

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Vigil at 4 pm (*Organ & Cantor*)
Sunday: 9 am (*Organ, Cantor & Choir, Sept. - May*)
 11 am (*Organ & Cantor*), 5 pm (*Organ & Cantor*)

Monday & Wednesday: 6:15 am
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 5:30 pm;
Saturday: 8 am

First Friday
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm
 followed by Mass at 5:30 pm

First Saturday
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 am
 followed by Mass at 8 am

Fatima Votive Mass
 13th of May, June, July, September, October
 and August 19th at 5:30 pm (if not weekend)

Monthly Peace Mass
 First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

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OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday 3:00 to 3:50 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 to 8:50, 10:30 to 10:50 and 4:00 to 4:50; Saturday 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.; Monday & Wednesday 5:45 to 6:05 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament is celebrated on Saturday or Sunday per your request. Contact the parish office to schedule your child's Baptism. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born for required classes. Sponsors are to be confirmed and practicing Catholics who attend Sunday Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Arrangements are to be made with the Church office, if at all possible, at least ONE YEAR in advance. To avoid scheduling conflicts, all wedding dates must be confirmed with Renella Livers, who should be the first point of contact for the couple. Please visit our Parish Website to review guidelines, and details of paperwork and preparation requirements.

Chapter VII: The Four Pillars of the Christian Life

I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live. ... For this is no trivial matter for you, but rather your very life. (Deuteronomy 31:19 and 32:47.)

We are indeed in a great drama: life and death. At the beginning of the retreat, Monsignor Pope reminded us that we have to pick a side: light or darkness. There is a day of judgment that all of us will face, both on the day when we die and at the General Judgment of humanity on the last day. Judgment “is not only future but is partially realized here and now.”*

Jesus Himself spoke about this judgment.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. [John 3:19-21.]

Do we want healing or do we want relief? Relief can be had with a pill. Healing requires a change of life. Trust God and let Him take care of us. Let us delight in the life that the Lord gives us. The new way is joyful orthodoxy. The four pillars of the Christian life are the Apostles' Teaching, Breaking of the Bread, Prayer, and Fellowship (Acts 2:42.)

The apostles left us a **body of teaching**. Make Scripture a part of your life. Be renewed in mind and heart. Study, read, and listen! Our minds and hearts are changed. We need to get our heads straight and distinguish ourselves from the world. Straightening us out is what the Book of Sirach is all about.

A sponge can soak in dirty water, or it can absorb clean water. The Gospel is clean water. The Evangelium is life-changing news. Speech can be informative for purposes of imparting information. Speech can be performative as in a play or an opera where the words are not those of the actors, actresses, or singers, but

rather they are the words of the characters. Speech can be transformative where words pierced the heart and cause resolve to change for the better. The Gospel is *transformative*. It is a prophetic declaration of reality.



In Greek, the word **fellowship** is koinonia or community. This is richer and deeper than coffee and donuts. From being turned in on ourselves, we are turned out towards others. Love people and be part of their lives. Embrace both friendships and acquaintanceships. Have a Spiritual Director or Mentor. Get involved with small groups in the parish or diocese. We need one another. Connectedness rather than disconnectedness!

Breaking of the Bread is the Holy Eucharist and by extension the other sacraments. Regular confession is needed throughout life. Receive Holy Communion every Sunday and, if possible, on weekdays too. You are what you eat. When we eat the Bread of Life, we become more like the Lord Jesus. The change in us is gradual, but it will come to its fullness in Heaven. The sacred liturgy also transforms us during the liturgical year that runs from Advent/Christmas through Lent and Easter into Ordinary Time and then begins again. This cycle exposes us year after year to the mysteries in the life of our Divine Savior from His Birth to His Death and Resurrection and to His coming in glory at the end of time.

Prayer puts us immediately before God. Prayer is living, conscious contact with the Lord and makes us more aware of God's presence. Regular and scheduled prayer times discipline us to be more aware of the Lord. Beware of being a mere functionary in the Church.

The prescription that all of us need from our Divine Physician is **Scripture, Sacraments, Fellowship, Prayer**. This prescription can be filled at any Catholic Church.

