

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

GOD BLESS AMERICA

WELCOME: To all Visitors and New-comers! If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please call the office at (337) 364-0818 or fill out a Census Form found on the table in the entrance of Church and mail to the office.

BAPTISM: Please contact the office or Rev. James Nguyen.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage should contact the office at least 6 months before the proposed date of weddings.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 30 minutes until 10 minutes before weekend Masses, and from 11:30am until 12:00pm noon on weekday Masses, and by appointment.

****MASS INTENTIONS & BULLETIN INFORMATION**

DEADLINE: Wednesday before 4:00 pm. All Mass intentions & Bulletin information turned in after Wednesday will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION & MAIL IN COLLECTION

CHURCH SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE: 3/23	\$ 2,536.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 3/24-27	\$ 76.00
	<u>\$ 2,612.00</u>

PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND:	\$ 516.00
FOOD PANTRY:	\$ 50.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CRS RICE BOWLS-Please pick up a CRS Rice Bowl to journey through the 40 days of Lent. (Rice Bowls are on the Bulletin Table). Protecting Crops from Natural Disasters in Bangladesh-Shahadat's village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Shahadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read this week's Story of Hope.

SUNDAY READINGS-

March 30-Fourth Sunday of Lent-

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)

April 6-Fifth Sunday of Lent-

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11 (36)

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St. Marcellus Business Working Hours:

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Lunch	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am - 11:30 am

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12:10 pm

***First Friday of Month:** Mass at 4:30pm

***First Friday Adoration:** 8:00am-4:00pm-Devotions

Friday: 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of Month *12:10 pm

***Holy Hour:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of the month at 11:00 am

First Saturday of Month: 9:00am Mass (Rosary at 8:15am followed by Devotions) Children of Mary members please arrive at church by 8:00am for Rosary

BAPTISMS- If you are not a registered member for our parish, there are registration census forms on the table in the entrance of Church that needs to be filled out before you can have your child baptized here. Either mail the form to the Church or put in an envelope marked "Census" and put in the collection. ***If you live outside of our parish,** you will have to contact your local church parish to get a letter stating they give permission for our Church to baptize your child here.

MASS INTENTIONS- Saturday, March 29 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, March 29 / 4:00pm: Raymond Yoder & Family Living & Deceased, Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, Bill & Eola Richard, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 330pm)

Sunday, March 30 / 7:00am: Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Cody David, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, March 30 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Mathew Comeaux, Raymond Boudreaux, Lonie & Elvina Mire, Mitchell & Elia Boudreaux, Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, Azalie Estelle Ray & Family Living & Deceased, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

Monday, March 31 / No 9:00am Mass-Father will be out of town

Tuesday, April 1 / 12:10pm: Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Wednesday, April 2 / 12:10pm: Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, Savanna Fay Smith & Family Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Thursday, April 3 / 12:10am: Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, Cecilia Majerik Crandall & Family Living & Deceased, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

First Friday, April 4 / 4:30pm: Jude M. Boudreaux, Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Adoration 8am-4pm, then Devotions, Way of the Cross 2:30pm)

First Saturday, April 5 / 9:00am: Mathew Comeaux, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am, then Devotions)

Saturday, April 5 / 4:00pm: Gerald Laviolette, Glenn Gray & Family Living & Deceased, Deceased Family Members of Jimmy & Bonnie Thibodeaux, Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, April 6 / 7:00am: Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Cody David, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, April 6/9:00am:M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Mathew Comeaux, Lester & Cynthia Lopez (WA), Myrtle Simoneaux & Family Living & Deceased, Marylee Miguez Buteau & Family Living & Deceased, Judith Ann Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

SECOND COLLECTION-This Weekend, March 29th & 30th, there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Relief Services.** This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities & work for peace & reconciliation among our marginalized brothers & sisters, both here & around the world.

SECOND COLLECTION-Next weekend, April 5 & 6, there will be a second collection for the **Bishop's Services Appeal.** This invites us to reflect on the significance of mercy & the open doors of the Church which symbolize the welcoming embrace of God's love. Let us remember the call to open our hearts to those in need.


TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-Ashley Menard-Leader- (337)380-3239 Anyone in 8th-12th grade & interested in attending Steubenville on June 20, 21, 22, 2025? Contact **Ashley Menard for more information!**

****Meeting for Steubenville-Student and Parent meeting this Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00pm at St. Nicholas Church, Lydia.**

DISCH-DECLOUET Social Service Center-Annual Campaign A non-profit organization with an all-volunteer staff. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing critical & basic human needs for 48 years. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional support we cannot maintain the level of services that we have been giving for many years. Please use the campaign envelope, found on the bulletin table.

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY-will take place on Sunday, April 6th at the 9am Mass, a reception will follow after mass at the Hall. Retreat on Saturday, April 5-930am to noon.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY-will take place on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm. There will be a Practice on Monday, April 7th at 6pm with Sponsor and Student.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-
Knight of the Month-Johnny Hebert
Family of the Month-

...The Knights & Ushers will hand out or pick up your Brown Paper Bags to collect unexpired non-perishable food for the Food Pantry Handout on April 12th.

WAY OF THE CROSS-Fridays in Lent Friday, March 28, April 4, 11, 18 at 2:30pm. *See the last page for Lenten Regulations.

CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-4/05-Kim Hebert

Please pray for those who are in the Armed Forces:
 US ARMY Firefighter-PFC-Braidyn Castille
 US ARMY Tank Operator-Colin Boutte
 National Guard/Army-Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot-Don L. Romero II
 AIR FORCE SPECIALIST-Mississippi-Nicholas Barras
 ARMY-Drake Huval

Divine Mercy Ministry for the Sick and Dying- We, here at St. Marcellus, have a ministry of prayer for the sick, the homebound and the dying. We will pray with you at your home as often as you like. For more information, call Kathy Scott at (337) 365-5095.





SANCTUARY LAMP-

...In Loving Memory for the Living & Deceased Members of Landry, Broussard, Yoder, Kennedy & LeBlanc Families by Dot Landry & Edmond Broussard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS- *These grades: **2nd grade First Communion and Confirmation classes (8th, 9th & 10th graders)** is held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm.

The Last class will be this Tuesday, April 1.

>First Communion Retreat, First Confessions & Practice on Saturday, April 5th from 9:30am – Noon,

>First Communion Ceremony-Sunday, April 6th at the 9am Mass, reception after at hall.

>Confirmation Practice-Monday, April 7th at 6:00pm with Sponsor and Student.

>Confirmation Ceremony-Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm.

***Elementary students: Students turn in last folder on Sunday, April 13th at 10am at Hall to Teacher, then dismissed.**

***The High School students: Students turn in last folder on Sunday, April 20th at 10am at Hall to Teacher, then dismissed.** For those 8th, 9th & 10th grade students who get confirmed in 2024-2025: the Confirmed 8th & 9th grade students will come back 2025-2026 for Sacraments class, then Morality Class for 2026-2027. The Confirmed 10th grade students will come back for Morality Classes in 2025-2026 sessions. When Confirmation gets to 8th Grade the students will come back each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.

2024 TAX NOTIFICATIONS-If you are interested in receiving a letter for your 2024 Church Contributions, please call the office (337-364-0818) and I will mail a letter to you. I mailed out letters to the 2023 list I have on file. If you no longer wish to receive tax notifications, please call the office to update records.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH is on each **Sunday** at the 9am mass. Father will call up the children before the readings & say a prayer then they will go in the Sacristy with the Teacher to learn a lesson on the Sunday Gospel. **For children ages 4 thru the 5th grade.**

EXERCISE CLASS-There are exercise classes for Seniors on **Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:45am to 9:45am at the Hall.** If interested to participate for classes please arrive at the Hall on these days to sign up. These classes are free of charge. **For more information call Loney Leeson at 337-364-8888.**

COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP-The following Come, Lord Jesus group in our parish is: **Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery Island, 337-364-4966,** meet on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining the group, please call. The group goes over Sunday Gospel, explaining God’s word & prayer time.

ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the **Altar Flowers,** please contact Millie Comeaux at 337-519-2555 or mail your list to Millie Comeaux, 1901 Langston Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. **Make checks out to Millie Comeaux.**

Price for the 4 Holiday Altar Flowers-*\$50.00 total for all 4.

Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers-*\$20.00 for artificial flower arrangement.

Price for 1 Weekend Altar Real Flowers-\$65.00 for real flower arrangement. Please contact Millie if you want the Real Flower arrangement for a specific weekend so she can place order.

