

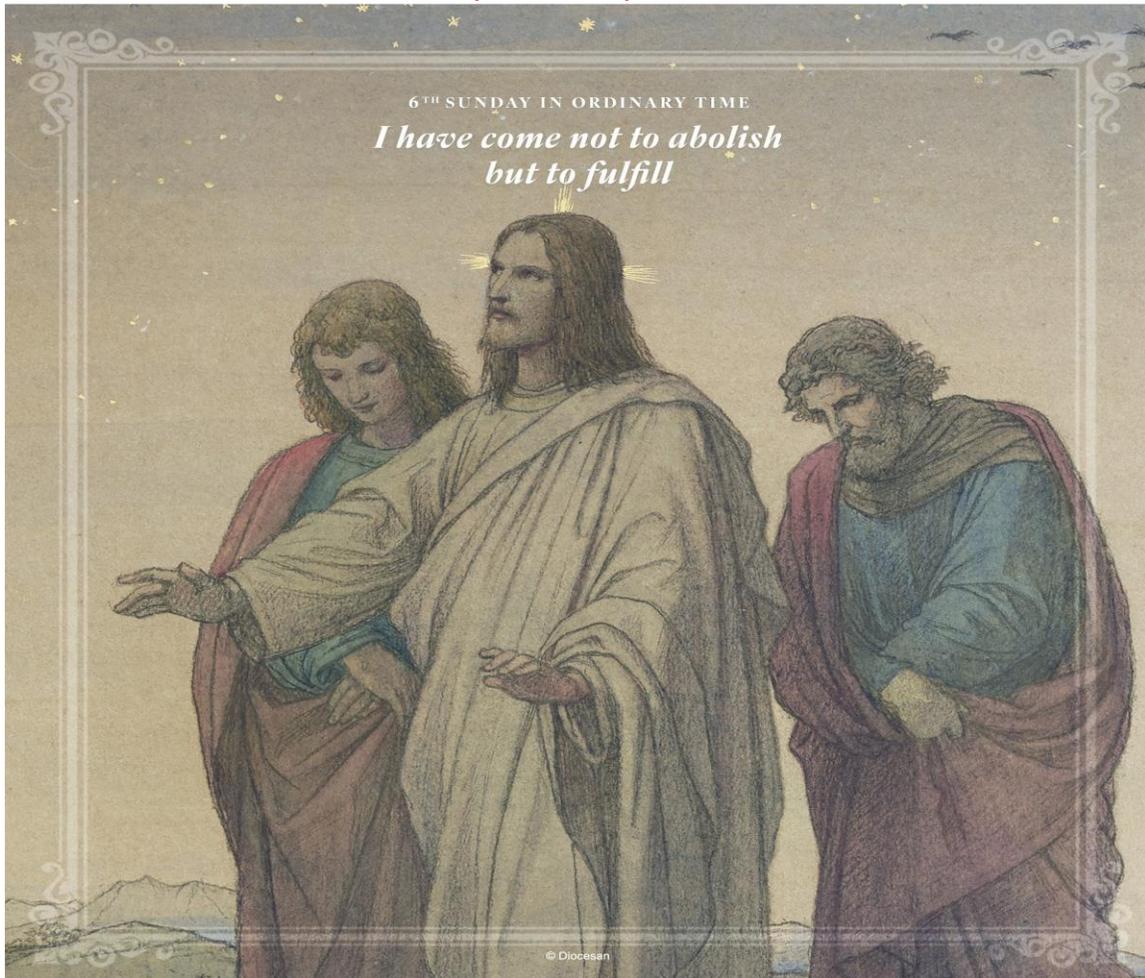
# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

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Serving our Community Humbly  
Loving our Families Joyfully  
Worshipping God Boldly

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 15, 2026

The office will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.



### NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to Sacred Heart!

We are so delighted you have chosen our Church to be a part of your family!

Parish Registration & Gift donation forms are located at front entrance of church.

