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Rev. Andrew Merrick, Pastor

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm - St. Jules

Sunday Mass:

8:30 am - St. Jules

10:45 am - St. Elizabeth

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, 6:00 pm - St. Jules

Tuesday, 6:30 am - St. Elizabeth

Friday, 7:40 am - St. Elizabeth

Holy Days: As Announced

ADORATION:

Monday, 4:45 pm - St. Jules

Tuesday, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 3:00 to 3:50 pm - St. Jules

Monday, 5:00-5:45 pm - St. Jules

By Appointment

NEW FAMILIES: Should register at the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Couples must contact the parish office concerning pre-marriage preparation at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Expectant parents should contact the parish office for information and preparation requirements.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are made immediately. Families are asked to notify the parish office concerning parishioners who are seriously ill.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Families should contact the parish office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri

Closed Wed and 12:00-1:00 pm daily

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ST. ELIZABETH INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Grades Pre-K through Eighth

Principal: Mrs. Mollie Landry

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Dear Family,

I am still trying to process the fact that beginning July 1st I will not be the pastor at St. Elizabeth and St. Jules anymore. When I arrived five years ago I knew that this time would come, I just didn't expect it to come this soon. I have truly LOVED my five years here on Bayou Lafourche. God has used you to make me a better man, a better priest, and a better pastor. For that I am deeply grateful. From day one I have felt accepted and respected, despite my being a newbie pastor, young, and looking like a high schooler. Your response to the Lord has encouraged me to respond more deeply to Him and given me hope for the future of the Catholic Church. That's enough of all that for the moment, though, because you still have to put up with me for two more months! It will certainly be hard to leave when that time comes. Beginning July 1st I will be Vocation Director for the diocese and Associate Pastor at Christ the King on LSU's campus. I will also serve as Spiritual Director for the Diocesan Youth Office. Please **keep me in your prayers and pray daily for more holy vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and holy marriages.**

Fr. Matthew Graham will be taking my place. He will initially be assigned as "administrator" and not pastor, just as I was my first year. I think they like to ease us new guys into the role as pastor as best they can considering the shortage of priests. As you have heard me mention before we have had a consistently higher number of seminarians and ordinations in the past 10 years than we have had in recent decades, but due to the fact that the majority of our priests are closer to retirement than not we can't keep up with the pace of priests retiring. We have older priests and new priests, with a gap in the middle. At the moment, we have a good number of men applying for seminary this Fall. This is a good sign and if this rate of increase continues in 20-25 years we should be in a really good place, but it's gonna be thin ranks until that time. Your prayers and generous response are necessary for the Church to flourish at this time. I believe that part of the reason that the Lord is allowing this "crisis" of a shortage in priestly vocations is to wake up all the baptized to their responsibility to be missionary disciples and fulfill their mission in the Church. As I write this, it is the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena who famously said, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" Meaning fulfill the unique vocation God has created you to fulfill and His Kingdom will be made manifest in glorious ways in your life and those around you. The world needs us all to say "yes" to the Lord everyday of our lives!

Back to Fr. Matthew. He is a really good man and a good priest. He was ordained this past summer and has been Associate Pastor at Christ the King on LSU campus (we are trading places). He is 34 years old and worked as an engineer for 5 years before entering seminary. He is originally from Baton Rouge, grew up in St. Aloysius Parish, and graduated from Catholic High in Baton Rouge. He is excited to be coming to down to SESJ and told me that his spiritual director, Fr. Miles Walsh, current pastor of Sacred Heart in Baton Rouge, told him, "You are getting a great assignment!" I trust you will welcome Fr. Matthew with open arms, just as you did me. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Pentecost Vigil on Saturday night, May 14th**. We will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm** (continued)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 1, 2016

(continued)**to Midnight in St. Elizabeth Church. From 7-9:30pm there will be music, prayer, and some “words from your pastor.”** Don’t worry, it’s gonna be more music than anything else. On Friday, May 6th, we will begin the Novena for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. **MAKE SURE TO PRAY FOR A NEW, DEEP OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON OUR ENTIRE SESJ FAMILY!!!!** God is generous and He likes for us to ask Him for more!

Mother’s Day is next Sunday. Don’t forget to love on your momma!

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Fr. Andrew

MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Assumption Community Hospital (off of Highway 1, Napoleonville) will be having a butterfly release on May, 7, 2016 at 10:30AM. The cost is \$35.00 and all proceeds will go to St. Jude Hospital. Butterflies will be released in MEMORY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL TO YOU. If you are present, you can release your own butterfly, but if you can’t be there, someone will release it for you. Please bring a photo of your special someone. For more information email susan.maggio1@yahoo.com.

PARISH WEBSITE

Don’t forget to visit our parish website at www.sesjchurch.com. Updated regularly, it’s a great way to keep up with parish schedules, programs & activities, daily scripture, articles from the National Catholic Register, videos from Fr. Robert Barron, and much, much more. Add us to your favorites!

COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Novena

On Friday the sixth week of Easter begins the ***Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts*** (see insert).

