



ST. ELIZABETH

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ST. JULES

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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 - Sisters Convent

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: Register at 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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Director of Religious Education/Music:

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SISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION

OF THE MOTHER OF CARMEL:

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ST. ELIZABETH INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Grades Pre-K through Eighth

Principal: Mrs. Paula Simoneaux

Phone: 985-369-7402 / www.sescubs.com

Dear Parishioners,

I have been reading a lot on social media of how people are ready for 2016 to be over and how they are ready to forget it. A lot has occurred in this past year that has been difficult to our community, the state, the nation, and the world: tornados, floods, shootings to name a few. However, we should not forget that not all was bad this year. As 2017 begins, I hope you will take the time to look at the blessings and graces you have received along with the challenges. This practice has been helpful for me. When we take this time to review the year, we can see where we have grown and the areas where the Lord is inviting us to grow.

Looking back, I have now been here at St. Elizabeth and St. Jules for 6 months now. This has been one of the many blessings for me from 2016. I have learned a lot these past 6 months. I have been challenged to grow while being affirmed in my vocational call as priest. At a recent meeting of the Pastoral Council they mentioned I seem more comfortable in my role. Please continue to pray for me and my ministry here at St. Elizabeth and St. Jules.

The recent celebration of Christmas in our parishes was very beautiful. I would like to say thank you to all those who volunteered to assist as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and servers. Thank you as well to Megan Braud and the musicians who did an amazing job singing at all four Masses. It was great to see our churches full with so many families and friends. I pray the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord was special for you.

Finally, I want to turn to a few items for your calendars. The office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year holiday. There will also be no Mass on Monday evening at St. Jules. The remainder of the week will be the usual schedule. Mass on Friday morning will be in the Sister's Convent.

May you and your families have a blessed 2017!

Fr. Matthew

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - JANUARY 1, 2017

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 24-25, 2016

	St. Elizabeth	St. Jules
Offertory	\$3,289.90	\$3,030.00
Improvement	\$1,010.00	\$26.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00	
Bishop's Annual Appeal		\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$55.00	
Christmas Offering	\$1,038.00	\$1,304.00
Retirement Fund	\$5.00	\$5.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00	
Catholic Life Center	\$130.00	\$151.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

A common feature of our weekly bulletin is our Prayer List. As we begin a new year, we would like to restart our prayer list. Please call the office or email office@sesjchurch.com with your request to add names to the list or to remove them in the future. We are beginning a new policy to remove the names on the list for 2 months. Also, please let us know if you have had a prayer request answered.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

All Christmas decorations for St. Jules Church will be taken down on Sunday, January 8th immediately following 8:30 AM Mass and at St. Elizabeth Church on Monday, January 9th at 9 AM. A sincere thank you to all that helped make our churches so beautiful and the extra efforts to help remove these decorations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus will hold the MDF Super Bowl Board Fundraiser to benefit Donaldsonville ARC, Assumption Arc, and St. Mary's Training School for \$25 per square with a payout of \$250.00 per quarter and a quart of gumbo with each square purchased.

Those who purchased squares can pick up gumbo after 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the St. Jules Church Hall. Extra gumbo will be available for \$10.00 per quart. Call Jonathan Landry, Grand Knight @ 225-252-1769 or Pete Charlet @ 225-473-7100 for more information.

ST. JULES LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. Jules Ladies Altar Society is now accepting dues. Dues are \$10.00.



FAITH FORMATION/PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

PSR News

Volunteers are needed to help with HS PSR Classes. If you are interested in being a small group leader, please contact the Parish Office 225-473-8569.

High School PSR class will be held on Monday, January 9th at 6:30PM in the St. Elizabeth Community Center.

K - 8th Grade PSR will be held on Sunday, January 8th at 9:30AM at St. Jules Church Hall.

A VOCATION VIEW

Mary, The Holy Mother of God - January 1, 2017

"They made known what had been told them about this Child." If you may be one of those called to make the Christ Child known to others as a priest or consecrated religious, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE - 2017

The 2017 Youth Conference will take place on February 18, 2017 at the Catholic Life Center in Baton Rouge. It is open to all youth grades 6-12. During the course of the day there will be fun and games, speakers, workshops, and service opportunities as well as Saturday vigil Mass and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and encounter our Lord in the Eucharistic Adoration. Please contact the church office if you have youth that would like to attend.

JOB OPENING

Director of Music Position Available:

Wanted! Part-time organist/pianist to direct and lead music for Masses at St. Jules and St. Elizabeth. Experience with leading choir is desired. Availability for three Masses every weekend: 4PM Saturday Vigil, 8:30AM & 10:45AM Sundays. If interested, please contact the office at St. Jules (225) 473-8569.