**Fr. Dale Meade, Pastor**  
318.445.2496  
frdmeade@diocesealex.org

**Fr. Larry "Donnie" Kuzma,**  
**Parochial Vicar**  
318.445.2496  
frdkuza@diocesealex.org

**Sacramental Emergencies**  
318.445.2497x5

**Church Office**  
600 Lakeview St., Pineville, LA 71360  
**Open Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm**  
318.445.2497 Fax 318.443.0808

Sandy Corley, Parish Manager  
318.445.2497x14  
scorley@jesusinpineville.com  
Sherry Rabalais, Bookkeeper  
318.729.5369  
srabalais@jesusinpineville.com

**Mass Times**  
M-F 7:00 am  
Saturday, 4pm  
Sunday 8, 10, 11:30 am  
Holy Days as announced

**Confessions**  
Saturdays 3:30-3:55pm;  
Sundays 7:30-7:55am,  
9:30-9:55am & 11:00-11:25am  
or at any time requested.

**Adoration**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday prior to  
mass (except for first Thursday)  
Adoration 6:25 am, Mass 7:00 am  
unless otherwise specified.

**Exposition/Benediction**  
before Mass on First Friday.

**Adoration Chapel 24/7/365**  
Call office for door code

**Saturday, February 14 – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

C 3:30 Confession (3:30-3:55)  
 C 4:00 Mass – For Souls in Purgatory  
 N 7:00 AA-New Freedom (7:00-8:00pm)

**Sunday, February 15**

C 7:30 Confession (7:30-7:55)  
 C 8:00 Mass – For John Lacaze, Jr. and Michael Lacaze  
 O 9:00 Coffee & Donuts  
 C 9:30 Confession (9:30-9:55)  
 O 10:00 Mass – For the People of the Parish  
 C 11:00 Confession (11:00-11:25)  
 C 11:30 Mass –For Suk Saucier

**Monday, February 16 – President's Day Observed – Office closed**

C 7:00 Mass – For Maria Terrell  
 O 6:15 Sisters in Sobriety AA Recovery Meeting  
 N 7:00 AA-New Freedom (7:00-8:00pm)

**Tuesday, February 17**

C 7:00 Mass – For James & Suk Saucier  
 S 9-12 St. Nicholas Thrift Shop  
 E 10:00 Mass at The Oaks – For Ben Delacerda  
 O 12:45 Insights Prayer Group  
 N 7:00 AA-New Freedom (7:00-8:00pm)

**Wednesday, February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

C 7:00 Mass – For Linda Gaspard  
 S 9-12 St. Nicholas Thrift Shop  
 E 9:30 No Mass at St. Christina – Ashes Only  
 C 12:08 Mass - For James Saucier & Suk Saucier  
 A 5:00 Wednesday Night Supper  
 C 6:05 Mass – For Souls in Purgatory  
 E 6:00 Movie Night  
 A 6:00 CCD  
 N 7:00 AA-New Freedom (7:00-8:00 pm)

**Thursday, February 19**

C 7:00 Mass – For Suk Saucier  
 S 9-12 St. Nicholas Thrift Store  
 E 10:00 Mass at Hilltop – For Marian Valley  
 O 6:00 OCIA – Meeting  
 N 7:00 AA-New Freedom (7:00-8:00pm)

**Friday, February 20**

C 7:00 Mass – For Allison Tillie  
 C 5:30 STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 E 7:00 AA-New Freedom (7:00-8:00pm)

**Saturday, February 21**

C 3:30 Confession (3:30-3:55)  
 C 4:00 Mass – For the People of the Parish  
 N 7:00 AA-New Freedom

**Sunday, February 22**

C 7:30 Confession (7:30-7:55)  
 C 8:00 Mass – For James Saucier and Suk Saucier  
 O 9:00 Coffee and Donuts  
 C 9:30 Confession (9:30-9:55)  
 C 10:00 Mass – For Souls in Purgatory  
 O 11:00 Coffee & Donuts  
 C 11:00 Confession (11:00-11:25)  
 C 11:30 Mass  
 N 3:00 AA–New Freedom (3:00-4:00pm)

C=Church H=Chapel O=Community Center A=Activities  
 Bldg. Y=Youth Center S=St. Nicholas Society  
 R=Rectory E=Elsewhere N=Social Action Center, K=Knights  
 of Columbus (old school cafeteria)

**LAMP BURNS** – In loving memory of Anna, Nathan, and Ralph Cannella by Darrell & Ingrid Cannella-Newell. If you are interested in having a loved one remembered by providing for the sanctuary light, please use a pew envelope.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**



**OUR SEMINARIANS:** The Diocese of Alexandria has 9 men in priestly formation: *Jacob Cass, Gabe Dowden, Blaine Phillips, and Graham Descant* all attending Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, and *Blake Bernard, Matthew Kramer, Cullen Phillips, David Rubio, and Ty Schexnayder* attending St. Joseph's Seminary College in St. Benedict.

**THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:** *Ellen Knight, and Peter Van Dyke* for the consolation of their families and friends.

**ACUTELY ILL:** *Saige Bordelon, Kim Bryer, Helen Esteg, Susan Gagliano, Gwendolyn Gasper, Carolyn Hann, Kay Harville, Mary Hayes, Lyon Hebert,*

*Marie Hilt, Shirley Leonard, Stacy Mayeaux, Charles Mayer, Debbie Nugent, Candiss Smith, Kim Strange, and Wendell Young.*

**SICK, RECOVERING OR CONTINUING TREATMENT:** *Kevin Ardoin, Elizabeth Battalora, Debbie Patterson Bertalotto, Isiah Bruce, Jason Chumley, Aline Graham, Rowena Guillot, Waylon Johnson, Dorothy Kanaka, Mark Koestler, Phillip Lee, Kay Lowery, Steve Meche, Terry Millien, Randy Nugent, Megan Roule, and Phil Soileau.*

**SHUT-INS:** *Diana Ardoin, Thomas Atkinson, Janice Clark, Mary Ann Deville, Larry Dupré, Jessica Elliott, Patricia Ferguson, Ida Jeansonne, JoAnn Keneson, Shirley Lachney, Bernadine Lee, Mary Ann McNeal, Evelyn Martin, Anita Normand, Ed Price, Edward Simms, Johnnie Smith, Betty Teasley, and Joe Bill Warren.*

**OUR MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE OVERSEAS:** *Abbi Aldecoa, Charles Austin, Blake Best, Cody Best, Bradley Bryant, Sam Cannon, Micah Cobb, Evan Cree, Dale Daniel, Liam Daniel, Aaron Deville, Patrick Downs, Devin Gay, Joe Herrera, Chad Hines, Brian Laborde, Francis Melomo, John Louis Methe, Dalton Miller, Ethan Miller, Dustin Morrow, Todd Moulder, Phi Joseph Pham, Zachary Prejean, William Purdion, Jr., Rebekka Thompson, and Elijah Winfrey.*

**10:00 AM CHOIR AND ACCOMPANIMENT:** Please keep the choir members in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their choir director, Linda Gaspard and faithfully await transition of new leadership as it develops.

**ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Schedule – Feb18th: 7 am, 12:08 & 6:05 pm**

CCD students should promptly report to their assigned classrooms and enter church with their teacher as a group.

**LENTE OBLIGATIONS** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal.

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health. It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 pm in the Church.



**Menu:** Shrimp Gumbo with rice, potato salad and crackers. All Adult, Senior, and To-Go meals are \$5. Children under 12 are \$2.

**THE WEEKEND OF February 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

Income needed for month of February	\$ 47,866.08
Total Gifts Collected For February	\$ 24,349.57
Last week's Collection	\$ 10,917.82
Amount needed in February	\$ 23,516.51

**SPECIAL COLLECTION DATE: ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations of church properties, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection on Ash Wednesday. You can find more information at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**2026 AIRCONDITION FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR ACTIVITIES**

**BUILDING:** Hallelujah! Due to the generosity of our parishioners, we have surpassed our campaign goal of \$85,000! Thanks to all who gave

money for this project. We can now proceed in scheduling the replacement units.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – If you would like to donate plastic easter eggs and/or with individually wrapped candy for the children, you may

drop it off at the church office. The Easter egg hunt will be held from 11:00 – 11:30 am on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, in the grass area by the Youth Center.