Available Dates-June 7, 21, 28, July 5, 19, August 2, 9, 30, Sept. 13, 27, October 4, 18, November 22, December 13.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our

prayers: Mark Comeaux, Barbara Boudreaux, Judy Bourque, Devin Lavergne, Lula Barras, Bailey Doré, Wilmer Sanford, Christine Bodin, Kerry Leleux, Mark Rouly, Rodney Leleux, Reagan Macicek, Michael Bourgeois Sr., Linda Escagne, Barbara Clark, Ken & Judy Broussard, Myra Derouen Boutte, Kathy Frusha Fuqua, Fisher Melder, Wilda Hite, Loretta Decuir, Barbara D. Alleman, Phyllis Aucoin, Louis Boudreaux Jr. & Sr., Fr. Manny Fernandez, Dean Lancon, Grant Darby, Michael Bourgeois Jr., Michelle Dugas, Kathy Scott, Steven Marcor, Amy K. Citrano, Dominik Citrano, Maddox Citrano, Dossie Darby, R.T. Touchet, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, Judy Landry, Zenaida Retana, Charlie Thibodeaux, Natasha & Ryan Kirkeby, Kerry Hebert, Daniel Bourque, Stefan Norris, Roxanne Lavergne, Julia Armentor, Hazel Delahoussaye, Kimberly Elizabeth Moreaux, Linda Yoder, Patrick Castille, Peggy Derouen, Debra Kennedy, Quinton Sims, Noah Daniels, Hayward Delcambre, Angelica Daniels, Johnny & Karen Broussard, Pam Jude, Michelle Thibodeaux Broussard, Wayne Derise, Mary Dartez, Kressent Landry, Dayton Boutte, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Jason Walker, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Brandon Barbin, Cassie Lannie, Marvin Rentrop, Mary Grace Rentrop, Zoda P. Bourque, Christian James, Blair & Wendy Yoder, Mark & Karen Messinger, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Kade Breaux, Savannah Jones, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Hypolite Meyers, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O’Neill, Randal Riggle, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Bella Cervantes, William “Kojak” Broussard, Monique Lancon, Michael Norris, Denise David, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suiere, Brian Delcambre, Steven Lavergne, & sick members of our church parish family, the homebound, those with a dependency, those recovering from injuries & those admitted into hospitals & nursing homes. **Please look at names & call office, to let us know if someone can come off list.**

VOCATION CHALICE Each week at Mass, a family or individual is to receive the Chalice to pray for vocations. **Please pick up the Chalice in the Sacristy in back of the Altar. Thank you & God Bless. March / April**

***Joy & Danny Babineaux-March 29-April 5-Saturday at 4pm**

***Teddy Leleux-April 6-12-Sunday at 7am**

***Mary Lee & Philip LeBlanc-April 12-19-Saturday at 4pm**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, April 4-Adoration 8:00am-4pm, then Devotions, Mass at 4:30pm. 2:30pm Way of the Cross. There are hours left to fill, so please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the entrance of the Church.

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Easter Food Baskets are prepared to help those who are in need. Please help us stock our pantry with non-perishable items. You can deposit your items in the corner of the front foyer of Church. Monetary donations will also be accepted, please enclose it in an envelope marked **Food Pantry** & drop it in the collection basket. **Handout-April 12**

MASS BOOK FOR INTENTIONS-Please put your list of intentions & **\$5.00 per intention** in a sealed envelope. >Indicate your name, address, phone number & the amount of money submitted. Put your envelope marked **Masses** in the collection basket or mail your envelope to the Office. **MASS INTENTIONS Will Not Be Accepted Over the Phone. Forms can be found in the folder on the table at the entrance of Church.** **Examples are for one intention: John Smith, or Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, or husband and wife-John and Sue Smith, or the John Smith Family.** One intention is not John, June, Brock & Sam Smith. One intention is not John Smith, Don Boulder & Amy Charles. One intention is not Mr. & Mrs. John Smith & Mark.

Please pray for the perseverance of
Seminarian Zack Hebert-grandson of Johnny & Nancy Hebert
Seminarian Stephen Melancon
Seminarian Bret Lee
God our Father, thank you for calling these seminarians to
prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow
closer to You through daily prayer. Amen.