Next Week: The Seven Capital Sins

**Note to John 3:19 in the *New American Bible—Revised Edition* (NABRE).

MASS INTENTIONS

22 Sat. 4:00 p.m.: † Michael & Fred Landry & Family, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs Frederick J Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † The Nugier Family, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice and Ellen Goodyear, † J. Sherman Fontenot, † Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Shores, † Rosemarie Reyes Silva; **Living & Deceased**

Members of: The Lebodier & Lavergne Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families

23 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: † Henry Buchholz, † Rosemary Bernard, † Holy Souls

11:00 a.m.: † Marie H. Caillouet

5:00 p.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

24 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: **Living & Deceased Members of:** The D'Anna, Inzerella, Cooke and Thomas Families

25 Tues. 5:30 p.m.: **Living:** Colleen and Wayne LeMoine

26 Wed. 6:15 a.m.: † Francie Cooke D'Anna

27 Thur. 5:30 p.m.: † Lomberto José Navarro

28 Fri. 5:30 p.m.: † Mr. Fram Boustany, Sr.

1 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Philip A. Kerne Family

4:00 p.m.: † Michael & Fred Landry & Family, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Dotsie Butcher, † The Nugier Family, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice and Ellen Goodyear, † J. Sherman Fontenot, † Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Shores; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families

2 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: † Henry Buchholz

11:00 a.m.: † Joseph A. Randazzo, Jr., † Lisa Collins Melancon, † Holy Souls; **Living:** Dale & Melissa Hewitt

5:00 p.m. Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

FUNDING OUR MINISTRIES

In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Listeners can then reason their way into how to put the values of the Gospel reflected in these imperatives into practice in other situations. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?

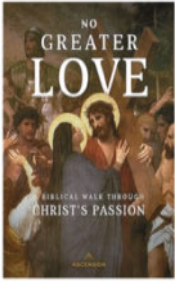
Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 thru 6/30/2025
Annual Budget \$900,000.00 (\$17,307.69/week)
Weekend of February 15/16

Week	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Weekly Offering (Cash/Checks)	\$9,777.45	\$297,144.26
Electronic Offering	\$5,993.50	\$252,206.10
Total Offertory	\$15,770.95	\$549,350.36
Total Budget	\$17,307.69	\$571,153.77
Variance	(\$1,536.74)	(\$21,803.41)
Mercy Works	\$443.00	

If you would like to receive a contribution letter for tax purposes, please contact Annie Governale at 337-232-8945 or bookkeeper@fatimalafayette.org.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
Adult Men and Women
Formation Studies



During the liturgical season of Lent the parish offers religious formation studies for both men and women! During Lent 2025 we will be using, No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, Study Set. Throughout this study we will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary.

Meeting Details:

- Five-week study, Wednesday, March 12th, – Wednesday, April 9th.
- Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from 6 - 7:30 pm.
- Men and women will watch the opening video together and then break out into men's and women's small groups for discussion.

Registration:

- \$30 per person. Fees will help to cover the cost of purchasing the program. **Deadline to register is February 23rd!**



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OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

We are Hiring!

We are seeking a passionate and dedicated individual to serve as our **Director of Youth and Family Religious Formation**. This full-time position involves working with youth, families, and our parish and school communities to foster spiritual growth and formation.

Visit our website: fatimalafayette.org to review the job description. If you are interested please email your resume to: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org

Order by
February 23rd
at Midnight

Pickup at our KC Hall
(at the end of Rena Drive)
on Thursday, February 27th
Between 2 and 7 p.m.

COME, LORD JESUS!



Come, Lord Jesus!
Lenten Journey
Prayer + Scripture
+Eucharist +
Christian Community

Journey with us during this holy season of Lent as we study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Meet weekly with family members, friends, fellow parishioners or join an on-line group for a deeper understanding of Jesus' life, death and the victory he claimed for each of us! Prepare for the Easter celebration with a spiritual journey that will renew your faith and transform your life!

Groups will meet each Monday during Lent, in Knight Hall at 6:30 pm. For further information, please contact Deacon Tim Maragos, at 337.232.8945. This program is for all adults, women and men.