 <p><b>MEN'S RETREAT</b> - Men, if you have not attended an ACTS Retreat now is your chance. <b>What is ACTS you ask?</b> Come spend a weekend with God and be filled with the Love of Jesus Christ. Call Ryan Myers at 318-787-4044 for more information.</p> <p>The Men's retreat will be held at Mary Hill on <b>March 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup></b>. Applications are available at the front lobby of church.</p>	 <p><b>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT BISHOP GRECO #2072</b> Typically meet first Monday of the month at 12 PM in the Activities Bldg. 519 Sanders St.</p> <p><u>Monthly Meeting Schedule</u>  <b>Mar 2, April 13, May 4, June 1</b></p> <p><u>Other Events</u>  <b>March – St. Joseph's Honorary Food Drive</b>  <b>April – Towel Drive for homeless</b>  <b>May 9-10 - Mother's Day Bake Sale</b></p>	 <p><b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, JOHN PAUL II - CHAPTER #14657</b> Typically meet first Thursday of the month at 6 PM in the Knight's Bldg., 519 Sanders St.(behind CCD school)</p> <p><b>FISH DINNERS \$10</b></p> <p>include fries, boiled corn, and hushpuppies will be sold during LENT every Friday  <b>2/20 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27</b>  in front of Mac's Grocery, Hwy 28 East, Pineville. Questions, contact Harold Cormier 337-302-0382</p>
 <p><b>ACTS CORE TEAM</b> meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at <b>5:00 pm</b> in the Youth Center. All parishioners who have attended an ACTS retreat are welcome and invited to attend. If you would like to discuss a topic at the meeting, please contact Randal Marino 318.542.9107 or Emily Baker 318.664.1628 in order to be included on the agenda.</p>	 <p><b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>  – We are in need for more parishioners to volunteer and become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to periodically serve at our weekly Masses. To serve Jesus in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. Please prayerfully consider adding this act of service to your faith life. God is calling you! For more information, you may contact the church office or Keith Bonin at 318-201-9017, <a href="mailto:keithbonin@hotmail.com">keithbonin@hotmail.com</a>.</p>	<p>The Mass book is open year-round. If you would like to recognize a loved one with a Mass in their memory/honor or to have the Sanctuary Light burn for them, please contact the church office at 445.2497x10 or use a pew envelope.</p> 
 <p><b>ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS</b> On Thursday, <b>February 19, at 6:00 p.m.</b>, the class will discuss <b>"Election: Saying 'Yes' To Jesus"</b>. On Sunday, February 22, Sacred Heart Church will send our catechumens and candidates to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. We ask our Sacred Heart Church Family to pray for our prospective new Catholics, that they might find God in our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. For information about OCIA, please call the Parish Office at (318) 445-2497.</p>  <p><b>ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN</b> Class is held on <b>Wednesdays at 6:00 pm</b>, in the Activities Bldg. For more information, call the church office 318-445-2497 or Michelle Kling 985-351-1236.</p>  <p><b>NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL MOVIE NIGHT</b> <b>Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., School Library - To Be Announced</b> Please join us following the Wednesday night meal. All are welcome!</p>	<p><b>SACRED HEART'S ST. NICHOLAS THRIFT SHOP</b> is needing additional volunteers to assist with sorting received items as well as increasing our sales team on Tuesdays; which we are currently closed on this day. Typically open for business on Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday's from 9am – 12 pm.</p> <p>Our thrift store provides a much needed service for the community and the income received from this special ministry is used to help support our Food Pantry program. Please prayerfully consider accepting the call to help!</p> <p><b>SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY BLESSINGS!!!</b>  A list of food items requested may be found at the front entrance of Church. If you are interested in helping us prepare food bags for the needy or for the children in our school programs we support, please contact Linda Bonial at 318-623-1492.</p> 	<p><b>SCRIPTURE READINGS</b>  <b>Week of February 15, 2026</b></p>  <p><b>Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37</p> <p><b>Monday</b> Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21</p> <p><b>Wednesday Ash Wednesday</b>  Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25</p> <p><b>Friday</b> Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32</p> <p><b>Sunday First Sunday of Lent</b>  Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11</p>

**CCD Registration 2025-2026**

Please scan the QR code with your mobile phone camera to access the registration form and online payment link. **CCD Tuition is \$10 per child for PreK to 11th grades.** Payment can also be made through the GIVE App on your mobile phone, or the Kiosk machine at church. Please contact Alissa Sanders @ 318.447.0369 or email: [sacredheartofjesus.ccd@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartofjesus.ccd@gmail.com) with any questions.



**CCD ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Save the dates!!!**

**CCD PROCEDURES FOR DROP OFF & PICK UP**

Vehicles must be parked, in a defined parking area. Parent or guardian who bring/pick up children must escort child to/from classroom. Children are not allowed to roam outside by themselves. Security will ask drivers to move vehicles that are not properly parked or who are just sitting inside vehicles within the parking lot of the Activities building. We want to secure every **CHILDS SAFETY!**



Before celebrating the **Sacrament of Penance**, one should prepare oneself with an examination of conscience, which involves reflecting prayerfully on one's thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins.

