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If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the Church Office

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A QUICK READ

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Fr. Karl Daigle

In our second reading St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "If I preach the Gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship." If we were to take this passage out of context from the rest of Paul's writings, we could possibly get the impression he did not really find joy in the missionary life that He had been called to by God. Thanks be to God that was not the case. St. Paul found great spiritual joy in his vocation in life. He was really good at it in the sense that he put himself out there for Christ and was willing to be an instrument of the Lord, in spite all of his personal limitations, weaknesses and imperfections.

Even though St. Paul loved his calling in life, it was not always an easy or rewarding life. Over the years he had to endure loneliness, inconvenience, hostility, misunderstandings, rejection, betrayal, deprivations, beatings, and eventually death, for the sake of Christ and the message of the Gospel. I am sure there were days or moments where he wrestled with questions such as, "What am I doing? Is it all worth it? Am I getting anything out of this? Can I keep on doing this? Why should I do it? There's got to be more to life than this?" Our second reading reveals that as he struggled with questions such as these, he came to discover and re-discover that Someone bigger and wiser than himself had called, and continued to call, him to this life of service. Yes, I am talking about God. This growing spiritual awareness give him the ongoing strength to persevere during the tough times and rejoice that he was part of God's plan to share the healing and saving message of Jesus Christ.

In our own unique way, all of us can relate to both the joy and the struggle of Paul's ministry, as we live out our own vocation. The vocation of St. Paul reminds us that living out God's call for our lives will have joys and successes as well as sufferings and struggles. The moments of suffering and struggle does not mean we are not called and that God does not continue to call us. When the moments of stress, discouragement, conflict, or failure as a spouse, parent, single person, religious, clergyman, or servant within our particular career field, seem to be getting the best of us, like St. Paul, may we remember and celebrate we have been called and chosen for this life by God. As we get in touch with our vocation in a new and deeper way, may we renew our commitment to God's call and go forward with the faith that "where God calls, God equips," especially if we humbly turn to Him to seek His guidance, strength, encouragement and healing power.

You see, our God given vocation is NOT about us ALWAYS enjoying our lives and what we are doing in our lives. It is about opening ourselves to loving and serving God and others in the way that God calls and equips. The more we embrace this reality with all of our hearts, in both the good times and bad, the more we will be filled with a spiritual joy that pervades every aspect of our lives. Embracing our God given vocation allows us to live a life that goes beyond ourselves and that becomes God's blessing to those for whom we have been called to serve. Are we willing to be God's blessing? Are we willing to serve others as God intended us? Do others experience us as God's blessing? Just a few light hearted things to think about as we live into next week. (LOL-laugh out loud)

May God bless you! ~ Fr. Karl

PARISH CALENDAR

A Quick Glance!

Feb 4/5

Mardi Gras Butterbraids sold after all Masses
Blessing of the Throats - All Masses

Feb 6

Third Agers 10:05 am MH

Feb 7

RCIA 6:45 pm MH/SR

Feb 8

1st Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm Church

Feb 9

Grief Support Meeting 6:30 pm A
VBS Planning Meeting 6:30 pm B

Feb 11

Mardi Gras Parade in Broadmoor
For Mass goers, please place bulletin on dash

Feb 15

Celebration of Service Mass 6:45 pm Church

Feb 16

Church Office Closed - Staff Retreat

Mar 18

St. Joseph Altar Weekend

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Don't Miss a Moment!

Circle 16 will meet on February 8 at 6:30 pm in the FLC. We will have a speaker. Circle 16 is a division of Mary's Workers and are a group of women, ages 40's – 60's, dedicated to service in our parish and community. New members are always welcome. Our recent Bake Sale enabled us to donate a good portion of our proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul, Christian Service, and Catholic Charities. If you'd like to be a part of a Catholic service organization and meet new friends in a casual atmosphere, you are most welcome to join our group!



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting There will be a VBS 2012 planning meeting on Thursday, February 9 (nursery provided). VBS will be held on July 9-13, 2012.

