
IOTA: \$ 5,853.00 **EGAN:** \$1,922.00

Up-coming collections: Maintenance Feb. 1 - 2

St. Joseph—		Jan 25 & 26
Saturday	4:00 PM -L- Norma N	M - Jennifer L
Sunday	7:00 AM- L- Kayla S	M— Kayla S
	11:00 AM—L— James B	M— Deacon Ryan
St. Michael—		
Saturday	5:30 PM—L— Jill J	M— Deacon
Sunday	9:00 AM —L— Blaine L	M— Deacon

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Cancer Rosary — Mon., Feb. 3 @5:30PM— St. Joseph Church
Iota LAS— Monday, Jan. 27 @ 2PM— St. Joseph Parish Hall
KC's- Tues., Jan 14h @ 7pm— Egan Church Hall
CDA- Tues., Jan 21 @10AM— Parish Hall
Come Lord Jesus— Mondays 6PM—church hall & Wednesdays @ 9AM— call 526-9177 for location— Thursdays 6PM Egan CCD building

Church Cleaners~ Week of Jan 20

St. Joseph— Mahlon M & fly
St. Michael—Laura H & fly

Communion to Homebound~ Jan. 23

Fr. Killeen Pris & Mary Lynn



Please pray for the sick of our parish— Darryl LeJeune, Velma Guidry, Jerry Dale LeJeune, Leonard Cloud Jr., Quillian Bertrand, Connie LaCombe, Roylene Landry, Claude Breaux, Camron Woodson, Mary Odom, Harold Ducote, Jr., Randy G. Regan, Wilma LeJeune, Germaine Frey, Quincy Lantz, Rene Earles, Renee R. Doucet, Sharon Pousson, Rhonda Stoute, Cage Leger, Brady Manuel, Liz Langlinais, Loretta Miller, Irene Henry, Dale Sittig, Elaine Wriborg, Mark Moore, Linda Manuel, Ben Baggett, Lynn Dale Coleman, Megan Mitchell, James "Tank" LeJeune, Raylan Alleman, Mary Motte, Merlene Bergeaux, Elaine Ravey, Brenda Simon, Gabriel Gotte, Randy Duplechain, Stacy LeJeune, Sandra Ritter, Mark Wood, Michael Folse, Roger Fontenot, Bryan Drake, Derwin Davy

Dear Parish Family,

After much prayer and discernment, we will discontinue the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Michael Chapel in Egan. This decision is not made lightly as I deliberated with the Parish Council, several Diocesan employees, and many parishioners for the best way forward. **This will take effect on February 2, 2025.** So, moving forward we will offer four Masses: 4 p.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. We will still offer a wide variety of times to worship together as a parish family. My goal as your pastor is to save souls, but I must do this in the most effective manner possible. I humbly ask you to have an open heart regarding my decision. Here are the key reasons:

First, the current number of congregants at St. Michael does not necessitate an additional Vigil Mass. By no means are the numbers dangerously low. The chapel is also not struggling as evident by our new parking lot project. In truth, and from my experience, it's the opposite. A guest priest once commented after taking all the weekend Masses how surprised he was to see all the families and young children.

In October and May we send Mass counts to the Diocese. The 5:30 p.m. on most weekends has less than 60 people in attendance. The 9 a.m. usually averages under 150. So, it will be beneficial for St. Michael to combine those faithful, and allow for an opportunity to grow the Sunday liturgy at 9 a.m. For those concerned about space, at our recent Holy Day Mass at St. Michael, we had over 200 people in attendance. So, there will be enough room in both the pews and parking lot for the faithful to continue worshipping in a safe and comfortable environment.

Second, as I am currently the only priest assigned to both St. Joseph and St. Michael churches, as well as being pastor of St. Francis School, this development will allow me to serve you all better. Five Masses a weekend is taxing on the priest. It can also be difficult to find Mass replacements, especially in a moment of an emergency. If we had the help of an associate, then duties could be divided, however, we do not have that luxury.

This development will allow me to spread my ministry more evenly throughout the week and weekend. For example, due to the weekend Mass schedule, we do not schedule funerals on Saturdays, as the Law of the Church forbids priests celebrating multiple Masses in one day. With this new schedule we can now offer Saturday funerals. Also, this will give us the opportunity to schedule Saturday evening weddings, and we currently have an ever-increasing number of couples reaching out to get married. This increase in weddings is yet another sign of growth in a community.

Third, this development will allow us to come closer together as a community. This opportunity will allow us to utilize our resources and gifts at the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Michael. Increased congregants at the 9 a.m. will allow for a greater participation, namely, regarding the music, responses, servers, and other ministers. The 9 a.m. has a fantastic and hard-working choir, I am glad to have them lead us in worship. I am also grateful to those who continue to serve as altar servers and ministers. I hope with this development, more people will be able to lift their voices at that Mass and serve. For those who want a "low" Mass, the 4 p.m. and 7 a.m. at St. Joseph often do not have sung Mass parts and hymns.

My intention as your pastor is to provide for the care of souls. The Mass will continue to be our greatest strength and source of comfort. The Mass is always a gift. Celebrating the Sacraments will always be one of my greatest joys as a priest and pastor. So, please join us in worshipping God. As previously mentioned, no other Mass times will be edited or removed. Also, we will also continue to have the weekday 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday at St. Michael. Once again, I am grateful to all of you for allowing me to serve as your pastor. Please keep me in your prayers and know that I will continue to keep you all in mine.

God Bless, Fr. Killeen



The **11PM Saturday evening** holy hour in the Adoration Chapel needs to be filled for every week or can be shared.

12AM Saturday morning very other week needs to be filled as well
If you would like this hour please call the office.



Syrup Pies— The Catholic Daughters will have a pie sale on **Saturday, February 8th**. Orders are now being taken, if you would like to place an order please contact [Anita D @ 581-9039](mailto:Anita.D@581-9039), [Karla B @ 247-3874](mailto:Karla.B@247-3874), [Nanette R @ 458-1118](mailto:Nanette.R@458-1118), [Peggy F @ 230-5968](mailto:Peggy.F@230-5968), [Florence M @ 384-5581](mailto:Florence.M@384-5581).

Pies are \$3.00 each and can be picked up at St. Francis Cafeteria between 11AM and 1:30PM

Lots of help is needed to make this fundraiser successful. Anyone is welcome to come out and help. The schedule is:
Wed. Feb 5— 8AM- Iota High Home Ec— cooking the syrup
Fri. Feb 7— 2PM— SFS lunchroom— making dough
Sat. Feb 8— 7AM— SFS lunchroom— baking pies



Everyone is invited to pray a patriotic rosary with us this **Sunday at 5:30 PM at St. Joseph Church**. If you are unable to attend, please pray along with us at home.



St. Joseph Ladies Altar Society & Catholic Daughters High School Scholarships
CDA & LAS will both be awarding scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Applications for both can be picked up at the counselors office at Iota High or at the church office.

Applications due- March 21st by 12 noon for both