Sponsorship Opportunities

\$8000 FATIMA JUBILEE DIAMOND LEVEL

1 sponsor
BAND/STAGE

\$6000 FATIMA JUBILEE LEGACY LEVEL

4 sponsors
FOOD, BAR, PHOTO BOOTH, ADMISSION

\$4000 FATIMA JUBILEE TRADITION LEVEL

2 sponsors

\$2500 FATIMA JUBILEE HOPE LEVEL

limited spots

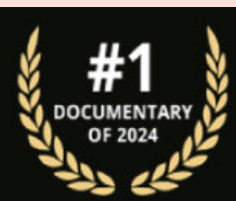
\$1500 FATIMA JUBILEE BLUE & GOLD LEVEL

\$500 FATIMA JUBILEE WARRIOR LEVEL

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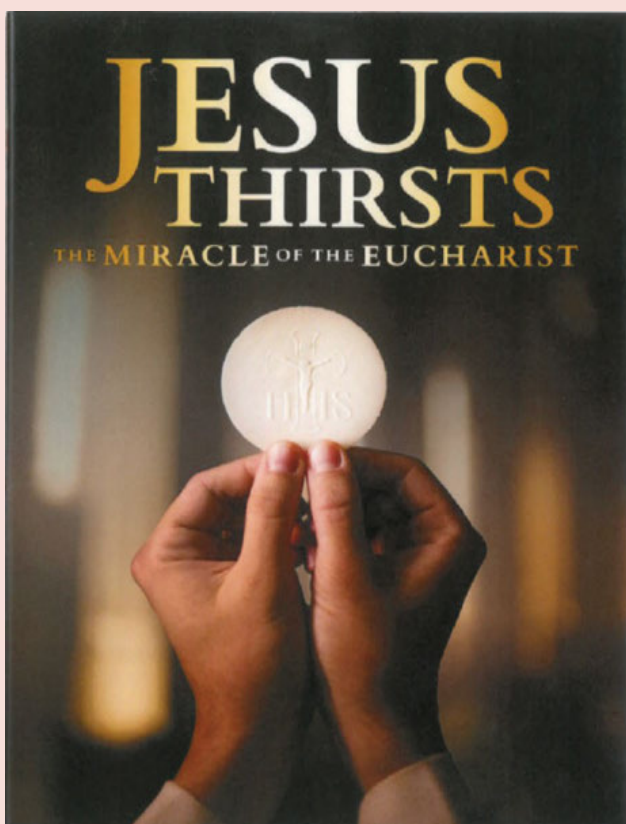
MOVIE EVENT



"Life changing"

"A powerful documentary"

"An absolute must see!"



Fatima Catholic Church - Knight Hall Theater
Saturday, March 8th at 1:30pm - 1 Hour 55 Minutes
Mass follows at 4pm - Catholic Daughters (337) 806-5556

Join us in celebrating 75 Years of Our Lady of Fatima Church and School

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and School is excited to invite you to our 75th Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 2nd at Le Pavillion.

We humbly ask for your support through **sponsorship** of this momentous event. We are offering exclusive sponsorship packages with a range of benefits, including prominent recognition during the event, and your name will be proudly displayed as a key supporter of our parish's 75-year journey. Don't miss the chance to be part of something truly special.

We would be honored to have you stand with us as we celebrate the past, present, and future of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and School.

To sponsor our 75th Anniversary Gala, please use the QR above.

If you have any questions, please contact Christy Mims, Gala Sponsorship Chair, at christy.boustany@gmail.com or 337-344-3894.

Gala tickets will be available for purchase mid-March, as well as any additional tables.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



King Cakes Available from Knights of Columbus

King Cakes will be delivered from Caywood & Randazzo's in New Orleans to the KC Hall for pickup on Thursday, February 27th from 2pm – 7pm. Please support your Knights of Columbus by ordering from our website, or contact Steve Moore at 962-6111.

Orders must be submitted no later than Sunday, February 23rd at www.kc3470.com/product-page/king-cake

Scouts and the Knights

The Fatima Knights of Columbus work together with Fatima Scout Troop 446 on several events during the year. The Scouts assist with the packaging and distribution of the KC BBQ dinners year in November. And they assist with the parking at the KC Bingo in July. The Knights in turn assist the Troop with camping and hiking expenses. Also, the Troop 446 Crawfish Boil is held at the KC Hall in the spring.

Scout Eagle Projects provide a chance for each Scout to further develop his planning and leadership skills. Over the years, many scouts have performed their Eagle Projects doing work to improve the hall. Troop 446 is a great organization focused on helping boys become great Catholic men. Fatima Knights are proud to support this organization.

Many of the Knights at Fatima were Adult Leaders with Troop 446. They have continued the friendships and bonds they forged as Scouts by becoming Knights. Retiring Adult Leaders are encouraged to contact the Knights and continue their service to Fatima parish.

On Thursday, February 13th the Knights replaced the American Flag flying at the KC Hall. The old flag had been flying for several years and had become faded and gray. To assist in replacing the flag, Troop 446 Scout Logan Ayallore performed this service. The first step was to respectfully remove the old flag and place it in the hall. Then the new flag was fitted to the ropes and the flag was raised to full mast. Lastly, the old flag was folded and placed in Knights office for safe keeping. Thank you, Scout Logan, for your help with the KC Hall flag.

