

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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Jesus took Peter,
James, and John
and led them up
a high mountain
apart by
themselves.
And he was
transfigured
before them,
and his clothes
became dazzling
white.

Mark 9:2,3



Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**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.

Confession:

Confessions: One hour before Weekday Masses and Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday & Tuesday 8:45 a.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m.,
Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

MBS School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

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7853 Broker Avenue
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Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

Respect Life Ministry News . . .

We invite everyone to our monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mark Room, finishing in time for our monthly Parish Adoration at 7:00 p.m.

Our weekly rosary for respect life issues is every Monday after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the church. Please join us when you can.

MBS Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a Baby Bottle Campaign during Lent to benefit

Woman's New Life Clinic from February 17- March 17, 2024.

Pick up a bottle or envelope at the church exits and bring it back with your donation inside. Checks should be made payable to Women's New Life Clinic.



Second Sunday of Lent

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test—in verses left out or our reading, he tells the servants that he and Isaac will return after the sacrifice; he also tells Isaac that God will provide the offering. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us: By dying, Jesus showed us the promise of resurrection, which shows us that we can also have new life by the forgiveness of our sins. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? Or as Paul says, if He is on our side, who can hurt us?

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. We sometimes suffer for no apparent reason. We may lose someone we love through death. We may be tempted to lose faith when we see wars, killer tornados, terrorist attacks—if "God is for us," why does he allow these things? Because he is still testing us. And not necessarily testing the victims of these troubles. If I get angry at God because I hear about someone's death, I haven't passed the test.

Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. And some accidents are just accidental; no one is necessarily at fault. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. But as long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

-Tom Schmidt

Stephen Ministry

*Bear one another's burdens,
and so you will fulfill the law
of Christ.*

-Galatians 6:2



Who are Stephen Ministers?

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- • Flood
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All contacts and conversations are confidential. To learn more or request a Stephen Minister, please contact Deacon Mark Berard at mark.berard@yahoo.com or (225) 421-4484.

Services During Lent

Daily Masses during Lent

Monday — 8:45 a.m.
 Tuesday — 8:45 a.m.
 Wednesday — 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday (with the school children) - 8:15 a.m.
 Friday — 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday evenings during Lent

Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m.
 Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
 We will also have recitation of Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluding at 7:00 p.m.

We will offer this every Wednesday evening:

Feb. 14th, Feb. 21st, Feb. 28th, Mar. 6th,
 Mar. 13th, Mar. 20th, Mar 27th,

The final Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be held on Sunday, April 7th (Divine Mercy Sunday) after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Friday evenings during Lent

We will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. in church on the following Friday evenings:
 Feb. 16th, Feb.. 23rd, Mar. 1st, Mar. 8th, Mar. 15th and Mar. 22nd

Good Friday Confession - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Good Friday Stations of the Cross, March 29th, at 12:00 noon
Good Friday Passion at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday mornings during Lent

Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and end with Benediction.

MBS LENTEN DINNERS

Friday night seafood dinners hosted by the MBS Men's Club

FISH DINNER \$10

SHRIMP DINNER \$10

WEEKLY ENTREE \$10

CRAWFISH PIE \$3

WEEKLY SPECIALTY ENTREE

FEB 23 Shrimp & Corn Soup
 MAR 1 Crawfish Casserole
 MAR 8 Shrimp Fettuccine
 MAR 15 Shrimp Stew
 MAR 22 Crawfish Etouffee

