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ST. JULES

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 pm - St. Elizabeth

Sunday Mass:

8:30 am - St. Jules

10:45 am - St. Elizabeth

6:00 pm - 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. Elizabeth

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

By Appointment

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. Paula Simoneaux

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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are now over the halfway point of Lent as we celebrate this 4th Sunday in Lent. This Sunday is also known as Laetare Sunday from the introit or entrance antiphon for today's Mass. It begins as "Laetare Jerusalem" or "Rejoice, O Jerusalem" which comes from Isaiah 66:10. The entire antiphon states, "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." Maybe this has been a difficult and trying Lent for you whether because of the spiritual practices you have chosen or due to the events in everyday life. Today, we are called to rejoice because of what we hear in the prayers for Mass as well as in our readings. The Church reminds us that our Lord has come home to heal us and reconcile us with our God with whom nothing is impossible. The Lord states that he is the light of the world and comes to illumine our hearts, minds, and eyes to see his work and his goodness.

As you reflect that we are halfway through Lent, I encourage you to see how your Lenten practices of praying, fasting, and almsgiving are helping you to come closer to the Lord. It is normal that the enthusiasm or the drive we had at the beginning of Lent has faded by this point. The focus may now be to look at the end and when it will be over. Rather than focusing on the end of this time, I encourage you to consider focusing on the true end of these practices, Jesus Christ! The ultimate goal of the practices is to help remove those obstacles that prevent us from being connected with him and thus draw closer to him. So whether your Lenten practices are going strong or have completely faded way join me in recommitting ourselves these remaining few weeks of Lent to persevere.

With one of the Lenten practices being prayer, I would like to highlight a great opportunity for prayer time in Eucharistic Adoration. This has been a wonderful form of popular piety that brings us face to face with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There are two opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration in our parish each week. The first opportunity is on Monday evenings from 4:45-5:45pm at St. Jules. The second opportunity is on Tuesdays from 7:00am till 4:30pm at the Sister's Convent in the old St. Elizabeth's Rectory next to the Church. Feel free to drop in anytime on Tuesday especially if you find yourself sitting in the carpool line! The Sister's end the adoration time with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the praying of Evening Prayer. Finally, they are looking for a few more committed adorers in the afternoon. Please talk to one of the sisters on how to sign up.

I pray that all of you have a blessed week!

Through the Alliance of the Two Hearts!

Fr. Matthew

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 26, 2017

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

March 18 - 19, 2017

| | St. Elizabeth | St. Jules |
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| Offertory | \$2,651.91 | \$1,916.29 |
| Special Collections | \$290.00 | \$122.00 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Bobby Thompson, Brant Theriot, Joyce Daigle Thibodeaux, Mary Randazzo, Rita Charlet, Alice Sternfels, Donna Whittey, Albert Landry, Sr., Jeff LeBlanc, Bobby Esneault, Gary Landry, Martin Cancienne, Cereline Daigle Mabile, Toni Sciambra Marchese, Chris Roques Matassa, Marian Martine Roques, Julie Daigle, James Patureau, Adeline Simoneaux

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.

CRS RICE BOWL

Join your parish family and Catholics across the country in making a life-changing journey this Lent with CRS Rice Bowl. Through Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, your Rice Bowl participation serves the most vulnerable globally and in this community, where 25% of your donation funds local programs. Rice Bowls are available in the back of church. Please be sure to take one home and use the easy and fun resources to more closely encounter Jesus and deepen your Lenten experience. Remember, your sacrifices change lives.

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.

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!

KC MEETING

The Knights of Columbus will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:30pm in the St. Jules Church Hall.

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, March 27, 2017 at 6:30PM in the St. Elizabeth CCD Building.

K-8 Grade PSR class will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 9:30am in the St. Jules Church Hall.

PSR Confirmation Prep Class #4 will be held on March 29 from 6-8pm at the St. Elizabeth CCD Building.

A VOCATION VIEW

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2017

Jesus gave sight to the blind man. He will also give "insight" on what to do with our lives...if we ask Him. If you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org

ST. ELIZABETH FOOD PANTRY

If you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information, call Mona Woods (985)369-6825.

SES LABEL PROGRAM

Please save Community Coffee UPC's and General Mills Bxotops for Education,. Please send them to St. Elizabeth School. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

WILLWOODS 10th ANNUAL DIOCESAN WIDE SUPPER & SUBSTANCE

ATTENTION all Married couples: You are invited to a fun & faith-filled date night celebrating & enriching marriages at our 10th Annual Diocesan-Wide Supper & Substance on Friday, July 14th from 7pm - 9:30pm at Mid-City Lanes Rock 'N' Bowl located across the street from the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Come hear an inspiring presentation from our special guest speaker couple Deacon Larry & Andi Oney, listen to live music from the talented Peace of Cake Band and enjoy great food, drinks, bowling and have a rockin' good time! For tickets, sponsoring a lane or to learn more about the event, call Jason at (504) 830-3716 or go to our events page at Willwoods.org

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.

ALLONS MANGER FOOD FESTIVAL - SUNDAY APRIL 30TH

Preparations for the Allons Manger Food Festival are in full swing. Please spread the word about the festival which will be held on Sunday, April 30th. This will be the SECOND Sunday after Easter. This year's Gun raffle will be a 5 Gun all Browning Raffle. Tickets are now available for gun and money raffles so be on the look-out for them.