Join the Knights

Fatima Knights meet at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Monday of every month at the KC Hall at 111 Goodnight Drive. For more information, contact Steve Moore at 962-6111. For information on renting the KC Hall, please contact Dionne Pastor at 257-3135.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

- February 24 4th Grade Retreat
- February 24 Vitality Meeting
- February 25 Junior High Rosary at 7:30 a.m.
- February 26 Warrior Wednesday
- February 26 School Play - PreK3 - 4th Grade attend
- February 27 School Play - 5th - 8th attend
- February 27 PreK3 and K - Krewe de Fatima Parade
- February 27 School Play at 6:00 p.m.
- February 28 Noon Dismissal
- February 28 Singing Rosary

VOCATION CROSS

Please prayerfully consider signing up to take home our Parish Vocations Prayer Cross for one week throughout the year. Your family will have the privilege that week to take the cross and set it up in your home, pray together for our priests, and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Call the office during regular business hours at 337-232-8945. We will publish the names of those families, who take the Vocation Cross for one week, in the Parish Family Bulletin.



In the Home of Andrew Mims

FOOTSTEPS SUPPORT MINISTRY

Footsteps . . .

A support ministry for those who have a loved one with mental illness

2nd Saturday monthly, 10AM - 12Noon
St. Piux X Catholic Church, Leonpacher Hall,
Lafayette, LA 70508

"I command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Jos 1:9)

footsteps.lafayette@gmail.com 225-241-1821

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

Monday, February 24
Rev. Jason Vidrine
Tuesday, February 25
Rev. Michael Coleman Vidrine
Wednesday, February 26
Rev. Richard Vidrine
Thursday, February 27
Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF
Friday, February 28
Rev. Thomas Hein Vu
Saturday, March 1
Pope Francis
Sunday, March 2
Bishop Douglas Deshotel

SACRAMENTALS & SPECIAL BLESSINGS

Sacred Heart Enthronements: Call the Parish Office to schedule your Sacred Heart Home Enthronement. Promoters go into the home to conduct the Enthronement, which follows a 9 day period of prayer by the family.

Prayer for Cancer Patients: A statue of St. Peregrine, patron of cancer patients, is made available to go into the homes of those diagnosed with cancer. This statue of St. Peregrine was acquired from a convent in the city of Lille, northern France. The statue was hand-painted by nuns in the mid 1900s. Call the parish office to get on the roster.

The Blessing of the Unborn Child: Follows the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on the 1st weekend of the month. All expectant mothers and their families are encouraged to take advantage of this most special blessing.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

David Anthony, Billy Bernard, Deborah Poirot Chiasson,
Flora Katharine Hudson, Lynn Inzerella,
Ted Langlinais, Rene Rhodes, Bud & Caroline Richardson,
Theresa Touchet

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Committed Adoration Opportunities

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday - 6 to 8 p.m.

24 Hour Adoration

We have a keypad near the Chapel door, so parishioners may Adore Our Lord any time of the day or night outside of office hours. The Blessed Sacrament is not exposed in keeping with the Code of Canon Law. Come by our office to sign up and get the instructions and codes to enter Knight Hall and Chapel.



First Friday Adoration

Church: Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament from
5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Chapel: Adoration from 6:00 p.m. until
Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m.

First Saturday Adoration

Church: Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament from
7:30 to 8:00 a.m. followed by
Holy Mass at 8 a.m.

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Church:

Monsignor's Chapel:

Adoration Chapel:



For the next few months, we will be quoting a document titled “*Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*”, promulgated by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) on November 14, 2007.

V. THE MUSICAL STRUCTURE OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP

The Introductory Rites - *The Responsorial Psalm (continued)*

Because the Psalm is properly a form of sung prayer, “every means available in each individual culture is to be employed”¹²⁸ in fostering the singing of the Psalm at Mass, including the extraordinary options provided by the *Lectionary for Mass*. In addition to the proper or seasonal Psalm in the *Lectionary*, the Responsorial Psalm may also be taken from the *Graduale Romanum* or the *Graduale Simplex*, or it may be an antiphon and psalm from another collection of the psalms and antiphons, including psalms arranged in paraphrase or in metrical form, providing that they have been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops or the diocesan bishop.