FRIDAYS

FEB 23 - MAR 22

5:00 - 7:00

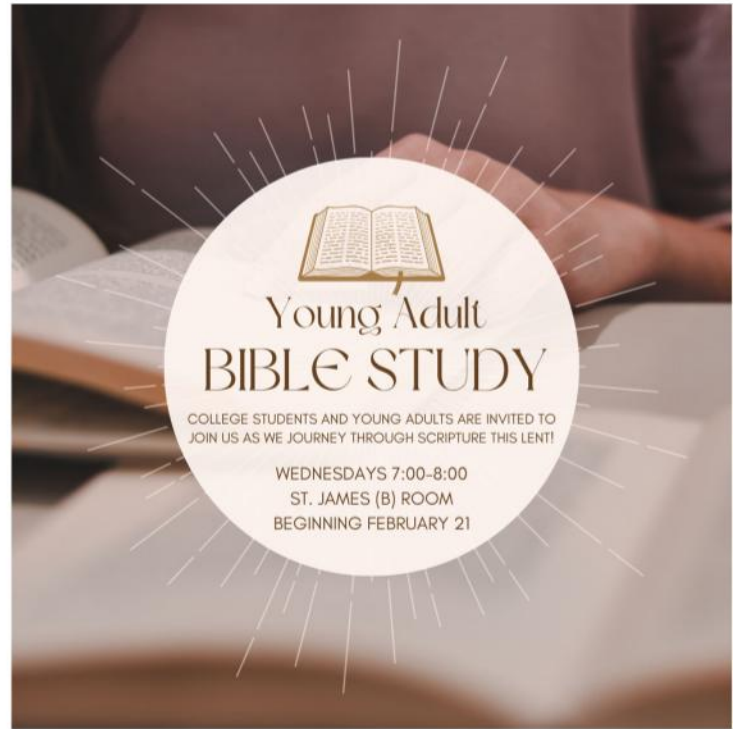
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 (next to the gym)

DINE-IN or TO-GO

Cash, Checks, & Cards
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Most Blessed Sacrament will celebrate National Girl Scout Week (March 10-16) by inviting all of our Girl Scouts in the parish to attend Mass together on **Sunday, March 10th at 9:45 a.m.** We ask that the girls attend in full uniform. They will receive a special blessing while at Mass. Girl Scouts, also known as the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, is a youth organization for girls of American origin. It runs camping and community service activities to empower young girls and enable them to build various skills, including leadership, entrepreneurship, active citizenship, confidence, compassion, and courage. For more information on joining the Girl Scout Organization through M.B.S., you may contact Emily Hand at ekjhand@gmail.com.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY NIGHT

MARCH 1

6:00-8:00 PM - ST. URSULA HALL

PIZZA - GAMES - FUN

↙ Middle School ↘
↙ High School ↘

YOUTH NEWS

LEVEL UP

this **LENT**

Abide Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:00 P.M. ST. JAMES (C) ROOM

FEB 21	FEB 28	MAR 6	MAR 13	MAR 20	MAR 27
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Upcoming High School **ABIDE NIGHTS**

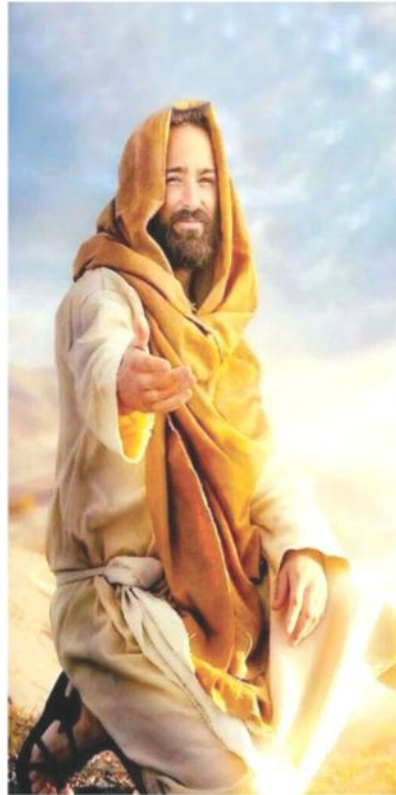
FEB 18 MAR 3 MAR 24

6:00-8:00 Our Lady of the Eucharist Room

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Alan Ames is an international known Catholic evangelist approved by his bishop in Australia who has been graced with the gift of healing, a close union with Jesus in His Passion & a mystical prayer life he has shared globally the past 29 years in over 50 countries on 6 continents! There have been many documented spiritual & physical healings. Alan will be sharing his ministry March 7th in Baton Rouge at St. George Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. beginning with Holy Mass. For information on Alan's other 2 scheduled healing services in our area, please see information on the right. Please check social media for more information at: www.alanames.org on Fb *Alan Ames Int'l Ministry & Through the Eyes of Jesus*