Magnificat Brunch The Magnificat invites you to a brunch on February 11, 2012, 10:30 am—1:30 pm, at St. Jude Catholic Church. Ms. Rita Perry will share how her unwavering faith and God's Graces have sustained her through trying experiences. Tickets are \$12.00 and reservations should be made prior to February 8 by calling Barbara McAlister at (318)747-7029.

Divorce Recovery Program This program, for Catholics suffering from the pains of divorce, will be offered Wednesday, February 29, and the Thursdays of March (1,8,15,22,29) at the Catholic Center. Sessions are limited to 25 participants. Cost: \$40. More details in next week's Sowing. Make plans to attend this Catholic Divorce Survival Program. For more info, call Dotye Sue Stanford 865-3581 or Carol Gates 221-5296.

St. Joseph Seeks Nursery Workers The FLC Nursery is seeking workers during the week and/or weekends. Candidates need to be 18 years of age or older. Please contact Susan Prest (841-8213).

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FOR THE RIDE HOME



Today is the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we are told of the power Jesus had to heal the sick and to cast out demons. We are also told that "Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." This tells me that if Jesus found it necessary then it's also necessary for us to occasionally take time to get away and allow ourselves the opportunity to be quiet and in the presence of the Lord.

Question for Adults As working men and women time is our most valuable and precious commodity. We just don't have enough time. That is all the more reason to think about a retreat, annually if possible. Many men in our parish spend parts of four days at Manresa. Some of the women attend the cenacle. Men and women have recently been introduced to ACTS retreats. When was your last retreat? Is it time for another? Call the office and make your interest known.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Dotye Sue Stanford ~ dstanford@stjosephchurch.net

Month of the Family Ends with a Successful Chili Supper! January started with the "Family at the Table" and ended with "Families at the Chili Supper Table"! Thanks to who cooked the fabulous and delicious chili, our servers, and the clean-up crew and a special thanks to all who attended and supported the Supper and the Office of Family Life Ministries.

Parent's One at a Time Resolutions This time of year you might find it helpful to take stock of what you are doing in the humanly work of handing on the Catholic faith to your children. For the next five weeks the Office of Family Life Ministries will be giving you Resolutions to help parents and their children in growing up Catholic!

10. Fill up your Catholic gaps – You may feel inadequate to instruct your children in Catholic teaching. You may not know how to help them put their Catholic beliefs into practice. For starters, consult the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

9. Get help from your friends – The parish is a family of families. Don't hesitate to ask other Catholic parents for answers to questions such as "What do you say to a 4-year old who wants to take Communion?" or "How do I get my teen to go to Mass?"

Next week #7 & #8.

Grief Support Ministry will meet Thursday, February 9, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in FLC, Room A. For more information, please call Dotye Sue 841-8208.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



Abbey Youth Fest is set for March 10, 2012. Register now with Roxanne if you'd like to go! Many describe this event as a Catholic Woodstock filled with great bands and speakers.

Upcoming Mission Trip Fundraisers: Mardi Gras Butterbraids, Mardi Gras Parade Parking, and Casserole Sales! Contact Roxanne for all the details!

Guy's Group and Girls Bible Study! Join us on Monday nights for a fun filled evening. Girls, contact Roxanne for more information, and guys, contact Kevin!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132 or Mk 6:53-56

8:15 am *Military: Overseas Stateside & Veterans (SI)*

5:45 pm † Murff O'Neal

Tuesday, February 7

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13

8:15 am † James Butler

5:45 pm † Betsy Trusty

Wednesday, February 8

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23

8:15 am † Margaret Walker

9:45 pm † Mack Jackson

5:45 pm *Special Intention (SI)*

Thursday, February 9

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30

8:15 am † Grace Ellen Johnson

5:45 pm † Rosalie Provenza

Friday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37

8:15 am

† Fr. Jean Savel

† Grace Au

† James Butler

† Josephine Dormer

† Lois Brocato

† Nick & Ina Pedro

† Raymond & Patsy Brown

† Santa Maranto

† Sue Sarmiento

Paul Jarzabek (SI)

5:45 pm † Beverly Bohrer

Saturday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10

8:15 am † Robert Lane Mitchell

4:00 pm

† Cary Clark

† Debbie Vaughan

† DeWitt Methvin, Jr.

