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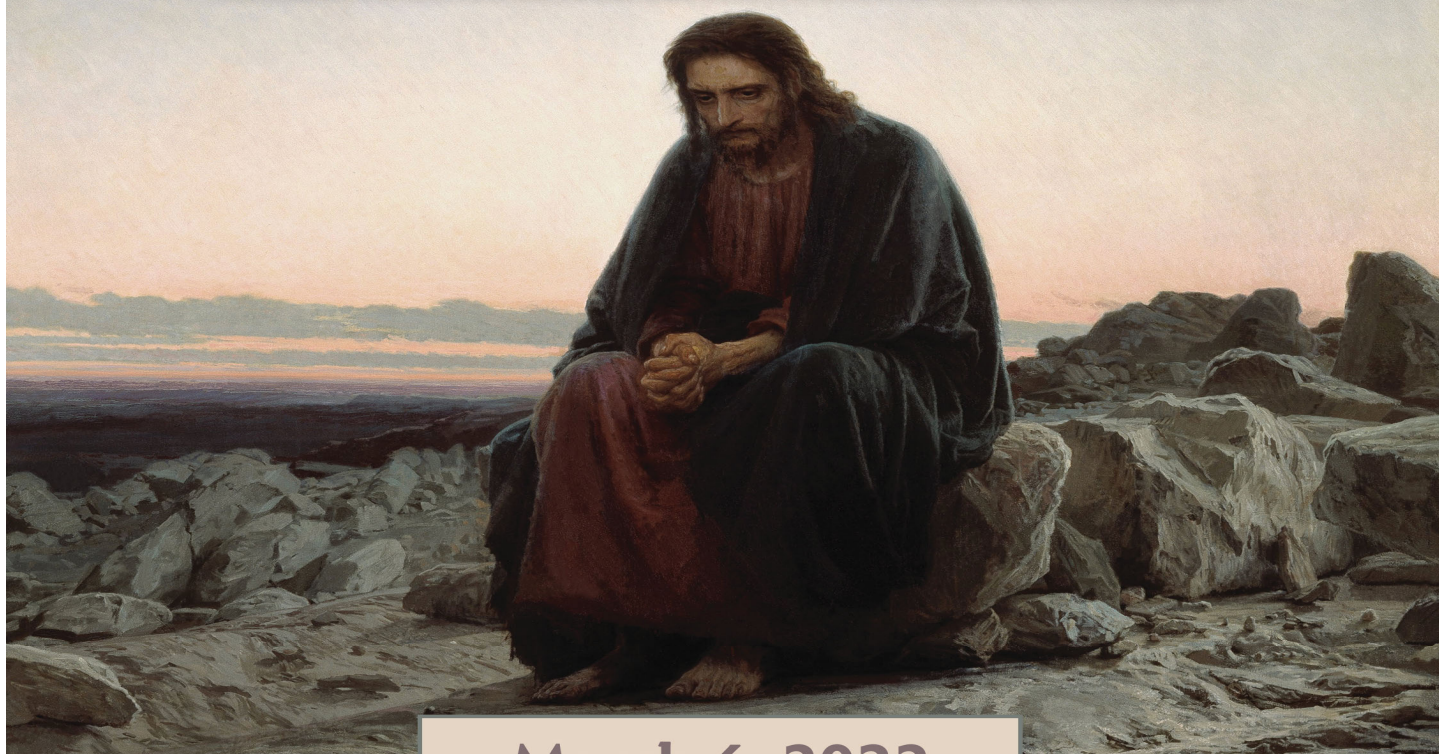
March 5-6, 2022
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First Sunday of LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into
the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2



March 6, 2022

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Child Protection office - (225) 753-5526

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Currently, baptisms are handled privately. Please call church office during pregnancy to sign up and for class information.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m./Confessions 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday: 8:45 a.m. - Communion Service
Tuesday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

