

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School 2017 will be Monday through Friday, June 12-16 from 8:00 A.M. through 12:00 noon. Registration is \$10 per child and open to children entering grades kindergarten through fifth. Registration forms are in the church or available at the church office. **Deadline to register has been extended to this Friday, June 2.** Contact Michelle Lemoine at mblemoine1@gmail.com. **ATTENTION** all VBS volunteers (adults and teens): There will be a volunteer meeting on Friday, June 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center.



CONGRATULATIONS to Luke LaFleur of our parish who was ordained a transitional deacon this weekend. After a summer internship, he will return to the seminary for his final year of studies and be ordained to the priesthood next summer.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY – WHERE WE BELONG: Be included in our new family directory. Be professionally photographed and receive a free 8x10 family portrait, a church directory and the church directory mobile app. Your one-hour session will include portraits, immediate viewing and purchase options. Schedule by using the link at olpschurch.org. Appointments available on Friday, June 9 from 2:00 to 9:00 P.M. and Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Contact Renee Aldridge at 445-9748, ext. 216.

‘COME, BE CONSOLED’: The Cenla ACTS community invites all women to an afternoon of spiritual refreshment on Saturday, June 10 with Sister Mary Madeline Todd, OP, STD of the Nashville Dominicans. Sister will lead a reflection on Jesus’ words, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace” (Mark 5:34). Coffee and cake at 1:30 P.M. in the Madonna Room. The reflection will follow at 2:00 P.M. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00 P.M. followed by confession and 4:00 P.M. Mass in the church. For more information, please contact Louise LaJaunie at (318) 451-7181 or log on to www.everydaymissionaries.com/retreats.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ANNUAL BAKE SALE: Court Notre Dame of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have its annual bake sale in the Madonna Complex on the weekend of June 3-4. Please stop by for delicious made-from-scratch cakes, pies, cookies, and other sweets.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, May 29	MEMORIAL DAY
10:00 A.M.	NO Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
6:30 P.M.	Women’s ACTS (DPC)
Tuesday, May 30	
6:00 P.M.	Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:30 P.M.	Men’s ACTS (MR)
Wednesday, May 31	
6:00 P.M.	Divorce Survival Support Group (MR)
Thursday, June 1	
10:00 A.M.	Rosary (Church)
6:15 P.M.	Teen ACTS (MR)
Friday, June 2	
7:00 A.M.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
6:30 P.M.	Substance Abuse Ministry (MR)
Saturday, June 3	
4:00 P.M.	Catholic Daughters Annual Bake Sale (L)
Sunday, June 4	
8:00 A.M.	Catholic Daughters Annual Bake Sale (L)
10:00 A.M.	Coffee and Donut Social (MR)
10:00 A.M.	Catholic Daughters Annual Bake Sale (L)
10:30 A.M.	Children’s Liturgy (L)
11:30 A.M.	Coffee and Donut Social (MR)
11:30 A.M.	Catholic Daughters Annual Bake Sale (L)
2:00 P.M.	Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M.	Children’s Liturgy (L)
6:45 P.M.	Sandwich Social (MR)
7:00 P.M.	High School Youth (DPC)

**Madonna Room (MR) Lourdes (L) Fatima (F) Notre Dame (ND)
Divine Providence Center (DPC) Olinger Hall (OH)
St. Timothy Center**

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our parish survey. We had a total of 321 responses, 290 of which were from registered members of OLPS. Female respondents made up 63.7 percent of the total, and those aged 45-54 accounted for 23.6 percent. Nearly two-thirds, or 66.5 percent of responses came from people who have been members for 10 or more years. We are still digesting and analyzing the data – more information to come!! – Father Dan

SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY (SAM) will meet next Friday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Madonna Room. A light meal will be served and childcare is provided, **if requested by noon** on Friday. SAM meets on the first and third Fridays of each month. All are welcome. For questions or to request childcare, call Dee Gilbert at 229-7890.

OLPS SCHOOL BULLDOG BYTES

OLPS USED UNIFORM SALE: We will have a used uniform sale on Wednesday on Wednesday, July 19 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., in the DPC. Uniforms may be donated (proceeds benefitting OLPS) or those interested may price their uniforms and receive funds for their sales. Drop off will be on Tuesday, July 18 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. More details may be found on the Prompt Succor website www.Promptsuccor.org on a blue tab to the right.