† Ellen Chavanne

† George K. Cowden

† Joe & Ethel Bevinetto

† Mercedes Colon

† Sarah Claire Touchstone

Kay Nader (SI)

Lallah Methvin (SI)

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 am † Jonathan Thibodeaux

9:30 am *The People of St. Joseph (SI)*

12:00 pm † Mark Gates

6:00 pm † Ronald Ensminger

For the Week of February 6 - February 12:

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of:
Maria Stawasz

CALLING CATHOLICS HOME

www.callingcatholicshome.com



A six-week series entitled "Calling Catholics Home" will be offered beginning Wednesday, February 15, at the Cathedral, in the Parish Hall, at 6:30 pm. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

Please invite those you might know to join us. For information call Jane Snyder (865-3581) or go to the website above.

DRAWING CONTEST!

Theme is Lent or Ash Wednesday. What does it mean to you?

Rules:

8.5in. x 11in. or smaller.

Any medium. (ie crayon, marker, etc)

Child artist's name, grade, parent's name and contact number. Turn in to Church Office: attention Deacon Bill.

Submissions by February 15.

Open to all children of St. Joseph Parish, students of St. Joseph School, and PSR students.

Judging Criteria: originality, neatness, clarity of idea, and relevance to the topic.

Prizes!

\$10 gift card for the best in each grade.

\$25 for the best overall in K-4 to 3rd grade

\$25 for the best overall in 4th - 8th grade.

Overall winners do not qualify for the best in grade. Another entry will be chosen for the grades of the two overall winners.



DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

Patrick Madrid Renowned speaker and author, Patrick Madrid, is coming to St. John Berchmans.

Fri, Feb 17, 6:00 – 8:30pm

Topic: *"Why Be Catholic, Q&A"*

Sat, Feb 18, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Topic: *"Search & Rescue, The Bible & The Catholic Church, Any Friend of God's, Q&A"*

Come learn more about the Catholic Faith, How to share it, How to defend it!

Tickets: \$15, includes admission for both days and lunch on Saturday

Tickets available in the St. John Berchmans Church Office, 939 Jordan Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

www.sjbcathedral.org or 318-221-5296

ACTS MINISTRIES

ACTS Women's Retreat St. Joseph will host their second ACTS Women's Retreat beginning at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 12 and lasting until after the Noon Mass on Sunday, April

15. The retreat will take place at Maryhill Retreat Center in Pineville (transportation will be provided). Registration information can be found on the St. Joseph Website, or by stopping by the church office. Please prayerfully consider taking this opportunity to renew not only your faith but your whole being.

PARISH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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General Weekend Collection (Jan 28/29)

\$23,958.00 (Budget: \$25,000.00) **-\$1,042.00**

Phase V Building Fund (Jan 28/29)

\$4,872.00 (Budget: \$4,500.00) **+\$372.00**

Building Fund Loan Balance (Jan 17)

\$1,347,313.41

PARISHIONERS IN AFRICA

Parishioners in Africa for Mission Work



Using a heart-warming and heart-rending presentation, Dr. Jim Unger and Nurse Rose Unger will share their experiences of spending an extended period last year at St. Martin de Porres Hospital in Njinikom,

Cameroon (Africa). They have volunteered to return to Cameroon and are preparing for another extended stay there this year. The presentation will be Sunday, Feb. 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Church Family Life Center. It is open to all parishioners and the public.

At the African hospital Jim works both in-patient and out-patient obstetrics and gynecology, while Rose is Jim's surgical assistant and works with newborns in the hospital's orphanage. Most of the babies have lost their mothers because of AIDS.