GREAT SENIOR CITIZEN BUS TRIP

Great Senior Citizen Bus Trip to Memphis(March 20-24). Cost of \$439 includes lodging, transportation, most meals and entrance to tour Graceland, Sun Studio, guided tour of Memphis, Rock N Sout Museum and Beale Street. For more information, call Leslie Tassin at 225-769-5872.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

March 21-31, 2017, \$3,894.00 per person including air from Baton Rouge, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a Flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660

**BATON ROUGE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
"A CALL TO BATTLE", CHALLENGING EVERY MAN
TO FIGHT FOR HOLINESS**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2250 Main Street, Baton Rouge

February 11, 2017 7:30am-4:00pm Vigil Mass

Online registration: Adults \$50/Students \$25

www.MenOfTheImmaculata.com or www.catholicmenbr.com

Featuring Dynamic Speakers: Dr. Brant Pitre, Fr. Michael Champagne, Sr.

John Thomas & Mark Hartfiel

Also, Fellowship, All Day Adoration,

Eucharistic Procession, Vendors & Exhibitions,

Lunch included with food by Chef John Folse

Please pray for the success of the Conference and the men of our Diocese.

*Lord, strengthen us in the gift of our masculinity to protect
and serve those you have entrusted to us. Help us to
respond to Christ's universal call to holiness through fellowship
that will help us become modes of faith in the
family, the workplace, the Church, and the community.*

Amen

WILLWOODS MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT; JAN 14-15, 2017

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage? Then join us on our January 14th and 15th Married Couples Retreat at the St. Augustine Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, just two blocks from the Bay.

Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to deepen and renew your love for God and each other! Sign up today for a great start to 2017! To register or for more info, call Jason Angelette at 504-830-3716 or visit www.willwoods.org. Suggested donation for \$275 is requested but not required.

SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

DATE	TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	SACRISTANS
1/07/17 St. Jules	4:00 PM	Carla Hernandez Lloyd Giroir	Suzanne Giroir Connie Bellina	Jacob LeBlanc, Jackson Bourgeois, Ashleigh LeBlanc	Patsy Breaux Brenda Landry
1/08/17 St. Jules	8:30 AM	Rosie Landry Alicia Falsetta	Marian Landry Sandra Landry	Aiden & Austin Paine, Landon Daigle	Patsy Breaux Brenda Landry
1/08/17 St. Elizabeth	10:45 AM	Josie Falcon Norma Blanchard	Sister Vandana, Diane LeBlanc, Katelyn Simoneaux	Matthew & John Phillip LeBlanc, Ethan Brister	Norma Blanchard

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-JANUARY

St. Jules: Patsy Breaux and Brenda Landry

St. Martin: Elaine Burns

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

St. Elizabeth: (Week of January 1) - Children Come Home

St. Jules: (Week of January 1) - Leroy Melancon

*There are still many available dates for the Sanctuary Light.

Please call the office if you are interested in purchasing.

FORMED.ORG

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**".

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If anyone is homebound and would like to have an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion bring them Communion, please call the Parish Office. We are not always aware when a parishioner has become ill and is homebound. It is very helpful when we are notified of this need.

NOTRE DAME HOSPICE

Notre Dame Hospice, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is looking for Volunteers. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, run errands, play music, or offer any talent that you have to share. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Melissa Myers, Volunteer Coordinator at 504-920-8442 or email mmyers@arch-no.org. Volunteers are needed in all church parishes in the surrounding area.

ST. JULES CEMETERY

There are burial plots available for purchase in the St. Jules Cemetery. If you would like to purchase a plot, please call the parish office at (225) 473-8569.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31

4:00 PM - St. Elizabeth - Charles Malarcher, Alma & Paul Daigle, Sr., Joan Newchurch, Willie B. Landry

Sunday, January 1

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Raymond & Doris Blanchard, The Anthony Grisaffe Family, The Lawrence Bergeron Sr. Family, Dolores Diamond, Gilbert Blanchard

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

Monday, January 2 - No Mass

6:00 PM - St. Jules

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 AM - St. Elizabeth - Rudolph Landry

Friday, January 6

7:40 AM - St. Elizabeth - Huey & Katie Simoneaux, 60th Anniversary

Saturday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Joan Newchurch, Raymond & Doris Blanchard, Mr & Mrs Eneaux Blanchard, Audrey Sedotal, Leona Coatney, Percy Landry Jr., Inez Landry, Joyce Bienvenu, Thomas J. and Erna B. Richard

10:45 AM - St. Elizabeth - Anita B Landry, Mederic, Sr. & Mildred LeBlanc, Lenny LeBlanc, Julie L LeBlanc, James & Laurie Bullock, Cullen & Alma Landry, Emmett Landry, Camille & James Reavis, Jackie & Crystal Landry, Julius Theriot, Holt Fastring, Elda D. L. Guillot, Hilda & Clarence Leblanc, Adele M. A. Rousseau

25th & 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES 2017

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th, or greater wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy in Baton Rouge, LA. Families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the OLOM Activity Center. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office to register. Registration deadline is Friday, February 3, 2017.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Years Day.

ST. ELIZABETH LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. Elizabeth Ladies Altar Society is a vital organization that serves our parish in so many ways. We are asking ALL the ladies of the parish to join us by paying the \$15.00 dues as an inactive member, and if possible, by joining us actively in service projects which we do throughout the year. Please join us in supporting this part of our parish life.