Songs or hymns that do not at least paraphrase a psalm may never be used in place of the Responsorial Psalm.¹²⁹

If it is not possible for the Psalm to be sung, the response alone may be sung, while the lector reads the intervening verses of the Psalm “in a manner conducive to meditation on the word of God.”¹³⁰

The Gospel Acclamation

In the Gospel Acclamation, the assembled faithful welcome “the Lord who is about to speak to them.”¹³¹ The cantor may intone the Acclamation, which is repeated by the whole assembly. After the cantor or choir sings the verse, the entire assembly again sings the Acclamation. If there is a Gospel procession, the Acclamation may be repeated as often as necessary to accompany the Gospel procession. The verses are as a rule taken from the *Lectionary for Mass*.

The Gregorian settings of the Gospel Acclamation are most appropriate for use in those communities which are able to sing the response communally.¹³²

During most of the church year, the *Alleluia* with the proper verse serves as the Gospel Acclamation. During the season of Lent, alternate acclamations with their proper verse are used, as found in the *Lectionary for Mass* (or, when there is only one reading before the Gospel, the Psalm alone may be used). The Gospel Acclamation may be omitted when it is not sung.

When there is only one reading before the Gospel, the Gospel Acclamation may be omitted; if it is a season in which the *Alleluia* is said, the *Alleluia* may be used as the response of the Psalm, or the Psalm with its proper response may be used followed by the *Alleluia* with its verse. The Gospel Acclamation may be omitted when it is not sung.¹³³

The Sequence

The Sequence is a liturgical hymn that is sung before the Gospel Acclamation on certain days. On Easter Sunday (*Victimae paschali laudes*) and Pentecost Day (*Veni Sancte Spiritus*), the Sequence is required.¹³⁴ On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord (*Lauda Sion Salvatorem*) and Our Lady of Sorrows (*Stabat Mater*), the Sequence is optional.

The Sequence may be sung by all together, or in alternation between the congregation and choir and cantor, or by the choir or cantor alone. The text from the *Lectionary for Mass* may be used, or a metrical paraphrase may be sung, provided that it is found in an approved collection of liturgical songs.

The Gospel

“Of all the rites connected with the Liturgy of the Word, the reverence due to the Gospel reading must receive special attention.”¹³⁵

While the Gospel is ordinarily proclaimed in a clear, audible, and intelligent way,¹³⁶ it may also be sung.¹³⁷ “This singing, however, must serve to bring out the sense of the words, not obscure them.”¹³⁸ **(to be continued next week)**

¹²⁸ LFM, no. 21; ¹²⁹ See GIRM, no. 61; ¹³⁰ LFM, no. 22; see LFM, no. 21; ¹³¹ LFM, no. 23; ¹³² GIRM, no. 62, “[The Gospel Acclamation] is sung by all while standing.”; ¹³³ GIRM, no. 63; ¹³⁴ GIRM, no. 64; ¹³⁵ LFM, no. 17; ¹³⁶ LFM, no. 14; ¹³⁷ On occasions when the Gospel is in Latin, the manner of singing given in the *Ordo cantus Missae* is to be maintained. (See LFM, no. 14); ¹³⁸ LFM, no. 14.

PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, BIBLE STUDY & RETREATS

Visit our website, www.fatimalafayette.org to **sign up online** to join a Fatima ministry. Contact the Ministry Coordinator directly with questions and to sign up. Contact information is provided below.

FAMILIES



Mercy Works - Fatima Mercy Works seeks to bring this love to those in need in our community. To join, please contact Deacon Tim : 337-232-8945 X121 or email at deacon@fatimalafayette.org

Coffee & Donuts - Families volunteer to set up/host coffee & donuts 4 times a year after the Sunday 9 am Mass.

*Coffee & Donuts is not held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

To sign up, please call D.D. McElligott at the Parish Office: 337-232-8945



Vocation Prayer Cross - Your family will have the privilege to set up the cross in your home and pray together for our priests, and pray for an increase to vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

To sign up, please contact Chris Pontiff: 337-280-5813 or email at jcppi@aol.com



Fatima Family Altar Association - Come together to decorate our church for the Easter & Christmas seasons, organize, serve, and volunteer at parish events.

To join, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org



Youth and Family Religious Formation - We are diligently working on establishing programs and events for our youth and families.

To receive regular updates on our youth and family programs and events, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org

WOMEN



Mercy Meal Teams - Meets the needs of our parishioner families in a time of need or crisis due to illness, death, etc. Each week one meal will be provided by a team member.