Members of the St. Joseph Conference of St. Vincent de Paul are preparing homemade desserts to be served along with coffee and lemonade. Donations for medicine and medical supplies are always appreciated. Write checks to the Mission Doctors Association.

MARDI GRAS PARADE WEEKENDS



The first of two Saturday parades will be on February 11. This year marks the first year that the Krewe of Centaur will begin in the Broadmoor Neighborhood and conclude in downtown Shreveport. The parade will begin at 4:30 pm. As Fr. Karl mentioned a few weeks back, we will be blocking off the parking lots so that Mass goers will have a place to park. We ask parishioners to place this Sowing on their dash as their "parking pass". Please be careful in navigating the very busy streets of Broadmoor. Do not hesitate to contact the church office with any questions. (The February 18 parade will conclude in Broadmoor - as in years past.)

OUTREACH MINISTRY

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Celebration of Service



On Wednesday, February 15, at 6:45 pm, St. Joseph Church will be having our Second Annual Celebration of Service Mass honoring the service of those in our Parish who reach out to be the "Hands and Feet of Christ" in our community. We ask you to join us for Mass and invite others in our church community who would be interested in coming. Following

Mass, there will be a Desert Reception in the Narthex.

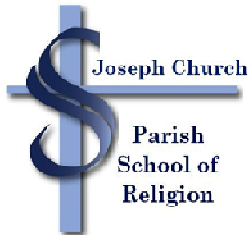
FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Bill Roche ~ broche@stjosephchurch.net

PSR (Parish School of Religion) .

Upcoming PSR schedule:

- February 5 Regular classes
- February 12 Regular classes
- February 19 No Class. President's Holiday weekend
- February 26 Regular classes & Stations of the Cross



Many thanks to Jennie Murphy and all those who made the special PSR activity for Catholic Schools Week so much fun. I'm sure the ice cream had something to do with that! It's amazing what some sprinkles do for vanilla ice cream.

I also want to thank the children who participated as readers at the 9:30 and 12:00 noon Masses. You represented your classmates very well and gave a good impression to the parish for the students who attend PSR.

Parents: keep up the good work. Let us continue to help with your ongoing effort to raise your children Catholic in a very secular world. We want everyone to know that we do have the Gospel here at St. Joseph!

R.C.I.A. RCIA sessions continue every Tuesday evening at 6:45 pm. In the next few weeks we will concentrate on Christian Morality and the Holy season of Lent.

Candidates, please begin to turn in your certificates of baptism if you have not already done so. We will need these soon.

It is only three weeks until the Rite of Election scheduled for 2:30 pm on Sunday, February 26, at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans.

Let me say a few words about the Rite of Election. Catechumens and Candidates who are eligible to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, or to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, will receive a letter from Bishop Duca inviting them to participate in the Rite of Election. Not receiving an invitation means that there is an obstacle still remaining in your situation, usually a lingering marriage case. Do not be discouraged if you do not receive a letter of invitation because as soon as your obstacle is removed you will be able to be received into the Church at the first opportunity no matter the time of year.

Please keep the Catechumens, the Candidates, their sponsors, and their families in your prayers as they continue their pilgrimage to Baptism, or to Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

MEN of St. Joseph continues to meet on Wednesday morning at 6:00 am in the family Life Center. The meeting includes prayer and petition and usually is finished in 20 minutes.

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~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

St. Joseph celebrates 60 years in Catholic education! Our legacy is our alumni! We celebrate you!

Open Registration for the 2012 - 2013 school year begins Monday, Feb. 6th! The school office will be open for registration from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily, Monday - Friday, when school is in session.

No school for students on Friday, February 17, due to a Professional Development Day for faculty and staff.

No school on Monday, February 20, in observance of President's Day.

K4 Krewe of the Carpenter Parade will roll on campus on Tuesday, February 21, at 8:00 am!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

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Schedule of Events

- Feb. 5 - No EDGE - Super Bowl
- Feb. 12 - EDGE Night in the Gym
- Feb 19. - No EDGE - President's Day

Mark your calendars now for EDGE Camp! July 16-20