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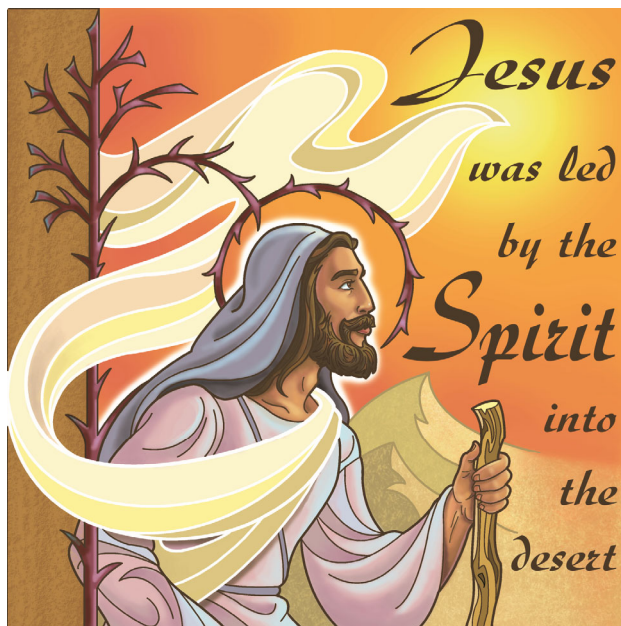
Principal: Cheri Gioe
School Phone 751-0273 / **Fax:** 753-7259

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IN THE DESERT

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, and then the devil tested him. Moses and the Israelites had been in the desert for forty years before being led to the land of milk and honey. There were times when they called out to God, sure that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” We sometimes spend time in the desert as well. Not a literal desert most of the time, but a desert in which it seems difficult to perceive God’s presence, times when we face difficulty and are tempted to leave God’s ways behind. On this First Sunday of Lent, Jesus shows us what to do in these moments: stand firm and trust in God.

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**40 Days For Life - Baton Rouge
MBS Day - March 9th**

You are invited to participate in Baton Rouge's 40 Days For Life campaign this Spring. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer and fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. A peaceful and prayerful vigil will be held outside of Delta abortion facility located at 756 Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on each of the 40 days.

MBS Church has adopted Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 7 am - 7 pm. Please join us as a witness for LIFE in a peaceful, prayerful vigil at the Delta Clinic. Bring your prayer groups, youth groups, etc. If you cannot join us on our adopted day, please participate in the vigil on another day.

We ask you to commit to praying with your family daily during this campaign. We as a church or parish family will be praying for an end to abortion as well.

For those who cannot go to the Delta Clinic to give witness, please support those who are with your prayers.

To get more information, or volunteer to sign up, please contact Tess Chustz, (281) 685-4014 or by email at tesschustz@gmail.com.

MBS Good Timers

All parishioners age 55 and older are invited to join our Good Timers ministry as we begin the journey of Lent. We will gather for prayer and share a meal with friends.

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 16th** in the St. John Room at 12:00 noon.

New-comers are welcome.

Please RSVP to the parish office at (225) 752-6230



MBS Prayer Opportunities During Lent

Daily Masses during Lent

Monday - Communion Service at 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:45 a.m.

Thursday (with the school children) at 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday evenings during Lent

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be sung on

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Church and will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Friday evenings during Lent

We will have **Stations of the Cross** at 6:00 p.m. in church (except March 4th) on the following Friday evenings: March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, April 1st and April 8th. After the Stations of the Cross, there will be Benediction.

Special Note: The first Friday of Lent (March 4th) Stations of the Cross will be held in the MBS School Court Yard. Please park in school parking lot and gather in courtyard.

Saturday mornings during Lent

On Saturday mornings the Divine Chaplet will be recited at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary, Benediction, and a Communion Service. All are encouraged to attend this service during Lent.

MBS Prayer Line

Most Blessed Sacrament has a Prayer Line for those who would like to call in with prayer requests. You may call the office at (225) 752-6230 to have it sent out. Also, while calling in with a request, you may add your name/email to the prayer line mailing list so that you may join the group of people from our parish praying for all the intentions sent in.

Please Note Below... We will not be cooking dinners for the first Friday of Lent. We will begin on Friday, March 11th. Please follow drive-through instructions.

MBS LENTEN DINNERS

FRIDAYS

MAR 11 - APR 8

5:00 - 7:00

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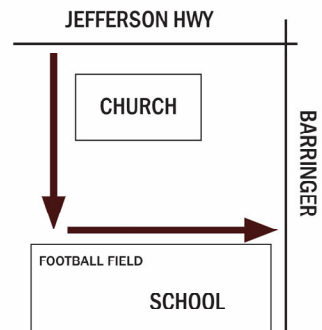
MAR 18 Shrimp Stew

MAR 25 Shrimp & Corn Soup

APR 1 Crawfish Etouffee

APR 8 Shrimp Fettuccine

DRIVE-THRU



Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, as in the rest of the Church in the United States, Catholics ages 18-59 are bound by a *grave obligation* to observe a *solemn fast* on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics ages 14 and up are to *abstain from meat* on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday as well.