To join, please call D.D. McElligott at the Parish Office: 337-232-8945

St. Gemma Food Bank - As a volunteer for this ministry you will be emailed/called on occasion to provide a bag of grocery items for our homeless and poor who come into our office.

To join, please call Renella Livers at the parish office: 337-232-8945

Youth Programs Adult Volunteer Adult Volunteer - Our youth need to see strong Catholic women who desire to help them on their faith journey. Whether you are a young adult, single, married, or a grandparent, your presence is vital!

To join, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org



Come Lord Jesus - Inspires and assists Catholics to live out the Gospel message to the fullest. The program is based on the three year cycle of Sunday readings.

To join the 5:30 pm, Monday group please call D.D. McElligott: 337-319-8866

To join the 1:30 pm, Tuesday group please call Jennifer Connolly: 337-288-4346

To join the 6:30 pm, Tuesday group please email Stef Buchholz: Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com

To join the 8:30 am, Saturday group please call Anne Pesacreta: 337-739-5903

Fatima's Sisters in Christ - All women are invited to take a break from their busy schedules to enjoy fellowship and pray with scripture. Gatherings are led by members of Fatima Women's ACTS.

Meetings are held on the first Thursdays of every month beginning with 5:30pm Daily Mass and then in Knight Hall from 6-7pm.

For more information, please contact Louise Derise: 337-519-9185



Mary's Mothers - Brings together mothers who are raising school aged children to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

To join, please email Stacy Ghanami: olmarysmothers@gmail.com

Women of Fatima Formation Studies - During the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent the parish offers eight week long women's formation studies that differ from year to year.

For more information, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org

ACTS Retreats- Stay up to date on when the next ACTS retreat will be held!

For more information, please email Deacon Tim: deacon@fatimalafayette.org



Catholic Daughters

The largest organization of Catholic women in the world. Members share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality.

To join, please email Maria Kracher: court1613regent@gmail.com

MEN



OUTREACH

Youth Programs Adult Volunteer - Our youth need to see strong Catholic men who desire to help them on their faith journey. Whether you are a young adult, single, married, or a grandparent, your presence is vital!

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BIBLE STUDIES

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To join the 6:00 am, Thursday group please call Joe Wolf: 337-349-2645



PRAYER

Fatima Firm Foundation Fellowship & Prayer Group - All the men in our parish are invited to have their morning coffee while engaging in prayer, praise, and learning about their faith. ALL are welcome! Meetings are every Friday morning at 7:30 am in Knight Hall.

To join, please contact Chris Pontiff: 337-280-5813 or email at jcppi@aol.com



FORMATION

Iron Sharpens Iron - Brings together fathers of school aged children to grow and deepen their faith. To join, please email Andrew Mims: andrewbmims@gmail.com

Warriors for Christ - forms and strengthens men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Meetings are every other month at 6:30pm in Knight Hall.

To join, please email Deacon Tim: deacon@fatimalafayette.org

ACTS Retreats - Stay up to date on when the next ACTS retreat will be held!

For more information, please email Deacon Tim: deacon@fatimalafayette.org



DIOCESAN ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus - Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church.

For more information, please call Steve Moore: 337-962-6111

PARISHIONERS



OUTREACH

Volunteer for Youth and Family Gatherings and Events - We are always looking for volunteers to help at our youth and family events!

To receive regular updates on volunteer opportunities please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org



PRAYER

St. Raphael Prayer Ministry - Parishioners offer prayers for special intentions and needs of fellow Fatima parishioners.

To join, please call D.D. McElligott at the Parish Office: 337-232-8945

Sts. Joachim and Anne Society - A prayer service for the conversion of loved ones and the various needs of family life. A modest breakfast follows in Knight Hall.

Meetings are every month, on the Second Tuesday of the month in the Church at 9am to pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

For more information, please contact Renella Livers at the parish office: 337-232-8945



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction - The purpose of Spiritual Direction is to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God. Our priests and deacon each offer spiritual direction for our parishioners.

To schedule an appointment with one of our priests or deacon please contact Renella Livers at the parish office: 337-232-8945



DIOCESAN ORGANIZATIONS

Legion of Mary - A lay apostolic association of Catholic men and women who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbor.

Meetings are on Fridays at 1:15 pm in the Knight Hall Conference Room.

To join, please call or text Hugh Prats: 337-442-4121



WORSHIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Come and spend time with our Lord in our Eucharistic Chapel of the Little Shepherds located in Knight Hall. Sign-up for either weekly or monthly Adoration!

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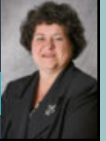
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