BULLDOG KIDS TRI: The third annual Bulldog Kids Triathlon is set for Saturday, Aug. 26 on the campus of LSUA. This noncompetitive triathlon is for kids ages 3-14. You only compete against yourself. Please go to www.bulldogkidstri.com for more information. All funds raised through this triathlon go to placing more technology in our classrooms. If you would like to be a sponsor, please call Patricia Upton at (318) 449-9073.

CONTINUE TO SAVE AND COLLECT: Thank you for supporting OLPS School this year! Please continue to save your aluminum cans, General Mills box tops, Community Coffee labels, ink cartridges and cell phones through the summer. Use your Kroger's cards, and present our school ID number (#70041236) or indicate that you are an OLPS supporter when shopping at Office Depot. Continue to dine at our loyal "Dinner Nite" contributors over the summer: Texas Roadhouse, Spoons Frozen Yogurt, Eddie's Smokehouse and Seafood, 4 Seasons Bowling Center, and all the others since they have all been very generous to OLPS through "Dinner Nites" and donations.

THANK YOU for all you have done for OLPS. It's been a great year! Together we have made a true difference! See you next year!

A MEMORIAL MASS will be held on Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 A.M. at Prompt Succor Church for Mr. Hugh Dufour. Hugh was a long-time parishioner and faithful usher and Mass attendee at the 4:00 P.M. Saturday Mass. His family would like to invite all who knew Hugh to attend. There will be a reception following the mass in the Divine Providence Center with memorabilia honoring Hugh's life.

DUTCH VOLTZ PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION: Deacon Gus "Dutch" Voltz of OLPS parish will be ordained to the priesthood with his classmates Deacons Derek Ducote and Daniel Hart on Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral by Bishop Talley. Please keep them in your prayers. Father Voltz will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at OLPS on Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 A.M.

FEED YOUR SPIRIT: The next scheduled event in our parish's monthly *Adult Faith Formation* is Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Steve Gauthier will speak on "More about the Saints." The series is sponsored by the Spirituality and Education Commission. Childcare is provided for newborns through age 12 in the church nursery. Please call the church office (445-3693) to register for childcare.

OLPS YOUTH

'**OLPS ROCKS**' is a place for our junior high and high school teens to meet and jam while sharpening their musical skills. "OLPS Rocks" meets in the Notre Dame Room (first door on the left in the Madonna Complex) from 4:30 to 5:00 P.M. on Wednesdays during the school year. For more info, call Josh Blakesley or Grae McCullough at 445-3693.

JUNIOR HIGH: Our Junior High group (grades 7-8 from all schools) meets on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, contact Rebekah Brocato at 447-7861 or 445-9748, ext. 228.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP: High school youth meets on Sunday after the 5:30 P.M. Mass in the Divine Providence Youth Center. For more information, call Ben Lesnefsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'**CHILDREN OF HOPE**': The Children of Hope will not meet over the summer while students are on vacation. The next First Friday holy hour will be Friday, September 1 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in church. The program includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, music, rosary and meditations for children especially in grades two through six.

OUR SEMINARIANS: Deacon Luke LaFleur, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH; Deacon Dutch Voltz, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, LA

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE: Bill Aldridge

OUR SUMMER TEEN MISSIONAIRES: Leah Aldridge, Sarah Chatman, Jade Delaney, Janson Delaney, Cameron Erickson, Andrew Lemoine, Hunter Mansour, Midori Mikel, Nick Scalfano, Abbey Travis, and Spencer West.

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women serving at home and abroad, among them **Paul Arbour, Chris Armstrong, Jesse Barth, Chad Bordelon, Bobby Bounds, Beau Bradford, Chaplain Father John Brocato, Shawn D. Bryant, Gregory Carbo II, Ray Constantino, Michael Deville, Scott Deville, Billy Dove III, Dirk Erickson, David Fields, Chaplain Father John Gabriel, Dylan Garland, Carl Greene, Christian Griffiths, Michael Kelley, Dustin Martin, Jared Slay, Francis Jerome Vanderlick, Michael Ware, Nicholas Waters, and William Whisenant.** If you know someone serving whose name is not on our list, please contact the church office.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE: The IHM Lafayette Homeschool Conference will be held at the Cajundome and Convention Center, 444 Cajundome Blvd. in Lafayette, on Friday, June 16 from 12:00 to 6:00 P.M. This is an event for those who want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

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Brandon Callahan, Maintenance Supervisor

Michael Upton, Finance Council Chair + John Lyons, Pastoral Council Chair

Maria Olagues, School Council Chair

SACRAMENTS/LITURGY/DEVOTIONS

Mass: Saturday 4 PM

Sunday 7, 9 & 10:30 AM; 5:30 PM

(Nursery Available for 9, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM for Newborns through 3 yrs.)