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th – 7PM

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1900 Greenwood Drive
Laplace, LA 70068

THURSDAY, MARCH 7th – 7PM

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7808 St. George Drive
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FRIDAY, MARCH 8th – 7PM

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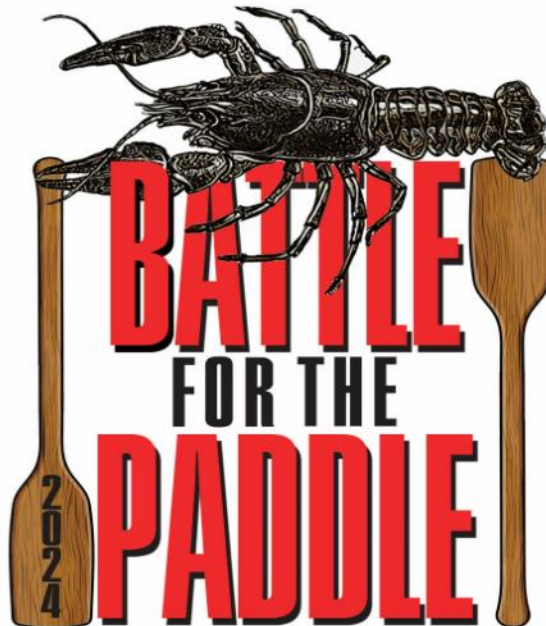


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**SATURDAY
APRIL 27TH
2024**

3 P.M. — 7 P.M.

TEAM SIGN-UP

Teams of 4 \$400/Team
Boiling 2 Sacks (Minimum)
per team

Crawfish and Ice provided

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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. Feb. 24	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	Sam Barbera, Jr. Sam Barbera, III Anna Mae DeLucia Carl S. DeLucia Carol Troclair
Sun. Feb. 25	8:00 am	Lelania Seal Paul Rosemary L. Day Frank J. Bravata James Larry Plattsmier Joyce Dietrick Cindy Marie Bravata Ralph Werling Leticia Laico Elizaga
	9:45 am	Mr & Mrs Harry Stein, Jr. Betty & James Ewing Gene Laird Peter & Verdie Couvillion Cleve & Audrey Banquer Judy Hartmann Ronnie Aime Mindy McGowan Louis Brupbacher
	11:30 am	For The People
Mon.. Feb. 26	8:45 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Tues. Feb. 27	8:45 am	Joseph A. Ritchie Joseph & Thuy Nguyen Andrew Phu Do
Wed. Feb. 28	6:00 pm	All Souls in Purgatory Joseph A. Ritchie Tom Virnich
Thurs. Feb. 29	8:15 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Mar. 1	8:45 am	Maxine & Camille Brun James Zeringue Shirley Zeringue Mr. & Mrs. Philip Waguespack Mr. & Mrs. Furcee Zeringue

Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 25, 2024

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING February 10-11, 2024

Identified Contributors	\$16,887.00
Feb. 15th Bank Drafts	\$ 7,409.50
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 1,888.00
Total	\$26,184.50
 Fwd. In Faith Campaign	 \$ 8,616.00

February 24-25, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	A Loya,	J Shoptaugh, M Gaudet	(Host) E Lee, E Yurik, L Sulik (Cup) S Whitlow, E Wright, M Weger
8:00 am	L Eaton, H Brandenburg	P Green, J Oubre	(Host) M Vermaelen, L Bayhi, E Daugherty (Cup) E Barber, M Robichaux, B Braud
9:45 am	L Davis, R Verinder	J Cormier, C Ragusa	(Host) B Berthelot, J Laborde, B Shedlof (Cup) F Fleniken, M Leger, D Brown
11:30 am	L Rico, E Laudin	R Fields, A Fields	(Host) L Landry, M Duplantis, K Browning (Cup) D Kennedy, J Fields, D Gremillion



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