Advanced Meal Tickets will be sold after 8:30am Mass at St. Jules Church.

Pies and Sweets Booth

We are looking for ingredients such as blackberries and pecans for the Allons Manger Pies and Sweets Booth. Anyone wishing to donate ingredients for the Allons Manger can call Mrs. Darlene Landry at 337-552-6299

ST JOSEPH ABBEY PILGRIMAGE

St. Joseph the Worker Church invites you to join us as we tour and pray at St. Joseph Abbey and enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Chimes in Covington on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. The cost is \$30(lunch is at your expense). We will depart from St. Joseph the Worker Church Hall parking lot at 8:00AM. The trip will include a guided tour of the Abbey Church and Monks' Refectory and Mass at the Abbey Church. We will visit the gift shop before departing for lunch at the Chimes. We should arrive home between 4:30pm and 5:00pm. Since we will be having a late lunch, you may want to bring a snack on the bus. If you are interested in attending, please contact Anna at St. Joseph the Worker at 985-252-6008.

First Saturday Mass/Devotion

One of the great traditions and devotions of the Church is offer the First Saturday Devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. It was given to us by Mary under the title of Our Lady of Fatima. This devotion is offered to make reparation for blasphemies and offense against her Immaculate Heart and for world peace. There are two opportunities in our area to participate in the First Saturday Mass:

St Joseph the Worker in Pierre Part at 7:30am

St. Anne in Napoleonville at 8:30am
(Confessions at 8am, Rosary following Mass)

SCHEDULED MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

| DATE | TIME | READERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | ALTAR SERVERS | SACRISTANS |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 4/01/17 St. Elizabeth | 4:00 PM | Sandy Landry Darlene Landry | Suzanne Giroir, Robin Guillot, Sister Navya | Andre & Noah Giroir, Jackson Bourgeois | Sister Navya |
| 4/02/17 St. Jules | 8:30 AM | Alicia Falsetta Tommy Joffrion | Marian Landry Patsy Breaux | Aidan & Austin Paine, Logan Falsetta | Mary Ann Naquin Cookie Curtis |
| 4/02/17 St. Elizabeth | 10:45 AM | Diane LeBlanc Norma Blanchard | Chris Mattingly, Gerry Lou Sternfels, Sister Vandana | Matthew & John Philip LeBlanc, Andrew & Austin Thibodeaux | 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-MARCH

St. Jules: Patsy Breaux and Volunteers

St. Martin: Elenora LeBlanc

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT IS DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

St. Elizabeth: (Week of March 26) - Roy Martinez

St. Jules: (Week of March 26) - Children Come Home

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

New on Formed: **THE PROBLEM OF EVIL**

If God is all-good and all-powerful then why is there evil?

This is perhaps the most vexing challenge that non-believers pose to Christians. Our world of violence, greed, and suffering seems incompatible with the God of the gospel. How can we answer the challenge?

In his new DVD, *The Problem of Evil*, Jimmy Akin tackles this most difficult of apologetics questions. He builds a biblical and philosophical case for understanding how God's perfections are not disproved by the existence of evil, but in fact allow for a world in which pain and sin may be mysteriously ordered by providence towards a greater good.

Jimmy offers valuable practical tips for discussing the question with skeptics, such as how to avoid certain well-meaning but incorrect answers Christians often give (plus the one thing you should *never* say). He also gives you seven useful approaches you can take when people's faith (or your own) is shaken by suffering.

Watch *The Problem of Evil* and learn how God's love does not fail in the face of evil, but shines through it and will triumph over it—in the world and in our lives.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25

4:00 PM - St. Elizabeth - Pete & Petey Simoneaux & Chickie Alleman, Alma & Paul Daigle, Sr., Herman & Nelia Cedotal, Mr & Mrs Paul R. LeBlanc, Lynn Charlet & Family, Sister Rose, Mr & Mrs Joseph Hebert and Sons, Lyn LeBlanc Judy

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Joan Newchurch, Raymond & Doris Blanchard, B. Dupuy and F. Landry Families, Gilbert Blanchard, Adam & Marie Bergeron and Deceased Families, Albert & Lellia Richard and Deceased Families, Adelynn Boudin

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

Monday, March 27

6:00 PM - St. Jules - Intentions of the Carmelite Sisters

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 AM - St. Elizabeth - Intentions of the Carmelite Sisters

Friday, March 31

7:40 AM - St. Elizabeth - Sterling Boudreaux Sr., Intentions of the Carmelite Sisters

Saturday, April 1

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

Sunday, April 2

8:30 AM - St. Jules - Joan Newchurch, Raymond & Doris Blanchard, The Anthony Grisaffe Family, The Lawrence Bergeron Sr. Family, M/M Maver Landry, Sr., Gilbert Blanchard, Thomas J and Erna B Richard, Marie C. Mabile

10:45 AM - St. Elizabeth - Mederic, Sr. & Mildred LeBlanc, Lenny LeBlanc, Julie L. LeBlanc, Ores Rivere & Brent, Anite Woods, Jimmy & Connie Barrient

RESURRECTION EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Elizabeth and St. Jules PSR Students, with the help of their parents, will be hosting a Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at St. Jules Hall following the 10:45am Mass. Join us as we learn the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection, egg hunt, enjoy snacks, and spend quality time in fellowship. The event will be open to all the youth from both parishes. If you would like to attend, please call the church office to register at 225-473-8569 or email Angelle Blanchard at dre@sesjchurch.com

