**October 15, 2017 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Office Hours**
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

**Celebration of the Eucharist**
Saturday: 4:00 pm – Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00 am
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am

**Holydays of Obligation:** 7:30 am only

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 pm and Weekdays: 7:00-7:25 am (and by appointment)

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<td>Seminars are held every other month - register by calling the office. Attendance is suggested during pregnancy.</td>
<td>The Church recommends this sacrament for those who are gravely ill or in danger of death. Call the priest to arrange a visit.</td>
<td>Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance to allow time for preparation and planning.</td>
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Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 14—Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM: Dr. Leonard & Betty Rolfe; Kalweit, Champagne, Romero & Theriot Families; Pete & Mary Ann Lavegne (iv); Annette Domingue (living); Nora Broussard
Sunday, October 15—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM: Helen Vallot; Warren & Kerry McGovern; Dr. Robert Chastant & Evelyn; Ed-die Upton; John Daigle; Patsy Robicheaux; George Sigue & Siblings; Lorraine Day; Lloyd Sigue; Gary Paul Lantz
10:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Patrick’s

Monday, October 16—St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Mary Margaret Alacoque, Virgin (Msgr. Richard Greene)
7:30 AM: Rachel Wickman

Tuesday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (Msgr. Richard Greene)
7:30 AM: Ron Venable

Non-Liturgical Devotions
Daily Rosary: Monday - Thursday 6:55 am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday 7:15 am
Rosary for Priests: Wednesday 7:00 am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Thursday 7:15 am
Pro-Life Rosary: 1st Friday of the month 7 am

Shamrocks—Friday, October 20: No cleaning.

God’s Goodness
Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God’s goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

Wednesday, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist
(Msgr. Richard Greene)
7:30 AM: Dr. Tommy Comeaux & Dorinne; Col. Clark Comeaux & Catherine (living); Col. Kimberly Fedele (living)

Thursday, October 19—Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests (Msgr. Richard Greene)
7:30 AM: Special Intention (S.D.)

Friday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
(Msgr. Charles Mallet)
7:30 AM: Dr. Charles Stewart

Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory of:
Warren & Kerry McGovern

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
—Philippians 4:13

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to you, loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Bishop Maurice Shexnayder
Pastor Away
Fr. Keith will be leaving for vacation after Masses on Sunday, Oct. 15th, returning on the 27th. Please keep him in your prayers. And as always, we are grateful to our priests who fill in during these days, making this time away possible.

Mass of Thanksgiving and Hope
A Mass for all (men, women and loved ones) who have been affected by any type of cancer, will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church, on Tuesday, October 17th, 7 pm. Fr. Howard Blessing will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will be served in the Vestibule.

White Mass
Bishop Deshotel will celebrate a White Mass, in honor of all those who work in health care, from nurses and physicians to dietary staff and lab workers, on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 12:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 515 Cathedral Street, Lafayette.

Retreat Information
The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, LA is offering the following Retreats:

Zen Practices for Christian Living
Fr. Robert Kennedy, S.J., Presenter, Thursday, November 9 – Sunday, November 12. Fee: $270 (commuters $200)

AA Weekend: Staying Sober with the 12-Steps
Fr. Tom Weston, S.J., Presenter, Wednesday, November 29—Sunday, December 3. Fee: $335.00 (commuters $225)

Silent, Individually-Directed Retreats of 3, 5, or 8 days beginning on the following dates:
- Mon., Oct. 16 or Thur., Oct. 19; Mon., Oct., 30 or Thur., Nov. 2; Mon., Nov., 13 (3 & 5 days only); Mon., Dec., 4 or Thur., Dec. 7.
To register, visit website jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337-662-5251-M-F 8 am—12 noon and 1—5 pm.

Singles Enrichment
Fr. Jude Halphen will be giving the talk: “Tips for Marrying the Right Person: Helping Singles Find Each Other, Contemplate Marriage, and Say I Do” on October 17, 2017, at Our Lady of Wisdom Church from 5-8pm. Please go to www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment to register. This is a free event, but preregistration is required.

