

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMS will take place over the next two weekends (Aug. 19-20 and 26-27) after all Masses in the church foyer. This includes CCD classes (grades Pre-K through six), junior high (grades 7-8), high school (grades 9-12), confirmation (grade 11) and our church youth choirs.

JOYFUL NOISE SINGERS AND ST. CECILIA CHOIR: Registration will be held after all the Masses next weekend and Aug. 26-27 for the Joyful Noise Singers (grades Pre-K through six) and the St. Cecilia Choir (grades four through six). Choir membership is open to all members of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish, regardless of which school they attend. – Linda W. Perot, Director of Music Ministry



RCIA PROGRAM: There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in the RCIA program and more information about becoming Catholic on Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 P.M. in the Youth Room located in the Divine Providence Center.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual back-to-school Luau is Sunday, Aug. 27 after the 10:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Masses in the Divine Providence Center. Come enjoy burgers, hot dogs, dole whips and water slides on the school playground. Dress in your favorite Hawaiian shirt and have the kids bring a bathing suit (modest, please) and a towel. See you there! Sponsored by the Family Life Commission.

CCD TEACHER IN-SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 P.M. in the Youth Room. This meeting is for existing teachers, anyone new who is interested in teaching CCD and any teens who would like to volunteer.

A KICK-OFF CELEBRATION of 125 years of Catholic secondary education in Cenla will be held at Holy Savior Menard High School this Saturday beginning with Mass at 4:30 P.M. All alumni, friends and families of Menard Memorial, Providence Central and Menard High School are invited to this FREE event (except for cash bar from Jack's), but donations are welcome. Please contact Kathleen Adamson at (318) 445-8233, ext. 212 by Aug. 21 so a count may be prepared.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING: There will be a Mass with special prayers for healing this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in OLPS Church. After the Mass, several priests will be available to pray individually with those who desire it. Everyone is welcome; please join us.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, August 21
10:00 A.M. Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)

Tuesday, August 22
6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:30 P.M. RCIA

Wednesday, August 23
6:00 P.M. Divorce Ministry (MR)
7:00 P.M. Mass with prayers for healing (Church)

Thursday, August 24
10:00 A.M. Rosary (Church)
6:00 P.M. ACTS Women's (DPC)

Friday, August 25
7:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
6:30 P.M. Newcomer's Reception (Rectory)

Saturday, August 26
7:00 A.M. OLPS School Bulldog Tri (LSUA)
5:00 P.M. Registration for Fall Programs (Church Foyer)

Sunday, August 27
8:00 A.M. Registration for Fall Programs at all Masses (Church Foyer)
10:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
11:30 A.M. Back to School Luau (DPC)
2:30 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
6:30 P.M. Back to School Luau (DPC)
7:00 P.M. NO High School Youth (DPC)

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

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: A Divorce Support Group will begin on Wednesday, August 23 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Madonna Room for 12 weeks. There is no such thing as "Catholic Divorce," but unfortunately Catholics do civilly divorce and this group is for support and healing through Christ and one another. Parishioners Beth Goleman Ponthier, who has a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, and Dana Boudreaux will facilitate. The group will follow a combination of Catholic curriculum from Ascension Press and Beginning Experience, and will include discussion of different weekly topics, prayer, and insight from our parish priests. Light refreshments will be served and childcare is available. Registration is open to separated, divorced, and re-married adults of all faiths; space is limited. To register contact Renee Aldridge at renee.aldrige@olpschurch.org or at 445-9748 ext 216.

OLPS YOUTH

OLPS SCHOOL

BULLDOG BYTES

WELCOME BACK and God bless our students and families. We pray for a safe, productive and successful year for all.

BULLDOG KIDS TRI: We will have our Third Annual **Bulldog Kids Triathlon** at LSUA next weekend. While it is a fundraiser for our school, it really is all about fun and fitness for kids ages 3-14! All the proceeds benefit the OLPS Technology Fund. You can still register your athlete by going to www.Bulldogkidstri.com. We want to thank the many sponsors who are helping to put on this awesome event and making it all possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **September 30** & join us for the annual **OLPS FALL FESTIVAL**, Fall Festival 2016. "Gone Fishing for GOD'S Love!" Contact Helena Brocato at 318-792-6515 to join the planning team or for sponsorship opportunities.

THE FLOWERS ON EACH SIDE OF THE TABERNACLE are given this week **IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, LOVE AND WITNESS OF THE ACT'S COMMUNITY.**

THE FLOWERS BY OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR are given in loving memory of **THOMAS AND AGNES MIGUEZ, NOAH AND EUGENIA GUILLOTTE** by Dr. and Mrs. Michael Miguez and Family.

FAMILY PHOTOS ARE IN: If you took professional photography for the directory and did not order any additional photos, your free 8x10 is available at the church office. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 P.M. All photos will be submitted for the directory at the end of August. There is no charge for the directory, but Lifetouch only prints directories for those families who have participated. For more information please call Renee at 445-9748, ext. 216.