Weekdays: 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil - 5:30 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM; 12:05 P.M. & 5:30 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word (For ages 4 - 8 yrs.)

Sundays at 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 3:00 - 3:50 PM; Sundays 5:15 - 5:25 PM and Weekdays before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptismal Preparation Class by appointment.

Register in advance by calling the Church Office (445-3693).

Baptisms are ministered by appointment.

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: For the sick and homebound.

Contact Renee Aldridge at the church office, 445-3693.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact our Parish Priests at 445-3693.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM every Friday in the Church.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAMS

CCD - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Junior High - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

READINGS FOR JUNE 3 (Vigil):

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

READINGS FOR JUNE 4:

Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13;

John 20:19-23

IN MEMORY: PEGGY ST. JOHN

Please pray for Mrs. St. John (wife of Mr. Stephen Henthorne) and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: John 'Lad' Baker; Sister Romaine Bell; Cadet Brianna Bennett; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Ann Marie Bruner; Kylie Renee Bush; Jody Debona; Kelly Debona; Theresa Debona; Kathy Ouber Depril; Trudy Dyson; Connie Fiorenza; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Deacon Ray Gibson; Ansley Greer; Theresa Gremillion; Tom Hirschak; Ray Holston; Linda Juneau; Angel LaJaunie; Andrew Ryan Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Mary Lofton; Mike Lofton; Ryan McCutcheon; Josephine Michiels; Jones Omorusi; Cleta Perry; Patricia Rachal; Brooke Searcy; Hazel Slocum; Dorothy Stroud; Gustavia Thibeaux; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Jacob Williamson; Tracy Wiltse; Lenora Yeager; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

MASSSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., MAY 28:

7:00 A.M.

Joseph Marien Jr.

9:00 A.M.

Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Alice 'Vic' Chrisp; Bob Foster; David Ezernack; Dave and Irene Dufour; Bessie and Otis Gaspard; Mr. and Mrs. George Regan, Mr. and Mrs. John Fair and Judy Regan; Al Beach and deceased members of the Verzwylvelt and Beach Families

10:30 A.M.

Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M.

Robert A. Wolf

MON., MAY 29:

6:30 A.M.

Peter Broussard

5:30 P.M.

Sidney Richard

TUES., MAY 30:

6:30 A.M.

Dr. Archie Ardoin

5:30 P.M.

Shirley Wood Lomonte and deceased members of the Lomonte Family

WED., MAY 31:

6:30 A.M.

Allen and Virgie Aymond

5:30 P.M.

Helena St. Romain (anniv.)

THURS., JUNE 1:

6:30 A.M.

David DeLoach (anniv.)

5:30 P.M.

Rev. Gerald Lewis S.V.D. and Bishop Carlos Lewis S.V.D.

FRI., JUNE 2:

6:30 A.M.

Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M.

Chuck Hardy

SAT., JUNE 3:

8:00 A.M.

In honor of Sister JoAnn on her birthday John Cangelosi Jr.; Josephine Chestovich; Sister Cecile Clare Vanderlick CDP; Sean Perry; Mark Mathews; Roland LaBorde; Horace Thibeaux; Sam and Edith Tamburo, Colingo and Tamburo Families, Simon and Mamie Campo and Campo Families; Sophie Chestovich; Jerry and Gerry Flynn

4:00 P.M.

SUN., JUNE 4:

7:00 A.M.

David Schexnyder

9:00 A.M.

David Ezernack; Bob Foster; Philip White Sr.; Dave and Irene Dufour; Mr. and Mrs. George Regan, Mr. and Mrs. John Fair and Judy Regan; Dr. Palmer Texada; Tom Stafford; Al Beach and deceased members of the Verzwylvelt and Beach Families; Sister Ann Linda Bell C.D.P.; Tedie Hodges

10:30 A.M.

Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M.

Anne Eversull

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for May (four Sundays)	\$87,000.00
Gifts on previous weekends in May	\$45,395.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$17,059.00
Amount still needed for May	\$24,546.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AVOID THE NUISANCE of keeping up with your church envelopes while you are on vacation this summer. Automatic bank draft and payment by credit card are available for your contributions to church support. This helps you and it also helps us by allowing us to plan on consistent income each week. Please contact Mary Floyd at the church office by calling 445-9748, ext. 201.