Come and See Retreat - Saint Joseph’s Seminary College—Vocations Weekend Retreat—November 3-5
If you are a Catholic young man who has wondered about the priesthood, this retreat is a perfect opportunity to check out seminary life and discern the vocation God desires for you. Men 16 years and older, this weekend is about how to discern God’s call for your life. There is no cost, all meals are provided. Free transportation is provided from Lafayette. To register, contact Fr. Patrick Broussard, Director Office of Vocations, Diocese of Lafayette 337-261-5690 email vocations@diolaf.org or visit lafayettevocations.org

Teurlings Catholic School Open House
All parents and students who are considering Teurlings Catholic High School for the 2018-2019 school year are invited to join us for TCH Open House, Thursday, November 9th in the cafetorium. Tours begin at 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Hanes in the Admissions Office at 235-5711 Ext 1, or mhanes@tchs.net. Please visit the website for more information www.tchs.net.

Bus Trip - Dickens on the Strand
Travel to enjoy a Victorian Christmas celebration in Galveston, Texas, December 1-3, 2017. The historic district is transformed into Christmas in Charles Dickens’ London and offers an outstanding array of unique activities. To secure your reservation, it is necessary to call and send your payment, before November 1. For more information and to register, call Barbara Thibodeaux at 235-3240.

Fall Festival
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is having a Fall Festival, Reuniting the Old with the New, Staying ‘Lit’ for the Lord on Friday, October 20, 5-8pm; Saturday, October 21, 12-9 pm; Sunday October 22, 12-7 pm. Fun jumps; train rides; haunted house; $8.00 dinners; food booths; live entertainment. For more information call 235-4618—www.ihmchurchlafayette.com

Remember Me Support Group
Remember Me is a faith-based support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals who are coping with dementia/Alzheimer’s. No cost or registration is necessary; those who are in need of support are simply invited to attend and share ideas and resources with one another. The group meets in the Ministries Office at St. Elizabeth Seton Church (610 Raintree Trail, Lafayette 70507) every third Monday of each month. Next meeting is on Monday, October 16, 2017, 6:30 PM. For more information contact the parish office at 235-1483.

Second Collection Next Weekend
World Mission Sunday
Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PAST WEEK
Our Response to God’s Generosity to Us
Offertory………………………… $ 3,713.93
Thank You!

The second collection this weekend is for those affected by the Natural Disasters.
From the Pastor’s Desk

I’m jotting down these thoughts as I finish up our annual priests’ retreat, this time at St. Charles Center in Moss Bluff. A retreat center owned by the diocese of Lake Charles, the facility is built on the edge of swampland along a fork of the Calcasieu River. Having been here multiple times, it is a comfortable and familiar place for prayer and silence, which is always good for retreat.

I know that this opportunity to “go away to a deserted place” is a true privilege that is offered to us as priests, even though it is a practice required by the law of the Church. Most people do not have the time or resources to do this, and I am grateful. With that gratitude comes the responsibility to use the time well, and to come away with some benefit, which usually does happen.

On the cusp of leaving here and returning there, one always encounters the tension of transition from the “desert” to the “city”. The question is always, how can I bring the insights of this retreat back into daily life. If the grace of the retreat remains on the banks of the Calcasieu, then something is not quite right. Yet the pace of daily life will always be radically different from the more leisurely rhythm of the retreat.

Interestingly, the retreat director for this retreat chose something of that challenge for his theme, exploring at length the two complimentary practices of prayer and work. He reflected on the tendency of activity and the demands of daily life to push prayer to the side, if not totally out of one’s daily routine. His admonition was quite simple—put prayer first. Or as he said in his last talk, plan your work around your prayer.

Most of us tend to do the opposite. We get carried up into activity by the legitimate demands of family, work, and the basic tasks of keeping house and earning a living. Then, we try to squeeze prayer into that sometimes over-burdened schedule. We forget that prayer is absolutely essential to the success of everything else we do. Quite simply, if we fail to nurture that foundational relationship with God, then everything else we do will come to nothing. Oh, we might achieve some measure of success according the measures of the world. But these accomplishments will remain unsatisfying if they are not inspired by God’s light and founded in his truth and salvation. It is only prayer, nurturing that relationship with God, which gives true value to all else.

So a simple question: How do you plan your weekend? Does the schedule fill up with ball games & dinners and other activities, after which you try to find a Mass time that you can squeeze in? Or is Mass scheduled first, with all else flowing around that central activity? And what does your answer tell you?