

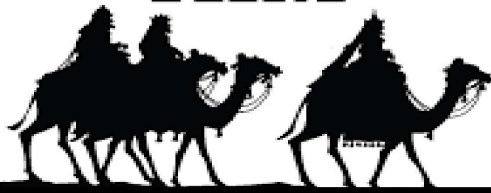
RENOVATIONS POSTPONED:

Out of an abundance of caution – owing to our recessed economy locally as well as the a lack of confidence among the lay faithful in Church governance surfacing nationally in the wake of the release of names of priests who had been accused of sexual abuse in the past – we have made the decision NOT to move forward with the renovations at this time.

Since my request for donations was for money to be spent NOW and NOT for money to be invested for the future and since your intention was for the money to be spent, we must offer each of you your donations back. Any donation you wish to leave on deposit for renovations at a future date will be deposited in a restricted account which can only be used for Renovations to the Cathedral. The deposit is made through the Catholic Foundation because it yields a higher rate of interest than Central Finance does.

And in time, as the economy recovers and the confidence in church governance is restored, the necessary moneys will be raised and the Renovations will indeed take place.

Wise men
still seek
HIM



SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 7 - 13

- Monday - 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday - 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday- 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday - 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday - 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday - 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday - **The Baptism of the Lord**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”

We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.”
Matthew 2:1-12

*“And you, Bethlehem, . . .
from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

The men who came from East of Jerusalem, in the region of Iraq or Iran, to find “The newborn king of the Jews” were not Jews. They studied the history of the cultures of the world, including the Israelites. Their observations lead to Jerusalem where they inquired about where they could find the child. King Herod, who was not a Jew, but an Idumaeen who married Miriam, a princess of the Hasmonean Dynasty, had no information for them, but he was alarmed at the thought that a child had been born who would replace him as king. He sent the men from the East to find the child so he could have him killed. They followed the star to a cave in the hills sloping down from the small village of Bethlehem. They believed the child was the Messiah foretold in the writings of the Israelites. They were men of faith. They paid homage to the child and presented him with gifts. Do we have the wisdom to believe that Jesus is our Savior.

Sunday – December 30

Envelopes (243).....	\$12,420.00
Loose	<u>2,006.77</u>
	\$14,426.77

PARISH NEWS

CROSSROADS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our church parish will be participating in a Baby Bottle Fundraiser this weekend, January 12 & 13, to help support Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center. Crossroads, located in Thibodaux, is a crisis pregnancy center serving women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy and who may be considering abortion. The complimentary services Crossroads provides include pregnancy tests, resources for pregnancy related concerns, ultrasound testing, abstinence education, abortion education and alternatives.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of John & Helen Saia donated by Jeanne Saia.
In Loving Memory of Diane Baker donated by Bonnie Prosperie.

FACEBOOK

"Like" us on Facebook at the Cathedral of St. Francis DeSales Church – Houma to keep up with the latest happenings at the Cathedral.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We would like to inform our parishioners if you are entering the hospital or have a loved one currently in the hospital and you would like one of our priests to visit, you can contact the church office at 876-6904, or Father Sovi Devasia who is the Catholic Chaplin at the hospital whom you can call for emergencies. Just tell the staff at the hospital that you would like to meet with Father Sovi. When you register at the hospital, tell them that you are Catholic and your parish is St. Francis de Sales so your name can be placed on the directory; otherwise, the Chaplin or Parish Priest have no way of knowing that you are in the hospital.

FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT MINISTRY

Cooks and prepares meals every second Saturday of the month for the homebound, clergy and those in need. If you have the name and number of anyone who may benefit from these services or you would like to help please contact Roxane Haydel 876-5709.

YOUTH NEWS

1st RECONCILIATION - 1st COMMUNION

Sacramental Information Packets for Sacramental Prep have been mailed out to candidates. If you have not received a packet and you feel your child is eligible, please call Mrs. Jane Lirette 856-5488. Any parishioner that has a child in 2nd grade preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation must return a completed registration form, copy of baptism certificate, and \$30.00 fee, no later than Monday, January 7, 2019.

There will be a mandatory meeting January 23, 2019 in the Youth Center at 6:30 p.m. We expect one parent to attend, but sincerely hope that both will attend this meeting.



**Junior High Faith Experience 2019
"Illuminate"
6th – 8th Grade
Saturday, January 12, 2019
ED White Catholic High School
Regular Registration Deadline January 2nd**

If you would like to attend or chaperone, please contact Gina Danos at (985)688-9696 or StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is in dire need of volunteers to help prepare income tax returns for low income seniors, individuals and families. Only the simple tax forms are prepared & e-filed on IRS computer software – all other situations are referred to paid preparers. The income tax site is run on the second floor of the Terrebonne Main Library every Tuesday during tax season (February 5 – April 9) from 9am – 3pm. No prior tax experience is necessary – we will train you if needed. Please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490 if you can help out. Thank you!



RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

Terrebonne Lafourche Right to Life will offer transportation to the annual Right to Life March in Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a charge of \$10 per person. Time of departure is 7:30AM sharp from Vandebilt Catholic High School, and return is scheduled for approximately 3:00PM. Reserved seating before December 31, 2018 is required. Please see the flyer attached for more details about the trip and how to register.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of January 12-13

Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
7:00 AM Jerry Dover
9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Lectors

4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
7:00 AM Denise Dover
9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Mary Anne Rodrigue, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Carla Exnicious
9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Murke Trahan, Mona Prejean, Colleen Lewis, Kelli Cazayoux, Volunteer
11:00 AM Craig Bella, Gail Guilliot, Michael D'Angelo, Glenn & Tara Landry, Volunteer
5:30 PM Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Adam Saal, Sallie Preston, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM Claire Cazayoux, Emily Cazayoux, Sophia Distefano
11:00 AM Remi LeBouef, Renea LeBouef, Addison Arcement
5:30 PM Travis Brown, Matthew King, David Castello