There are various types of examinations of conscience but regardless of which one you use to prepare yourself for the Sacrament it should be rooted in Scripture; particularly, the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.

Please visit **USCCB website** to find a few examples of Examinations of Conscience that can help you prepare for the Sacrament. <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience>

**CCD classes 2025-2026**  
**Every Wednesday at 6PM**  
**Except during RPSB closures**

Confirmation: March 19<sup>th</sup> 6 PM  
Living Stations of the Cross: April 1  
Last Day of CCD: April 29  
First Communion: May 2  
May Crowning (date change): May 2  
Senior Mass: May 3

**VIRTUS training has now been moved online! Now it is more convenient to become VIRTUS certified!** Detailed information about how to register for an online training session is available on the Safe Environment webpage on the Diocese of Alexandria website: [diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/](http://diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/) For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, [kcoco@diocesealex.org](mailto:kcoco@diocesealex.org).

**PARENTS**

Now parents can be interactive and up to date with their child's faith formation with our new online CCD program **"Word of Life"** for grades **Pre K – 8<sup>th</sup>!!!**  
Please login:  
[www.wordofliferies.org/resources/library](http://www.wordofliferies.org/resources/library)  
**Password: buildstrongcatholics**

**ALL PARISHIONERS**

We also have a new online program called **"FORMED"** for our parish family to use to enhance their Catholic Faith knowledge especially for **Grades 9 – 12, OCIA, OCIC, and Bible Study groups.**  
Register now: [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)  
follow the prompts.  
It's Free

**SERVICE HOURS REQUIRED FOR EACH YEAR**  
**PREFERABLY COMPLETED AT CHURCH:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 5 hours
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade-10 hours
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade-15 hours

The CCD Playground area will be open (if weather permits) before CCD classes. Parents or Guardians **MUST** be in attendance to supervise their child.



**CALLING ALL YOUTH:** All teens in 8th grade and above are invited to participate in the **Steubenville South Youth Conference in Alexandria from June 26-28.** This event promises a meaningful experience for spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun with peers from our parish, and local community, and out of state. For more information, please contact Erica Mayeux at [eaqm84@gmail.com](mailto:eaqm84@gmail.com) or 318-305-0056.



**Confirmation Retreat - FEBRUARY 28**  
**Location: Family Life Center at St. Rita Catholic Church in Alexandria, 4401 Bayou Rapides Rd, behind the Chancery office on 28 West.** Presenter for the day will be Dustin Bertrand. Dustin is a dynamic speaker, youth minister, and evangelist from south Louisiana. He has a degree in psychology and criminal justice and a Masters degree in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio and has been evangelizing for the past 12 years through his ministry called God Made Self Driven.



**ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE:**  
**The Youth Group**  
meets in the Youth Center from **5:30-6:00 pm every Wednesday before** CCD classes:

**SUNDAY Youth Mass at 10:00 am on:**  
**Mar 8, May 3**  
In conjunction with Children's Choir →



**SUNDAY Mass at 10:00 am on:**  
**Mar 8, May 3**  
**Ages Pre-K and up**  
**And if you play a musical instrument, You are strongly encouraged to sign up.**  
**Rehearsal**  
In the **Community Center Music Room** from **5:30-6:00 pm every Wednesday before** CCD classes.  
Contact Ann Craig 318-664-2848

**ORGANIZATIONS YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN:**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Keith Bonin – 318.201.9017  
Lectors – Delia Flynn – 318.452.0438  
Altar Servers – Kevin Gauthier – 318.446.3249

**Choirs:**

Saturday 4pm Sacred Heart Singers – Judy/George Gross – 318.613.3667  
Sunday 8am- Hannah Hicks – 318.623.2956  
Sunday 10am Adult Choir –  
Sunday 10am Youthful Choir (4<sup>th</sup> week) – Denise Daniel – 318.451.2029  
Sunday 10am Children’s Choir (as sch.) – Ann Craig – 318.664.2848  
Sunday 11:30am Praise Band – Candace Churchman – 318.332.9325

Wednesday Night Suppers – Keith Bonin 318.201.9017  
Catholic Daughters – Sherry Perkins – 318.201.8141  
Knights of Columbus – Harold Cormier – 337.302.0382  
Holy Name Society – Dan Tillie – 318.319.8345  
ACTS Core – Church office 318.445.2497

St Nicholas Thrift Shop – 318.442.2072  
Sacred Heart Food Pantry – Linda Boniol – 318.623.1492  
Grief Support Group – Tammy Magnano – 318.229.7455

**OUR COMMISSIONS ACT IN THE NAME OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

To join a commission, please call Sandy Corley, Parish Manager 445.2497x14

**Worship Commission – 318.445-2497**

Worship Team: Keith Bonin; Candace/Cole Churchman; Ann Craig, Denise Daniel; Delia Flynn; George, George/Judy Gross; Nita St. Andria.