Pentecost Vigil

To usher in Pentecost in our parish, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **Saturday, May 14th** on the vigil of Pentecost at St. Elizabeth Church in Paincourtville from 6:00pm - Midnight. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to adore Jesus and to pray for the outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in our community.

Sign-up

Please sign-up to stay with our Lord for Pentecost Vigil for 1 hour during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We need people to sign up for all hours to ensure that Jesus is never left alone.

SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

DATE	TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
5/07/16 St. Jules	4:00 PM	Suzanne Giroir Meg Prejean	Robin Guillot Elenora LeBlanc	Ashleigh LeBlanc, Jacob LaGrange, Brennan Landry	Glenda Blanchard Earline Waguespack
5/08/16 St. Jules	8:30 AM	Jeannie Morris Jeri Dupre	Annette & Ehren Oswald	Thomas & Meredith Daigle, Alex Hood, Austin Paine	Glenda Blanchard Earline Waguespack
5/08/16 St. Elizabeth	10:45 AM	Erica Charlet Nick Charlet	Katelyn Simoneaux, Sister Anija, Sister Navya	Braden Pujol, Grant Dupaty, Mackenzie Cernuska, Melanie Gros	Sister Anija Erin Gros

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 23-24, 2016

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Offertory	\$2,179.00	\$2,516.00
Improvement		\$25.00
Priests' Retirement	\$20.00	
Catholic Home Missions	\$65.61	\$231.00

The special appeal for the Catholic Communication Campaign will be the weekend of May 8. Please place the special envelope in the offertory collection.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Pat Fontenot, Joan Newchurch, Al Ladner, Danny Traigle, Rita Charlet, Dolores Yoder, Annie Russo, Brent Tauzin, Alice Woods, Susan Grier, Chris Roques Matassa, Benjamin Coty, Johnny Blanchard, Vivian Giroir, Dolly Gaspard, Emmett Greene, Dalton Alleman, Michael Rivere, Brenda Blanchard, Carolyn Rice, John Yoder, Ken Reynolds, Anita Acosta, Marie Bergeron, Joe Rivet, William "Beagle" Dupré, Robbie Bourg, Carrie & Michael Patureau, Camille "Boddie" Esneault, Harry Yoder, DeDe & Steve Fitzgerald, George Waguespack, Lester Sedotal, Michael Pizzolatto, Trudy Coupel, Reese Aubin Landry, Gaynell Airhart, Harvey Giroir, Lenora Simoneaux, Janet Landry, Vin Bruce, Louise Fremin, Luke Giroir, Lois Sanchez, Gunnar Landry, Michael Cire, Edwina Lagattuta, Jeanette Beard, Nolbert Prejean, Mary Margaret Bains, Gerry Landry, Eric Watts, Linda Green, Dianna Andras, Lynette Martinez, Kim LeBrun-Flores, Loretta Foret, Karen Breaux, Mark Giroir, Tammy Riggs, Jean Lake, Janet Merritt, Percy Falcon, Jr., Russell Rivere, Jr., Brenda Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Theriot, Erick Spears, John Harris Savoie, Lucy Mae Dupre', Helman Ackman, Joyce Cavalier, Mimi Barton, Kelly Landry, Patti Campbell, Travis Quinn Norsworthy, Lorraine Giroir, Emily Landry, Kathleen Rousseau, Gary P. Landry, Jim Looney, Sue Chenvert Blanchard, Daniel Giroir, Mary Williams, Brayden Patureau, Pearl Aucoin, Loyce Daigle LeJeune, Nicole Owers, Patricia Simoneaux Hotard, Brett & Dalee LeBlanc, Mike Thibodeaux, James Patureau, Marjorie Thibodeaux, Sarah Hotard, Joey Boudreau, Mary Randazzo, Timothy Randazzo

ST. ELIZABETH MAY CROWNING

Everyone is invited to attend May Crowning on Thursday, May 5 at St. Elizabeth Church. Procession will start at 7:30am at St. Elizabeth School.

ST. ELIZABETH HARVEST FESTIVAL NEWS

Confetti Eggs: Please save any whole egg shells that can be used for Harvest Festival fun. All donations can be delivered to the St. Jules office.

FAITH FORMATION/PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

All children and young adults who will need to prepare for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation must register at the Parish Office prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

Please remember to check the kiosks in the rear of both St. Elizabeth and St Jules churches for a wealth of information on a wide range of subjects. Feel free to contact the parish office with any questions.