Lafayette Vocations-www.facebook.com/lafayettelavocations
and website www.lafayettevocations.org



“We have been created to love and be loved,
and God has become man to make it possible
for us to love as He loved us. He makes Himself
the hungry one, the naked one, the homeless
one, the sick one, the one in prison, the lonely
one, the unwanted one...”
Saint Mother Teresa

LENTEN REGULATIONS-

All Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence- (means we do not eat meat). The law of fast binds everyone from age 18-59.
Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence-means we have only one full meal a day. Two lighter meals are permitted. We do not eat meat this day also. The law of abstinence binds from age 14 and older. Those that are excused are the physically and mentally ill including those suffering from chronic illness, diabetes, pregnant or nursing mothers.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE-

Monday, April 14-Mass at 9:00am
Tuesday, April 15 & Wednesday April 16-Mass at 12:10pm
Holy Thursday Mass-April 17-Mass at 7:00pm
Good Friday-April 18-2:30pm Way of the Cross,
Good Friday Service-3:00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass-April 19-8:00pm
Easter Sunday Masses-April 20-7:00am & 9:00am

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS RETREAT DATES-

Grand Coteau, LA- For list of dates or to register or info about retreats for men or women or couples, go to www.gcretreats.org
337-662-5410
***Men's Retreat-Rynella Area-May 15-18, 2025, call Tommy Hebert at 337-364-6946 to make a reservation.**

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY-is offering an excellent educational offering for teachers as well as adults interested in learning more of St. John Paul the Great's teaching of Theology of the Body. Love & Responsibility Thursdays in Lent **April 3 & 10**. 6pm-8pm at Desormeaux Foundation Learning Center adjacent to the Women's Center-1321 Jefferson Street, Lafayette LA 70501. To register go to **Love and Responsibility Registration**.
desormeauxfoundation.org/theology-of-the-body

Reflection on the Gospel-

“As a figure of the divine, the father in today's gospel parable offers a gift of reconciliation that shatters the too-narrow vision of children vying for a bigger piece of the pie, when all along the whole of the inheritance is offered to each and all, with no bounds. This gift begins a process of healing that expands our puny estimation of our inheritance and opens our capacity to be transformed by the Giver, enlarging our capacity to pass on that heritage to others.
-Living Liturgy tm, Fourth Sunday of Lent 2025

Pro-Life Quote-“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.”
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BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-

2025 Goal-8,087.00 Actual Collected-\$3,288.00

Raised 41% of goal.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

HEALING SERVICE-There will be a Healing Service with **Father Manny Fernandez** at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in New Iberia on **Wednesday, April 16 at 1:30pm**. Rosary at 1pm.

20th Annual Voices for Victims Rally-Thursday, April 10 at 6pm at Steamboat Warehouse Pavilion at Boulogny Plaza, 101 East Main Street, New Iberia. **Rain or Shine-**Information, Prevention & Support. Representatives from various victim service agencies & programs will be present to answer questions & provide info on programs.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL REGISTRATION-175 Porter Street, New Iberia Enroll now. Join our school and embark on a journey of excellence. Online Applications for 2025-2026. Phone number 337-369-6764. For more information cpattillo@sespandas.com or go to our website www.sespandas.com

WOMEN'S DAY OF DISCERNMENT-Saturday, April 26
At Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501. Open to women ages 16-40. The Office of Vocations in the Diocese of Lafayette is hosting a Women's Day of Discernment for women at least 16 years old who are interested in discerning religious and consecrated life or learning more about this. 8am-4pm Breakfast and Lunch provided. There will be Talks, Mass, prayer, and opportunities to visit with various religious orders from Louisiana.
To register go to <http://forms.gle/LuiPibsxGMiufzmda>

“Those who have pure souls are like eagles and swallows
which fly in the air.”

Catechism on Purity (Sp.)-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

“Deferred joys purchased by sacrifice
are always sweetest and most enduring.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen

ENGAGED COUPLES- Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. \$275 Cost of weekends, \$125 non-refundable deposit to secure reservation, and to learn more, www.ceelafayette.org or Contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com Dates-9/26-28

RETROUVAILLE—is a ministry for troubled marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. The weekend provides safe setting encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit www.helpourmarriage.com for more information & to register. Call 985-232-5963 / email retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com