To **fast** means to consume only one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink "between meals" (excepting only water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

To **abstain from meat** means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although not necessarily eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat. The consumption of fish, shellfish, and reptiles (e.g., turtle, alligator) is permitted if desired.

Each in his or her own way, every Christian is *bound to do penance* by virtue of divine law. *Only ill health or some similar situation of urgency excuses.* Christ Jesus' own challenges to "prayer, fasting and almsgiving" are paramount (see the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). We seek forgiveness for sin (especially in the Sacrament of Penance) and come to appreciate ever more the great sufferings and sacrifice which Jesus experienced for the sake of our salvation.

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE



We are officially on the journey to reach the ultimate goal of \$2.25 million for the Forward in Faith Campaign. If you would like to participate, go to www.MBSforward.com to make your one-time donation or submit your campaign pledge. We offer monthly bank draft for your convenience. For more information, please contact Michael McDowell at the church office (225) 752-6230.

Thank You from The Martha Ministry

Thanks so much for the heartfelt and abundant response for the Veterans Sock and Candy collection. We collected over 1000 pairs of socks and made over 200 treat bags of candy! We donated to the Veterans home in Reserve. Just like The Feeding of the 5000; we had so many leftovers that we were able to share with St. Vincent DePaul Men's and Women's shelters and also Magnolia Veterans home on Florida Blvd. Thanks for answering the call and for your abundant generosity!



Please pray for the soul of:

*Donnie Troxclair
Joyce Dodds
Richard Parent*

Let us also remember their family and loved ones in our prayers.

St. Jude Catholic Daughters

St. Jude Catholic Daughters will host our annual Women's Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 26th, 2022 from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. Nationally known speaker, award-winning author and CDA member Jean Gatz will be our speaker for this event. Our topic will be "Unwrapping God's Gifts In Your Life". This wonderful, inspirational FREE event is open to women of all ages. Registration will begin at 8:15 in the St. Jude Parish Hall prior to our event in the St. Jude Church. If you plan to attend, please RSVP no later than March 18th to either Maureen Williams (225-803-3773) or williamsmaureen@msn.com or Nancy Kora (225-454-4072) or nancy.kora@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served. Information about becoming a member of Catholic Daughters will be available.



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MBS GIVE BACK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY | 3.9.22 | 4-CLOSE

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The class with the most participation will receive an Ice Cream Party on Friday, March 11th. Turn in receipts on Thursday, March 10th. Families with multiple kids, note ALL homerooms on the receipt.



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Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Mar. 5	4:30 pm	Dean Larson Stuart & Anne Benjamin Rosalie & Abel Mendoza St. Anthony Class of 1965 Alum Harry & Aloysia Simoneaux Andrew & Ida Bourgeois Barbara Ruddick Carl Dietrich Alex & Ashleigh Culivan Mike Lloyd Bob Broussard
Sun. Mar. 6	8:00 am	The Arthur Aucoin Family Nelson, Camilla, & Anne Morris Irma Melancon Rosalie Mistretta Gary T. Simms Tassin Family Don Hartmann, Sr. Irene Beary Mrs. Daisy C. Allen
	9:45 am	For The People
	11:30 am	William S. Cook Henry J. Prochaska Rocky & Louanne McCann Herman & Emilda Ohordorff Phillip Paternostro Tom Virnich Naomi Allen
Mon. Mar 7	8:45 am	Communion Service
Tues. Mar. 8	8:45 am	
Wed. Mar. 9	8:45 am	Frank Bravata Rosemary L. Day
Thurs. Mar. 10	8:15 am	Bates Macgowan
Fri. Mar. 11	8:45 am	

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalms — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

Feb. 19-20, 2022

Identified Contributors	\$17,497.00
Feb. 15th Bank Drafts	\$ 7,727.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 1,543.00</u>
Total	\$26,767.50

Masses - March 5-6, 2022	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Phil Deacon Mark B	Fr. Phil Deacon Mark B	Fr. Phil Deacon Don	Fr. Phil Deacon Don

March 5-6, 2022 1st Sunday in Lent

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	N/A	K Larson, J Larson	P Adolph, T Hollis, B Magill, R Rinaudo
8:00 am	N/A	K Simon, M Walsh	M Robichaux, M Vermaelen, V Browning, K Bourgeois
9:45 am	N/A	B Alcon, D Mathies	B Berthelot, B LaSalle, J Laborde, M Leger
11:30 am	N/A	C Lieux, C Ryan	D Kennedy, V Webre, C Garbutt, D Gremillion

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