BISHOP'S GOLF TOURNAMENT: The 22nd annual Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament, benefiting the Seminarian Education Fund will be held Oct. 9 at Oakwing Golf Course in Alexandria. The 4-person scramble, which includes green fees, cart, mulligans, range balls, and refreshments, is \$135 per person or \$540 per team to enter. Sponsorships, ranging from \$100 and up, are available by calling Sandi Tarver at 318-445-6424, ext. 209.

CENLA MAGNIFICAT: CENLA Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will be hosting a breakfast in Natchitoches, LA. Cindy Scardina is the speaker for Magnificat in Natchitoches on September 16. Reservations are \$18 for the breakfast that will be held at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant in Natchitoches. Send your check or money order to Donna Reason, 4162 Bordelon St., Hessmer, LA 71341. **No tickets are sold at the door.** For further information, contact Mary Wilson at 318-359-7735 or Diane Ardoin at 318-419-1547. Please register no later than September 10.

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, starting September 6. 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, starting September 10. For more information, call Ben Lesnefsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'CHILDREN OF HOPE': 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; David Keran, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

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, John Paul Brumley; 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, Zach Jeansonne; Michael Kelley, Dustin Martin, Victor Odom; 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.

INNER HEALING RETREAT: Jim and Dr. Christy Gootee along with the Two Hearts Team will be offering an Inner Healing Retreat at Maryhill Renewal Center on Sept. 9-10. Saturday will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a Saturday night Healing Service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday will start at 9 a.m. and end with Sunday closing Mass at 3:30 p.m. The cost of the weekend is \$100 with an additional charge of \$40 for those wishing to stay overnight. We will also be blessed with Mercy Beaucoup leading us in spirit-filled worship music for the weekend. Call 318-290-1642 for more information or email christygootee@outlook.com to pre-register.

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Fr. Daniel P. O'Connor, Pastor

Fr. John Wiltse, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joy Retnazihomoni, In Residence

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Michelle Lemoine, Director of Religious Education

Renee Aldridge, Coordinator of Program Development

Sarah Duncan Mealer, Church Nursery Coordinator

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.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., AUGUST 20:

7:00 A.M. Joseph Marien Jr.

9:00 A.M. Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Charles and Michael Anderson; Bob Foster; Ian Thomas Maguire; Mr. and Mrs. George Regan, Mr. and Mrs. John Fair and Judy Regan; Theda Hodges Cahill; Living and deceased members of the Clarence Flynn Family

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

MON., AUGUST 21:

6:30 A.M. Heather Go

5:30 P.M. Ronnie Buford

TUES., AUGUST 22:

6:30 A.M. Ronnie Buford on her birthday

5:30 P.M. Melinda LaJaunie

WED., AUGUST 23:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M. Joe King and Fran McGinty

THURS., AUGUST 24:

6:30 A.M. John DeFee

8:00 A.M. Donald Armand

5:30 P.M. Ronnie Buford

FRI., AUGUST 25:

6:30 A.M. Carmelo Go

8:00 A.M. Sr. Romaine Bell

5:30 P.M. Deacon Charles Jones

SAT., AUGUST 26:

8:00 A.M. Carmelo Go

4:00 P.M. Vincent Provenza; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pilcher; Josephine Chestovich; Maretta Benoit; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Intention of Mia Ashby; Deborah Ann Dupuis; Tracy Wiltse; Casey Morris; Nell Weisbach; Alton Horn Sr.

SUN., AUGUST 27:

7:00 A.M. Our Parish Family

9:00 A.M. Sadie T. Lomonte and deceased members of the Lomonte Family; David Ezernack; Intention of Bettie Piazza; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Al Beach and deceased members of the Verzwylvet and Beach Families; Bob Foster; Tom Stafford

10:30 A.M. Joe King and Fran McGinty

5:30 P.M. Jenny Smith

READINGS FOR AUGUST 27: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

IN MEMORY: JEROME DUNCAN; MARY JANE FINLEY

Please pray for Mr. Duncan (father of Mr. Richard Duncan, grandfather of Mrs. Sarah Mealer), Mrs. Finley and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Steven Babin; John 'Lad' Baker; Kristen Bonner; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Ann Marie Bruner; Judy Cangelosi; Debbie Carbo; John David Jr.; Theresa Debona; Marie Finley; Connie Fiorenza; Frances Floyd; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Bill Giddens; Ernest Gremillion; Tom Hirschak; Kenneth Lachney; Angel LaJaunie; Andrew Ryan Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Mary Beaubouef Lyle; Ryan McCutcheon; Lacey Moran; Jones Omorusi; Bea Phillips; Cindy Pinkerton; Michael Simpson; Hazel Slocum; Dorothy Stroud; Gustavia Thibeaux; Baby Elliott Trahan; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Jacob Williamson; Lenora Yeager; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Aug. (four Sundays)	\$87,000.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Aug.	\$25,076.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$17,877.00
Amount still needed for Aug.	\$44,047.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AVOID THE NUISANCE of keeping up with your church envelopes while you're 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.