A VOCATION VIEW

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 1, 2016

Those who love me will be true to my word. My Father will love them and will come to them? How will I respond to that one Love? Am I being called to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you, call or email Father Matt Dupré at 225-336-8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations

UPCOMING RETREATS

For Healing After Abortion, a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held May 13-15 in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The retreat is open to all those who have been touched by abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussion in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love and compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat you can contact Tara at rachelsvineyardbrocoor@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. *Inquiries, registration and participation are completely confidential.*

Magnificat Center of the Holy Spirit 2016 "*Come My Beloved, My Beloved One, Come*": May 20-22, \$135/person, \$25 non-refundable registration fee due by May 10th. Registration & check in at 5:00PM. Workshops on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1:30-2:30PM) - *Baptism of the Holy Spirit*: April 23rd; *Tongues*: May 28th; *Prophecy*: July 23rd. No charge - love offering will be taken up. Rosary Workshop: May 14th - 1 day workshop from 9AM-3PM, \$45/person - covers all rosary materials. Registration due May 5th. "*Then Sings My Soul*": Sept. 9-10 - 1 night retreat, \$95/person, \$25 non-refundable registration fee due Sept. 1st. Call Cindy Scardina (225) 773-9583 for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2016

St. Joseph the Worker is having "Catholic Kidz Camp" on June 20-24 from 9AM-12PM. Contact Anna Mabile for information on how to register or volunteer to help. High school teens are welcome for service hours.

Ascension of Our Lord/St. Francis is having "Following Jesus, the Light of the World" on July 18-22 from 9AM - 12PM. Contact Susan Jumonville for information on how to register or volunteer to help. High school teens are welcome for service hours.

ADORATION

St. Elizabeth: Every Tuesday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Sisters' Chapel

St. Jules: Every Monday, 4:45 PM (followed by 6:00 PM Mass)

THE LORD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-MAY

St. Jules: Glenda Blanchard and Earline Waguespack

St. Martin: Elaine Burns

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

St. Elizabeth: (Week of May 1) - For the Intentions of the Holy Father

St. Jules: (Month of May) - Albertine Giroir & Family.

FORMED.ORG

Some of the latest additions to FORMED.org are Prayer - Finding Intimacy With God, Featuring Dr. Tim Gray; From Nothing to Cosmos: God & Science, featuring Fr. Robert Spitzer, S. J., Ph.D.; Invited to Courageous Love: The Catholic Church & Homosexuality

Father Michael Gaitley's Divine Mercy series which began on April 3 (Divine Mercy Sunday) will continue until the end of June.

To create your **FREE PERSONAL PROFILE:**

.Go to www.FORMED.org.

.Scroll past first image.

.Under the question "**Does your parish already have FORMED?**" type in our parish access code, **ANM34M**, and click "**SUBMIT CODE**".

Fill out your profile information and click "**SUBMIT PROFILE**".

A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* at St. Joseph the Worker in Pierre Part beginning May 03 at 10 AM or 7 PM and continuing every Tuesday for 8 weeks. Cost is \$20.00 to cover the book. For more information and to register contact Duane Breaux at 985-252-6008 or email @ duane@sjworker.org.

SUPPER & SUBSTANCE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Please join us for an evening of fun and spiritual nourishment at our first Diocesan-wide Supper and Substance event for married couples on Saturday, July 30th from 7-10pm at Premier Lanes in Gonzales. \$65 per couple includes food, a live band, and open bowling lanes. There will be a witness by David and Kate Dawson. There will be a cash bar. Arcade and bumper car packages are also available. Register online at www.MFLDiobr.org. If you have any questions, please contact Jason and Emily Froeba at 225-620-5291 or emilyfroeba@yahoo.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 30

4:00 PM - St. Jules - Rachel Morris, Alma & Paul Daigle Sr., Adam & Marie Bergeron and Deceased Families, Albert & Lellia Richard and Deceased Families, Shelby, Lucita & Judy Lewis, Pete & Petey Simoneaux, Chickie Alleman, Kent Morris Sr, Mr. & Mrs Felix Landry, Paul & Betty Cancienne

Sunday, May 1

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Grace Graugnard, Carl John Manuel, Carmen Landry

10:45 AM - St. Elizabeth - For the People of the Parish

Monday, May 2

6:00 PM - St. Jules - Mr & Mrs Paul Cancienne, Sr.

Tuesday, May 3

6:30 AM - St. Elizabeth - Departed Souls of CMC Sisters, Edith & Dennis Guillot

Friday, May 6

7:40 AM - St. Elizabeth - Willie J. Comeaux

Saturday, May 7

4:00 PM - St. Jules - For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 8

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Eva D. Simoneaux, Vivian (Bee) Simoneaux, Mr. & Mrs Maver Landry, Sr., Louissette Malarcher, Leona Coatney, Malorie & George Malarcher, Mr & Mrs A.J. Dato, Clarence & Odette Naquin, Mr & Mrs Lloyd Hidalgo Sr., Marguerite & Neil Landry, Randall Antonio Stevenson

10:45 AM - St. Elizabeth - For the People of the Parish

WOMANS NEW LIFE CENTER

There will be an appeal by the Woman's New Life Center the weekend of June 11-12. This will include a short presentation by a representative of the center. Exert from their website (www.womansnewlife.com): "Woman's New Life Center is a Christian organization promoting the sanctity of human life, the dignity of women, and the sacredness of sexuality. At Woman's New Life Center we know that every woman's story and needs are unique. And we believe that every woman deserves trustworthy and compassionate help when faced with the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. At Woman's New Life Center you can learn about your options from professional counselors, and make truly empowered choices. We offer a full range of services to support women in need: Medical, Emotional, Practical, Material, Integral. Above all, Woman's New Life Center is committed to helping you do what's right for you by offering on-going support."