**Evangelization, Initiation, Formation (EIF):**

Larry Minton, Chair – 318.794.0264  
Melba LaCaze, Susi Minton, Pat Sasser

**Alissa Sanders, CCD Coordinador**

318.447.0369  
[Sacredheartofjesus.ccd@gmail.com](mailto:Sacredheartofjesus.ccd@gmail.com)

**OCIA (Adults) - Hospitality for Inquiry into the Catholic Faith**

Larry Minton – 318.794.0264  
[lbmatty45@gmail.com](mailto:lbmatty45@gmail.com)

**OCIC (Children age 7 and up)**

Michelle Kling – 985-351-1236

**Eric & Erica Mayeux, Youth Group Coordinators**

318.452.3911 or 318.305.0056  
[emaveux83@gmail.com](mailto:emaveux83@gmail.com)

**Parish Council / Financial Council**

Pastor appoints the Council members  
Parish Council – Willie Leonard 504-390-3323  
Finance Council – Keith Karisny 318-715-7174

**SALT AND LIGHT (Charity and Social Action):**

Gail Blake, Chair – 318.233.0627

**Families And Adults Commission:**

Katherine Marino 318.542.9178  
Katie Pierce 318.481.7548  
Meetings second Thursday of month in the Movie Rm

**SACRAMENTS**

Please refer to our website at [www.JesusinPineville.com](http://www.JesusinPineville.com), go to “Schedule Anything” and select the appropriate form needed:

Baptism, Wedding, or Funeral.

Forward completed form(s) to church office to [scorley@jesusinpineville.com](mailto:scorley@jesusinpineville.com) and follow up with Parish Manager to confirm receipt of request, schedule dates, or for any questions.

**Emergencies/Urgent needs: Call 318.445.2497 and when prompted, press “5”.**

Non-emergencies: Contact Parish Office 318.445.2497 x 14

**BAPTISM (under age of 7)**

Baptisms’ are typically celebrated around weekend mass times. At least one Godparent must be an active-practicing catholic and provide documentation of their completed sacraments – baptism to confirmation. Godparent(s) also need to submit a signed Certificate of Sponsorship from their home parish priest.

**MARRIAGE**

Please contact our Priest before setting a wedding date. All couples must complete formation meetings prior to nuptial celebration.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

This sacrament, along with penance and Holy Communion, is available to anyone over the age of reason (nearing 7 yrs. old). For Children under the age seven, they should be baptized and the special blessing for sick children is administered. Viaticum is the sacrament of the dying and, if possible, Holy Communion in this form should be offered to them often.

**SERIOUS ILLNESS:** Please receive anointing if you know you will be having serious tests or surgery, or if you are growing weak with age, struggling with mental illness or addiction.

**NON-SERIOUS ILLNESSES:** Please ask for the sacrament the weekend before a medical procedure.

Please contact a clergyman when someone has died so that a Priest may assist the family in their grief. Remember, anyone can baptize with water in danger of death.

**HOSPITALIZATION**

Please let us know ASAP when you are hospitalized (give patient’s name, room number, and hospital) or when you are discharged/confined to home, or when transferred to a Rehabilitation hospital.

**FUNERALS**

Services are scheduled by the funeral home representative directly with the Pastor. While you are meeting at the funeral home, have the funeral director call the pastor personally.

For those who use Rapides Regional Medical Center: A small reminder for all our Catholics who may be admitted to Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria. Sometimes when going through admitting, the hospital worker may neglect to ask for the patient’s religious affiliation. The result is the patient is not listed on the roster as Catholic and the hospital’s Catholic ministry team is unaware that you are in the hospital. Please try to remember to mention this during the admitting procedure. Thank you – Fr. Jason Gooatee, Chaplain at Rapides Regional Medical Center