

Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church

130 N. Richelieu Circle • New Iberia, LA 70560

Phone: (337) 364-8360 • Email: nativity@ni.brcoxmail.com

Website: www.nativityni.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am Weekdays:
7:00 am (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)
9:00 am (Wednesday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Polly Camacho

SECRETARY:

Kimberly Richard

RECEPTIONIST:

Sheryl S. Bourque

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

Janet Viator — 337-365-3759

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

First Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 8:20 am

Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (*Patriotic*)



TODAY'S READINGS



Isaiah 55:10-11
 Psalm 65:10-14
 Romans 8:18-23
 Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word-and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel, especially. Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land, to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1). The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13). Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steal it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns. In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10)-when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.

Scott Hahn

REFLECTIONS

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

No farmer in his right mind would just scatter seed everywhere. He would make sure the soil was good and would provide the seed with every chance to grow. But that is not how God works. God gives His love and grace freely to everyone. We don't earn it. We may not even be ready to receive it, but it is given to us anyway. If God is so generous with us, what does that say about how we should treat others?

(My word) shall not return to me void,
 but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Reprinted with permission from S.T. Productions.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Gloria B. Tauzin

Pray for Birdies. Play for Families. Help Bring Hope After Loss.

Fore! Grab your clubs, gather your foursome, and join Red Bird Ministries for our Annual Charity Golf Scramble on **Monday, August 31, 2026, at Oakbourne Country Club.**

Spend a day of golf, fellowship, and fun while making a meaningful difference in the lives of families grieving the loss of a child. Proceeds directly support grieving families, ensuring they are met with compassionate care, accompaniment, and the love of Christ.

Whether you're sinking birdie putts or searching for your ball in the rough, every swing helps bring hope and healing to families who need it most.

Check-in: 11:00 a.m. **Shotgun Start:** 12:00 p.m.

Play golf. Share hope. Change lives.

For registration and sponsorship information, visit <https://www.redbird.love/golf-1> or contact Kelly Breaux at (337) 223-2019.

At Red Bird Ministries, we lovingly call our children in Heaven our "little birdie." This tournament is a special way to honor their lives while helping families find hope after loss.

FORGING MEN

Building the Bond • Shaping the Future
 A Retreat for Young Men and the Men Who Guide Them



Young Men: 8th grade through 2nd year college
 with their father or mentor

July 31 - August 2
 Evening Arrival Friday

Our Lady of the Bayous
 Abbeville, La

Register Today

Presented by:



Led by:



Dcn. Jules Breaux

Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin

Louis Martin (1823–1894) and Marie-Azélie “Zélie” Guérin Martin (1831–1877) were the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and the first husband and wife in Catholic history to be canonized as a couple @Wikipedia+1.

They were married on July 13, 1858 in Alençon, France, a date chosen by the Church as their feast day @EWTN.

They had nine children, all baptized within days of birth. Four died in infancy or early childhood, and their surviving five daughters all entered religious life, including St. Thérèse, St. Léonie, and others in the Discalced Carmelite Order Little Flower Basilica+1. They raised their children with strong moral discipline, encouraged daily sacrifices, and fostered a deep devotion to the sacraments @EWTN+1.

The Martins lived their marriage as a vocation, seeking holiness together despite the challenges of running a business and raising a family.

Declared Venerable in 1994 and Beatified in 2008, they were canonized on October 18, 2015 by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square, Rome Wikipedia+1. Their canonization was celebrated during the World Synod of Bishops on the family, and they are now patrons of marriage, family life, and those who have lost children @Little Flower Basilica+1.

Healing Ministry: Hope after Abortion is a program designed to meet individuals where they are in their healing journey by offering opportunities to grow in their healing and in their faith in a non-judgmental and supportive environment. A variety of different events sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate are available throughout the year.

If you or someone you know is navigating emotions related to abortion, we're here to help. Please call the confidential phone line; 337-261-5598.



God for 250 Years! No better way to thank God and pray for America than accompanying Jesus in the Eucharist for a day of prayer and adoration on Bayou Teche during Fête-Dieu du Teche 2026! Individuals, families and parishes are encouraged to register a boat or gather at one or more of the stops along the procession route. The day begins at 8 AM with Sunday Mass in French by Bishop Douglas Deshotel at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville. Following the Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of Mary and St. Joseph to the nearby boat landing. At 9:30 AM boats will depart in procession down Bayou Teche toward St. Martinville, retracing the voyage made by the Acadians 260 years ago. Bayou residents are encouraged to gather and greet the Blessed Sacrament as it passes near their home. The boat procession will stop at churches in the towns along the Teche for Rosary and Benediction (arriving at Arnaudville behind St. Francis Regis at 10:20 AM; arriving behind St. Joseph Church in Cecilia at 11:45 AM; arriving at the Pavilion behind St. Bernard Church in Breaux Bridge at 1:35 PM; arriving at the park behind St. Joseph Church in Parks at 3:15 PM; and arriving at Notre Dame Church in St. Martinville at about 4:45 PM). Upon arriving in St. Martinville, a foot procession will commence to Notre Dame de Perpetual Secours for Benediction, then to St. Martin de Tours for Benediction, and finally down Main Street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Final Benediction at 6:00 PM. Confessions will be heard in mobile units at each of the stops along the way. Participants of Fête-Dieu du Teche can gain a Plenary Indulgence by participating. The indulgence is valid on August 15 for those who attend the 8 am French Mass in Leonville, those who make the procession by boat, and those who participate in the devotions at one of the many stops along the Teche. Those who are impeded for a serious reason from physically attending the procession may also gain the indulgence by spiritually uniting their prayers and trials. The Holy Father asks participants to pray for fidelity to the Christian vocation, for the good of the family, and for priestly and religious vocations.

Register boat at <https://www.fetedieuduteche.org/register>
You may also follow by vehicle and join us at one or all of the stops for the Rosary and Benediction. For more information visit our website at www.fetedieuduteche.org or at www.facebook.com/CommunityofJesusCrucified Email us at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or call (337) 394-6550.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

7:00am Dustin P. Ortego (liv bd)
Alton & Mary Ann Babin Fly

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

9:00am Andre LaBauve, Joseph Viator
Carrol & Brenda Romero Fly
Patti Gagnard, Nelson Saltzman
Walter DeGravelle, Jr., Leah Seaux
Patty Babineaux Fontenot
Alcide Duplichain, Jr.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

7:00am Sr. Rose Marie (MCA 67)
Glenn Carlson (da)

Friday, July 17, 2026

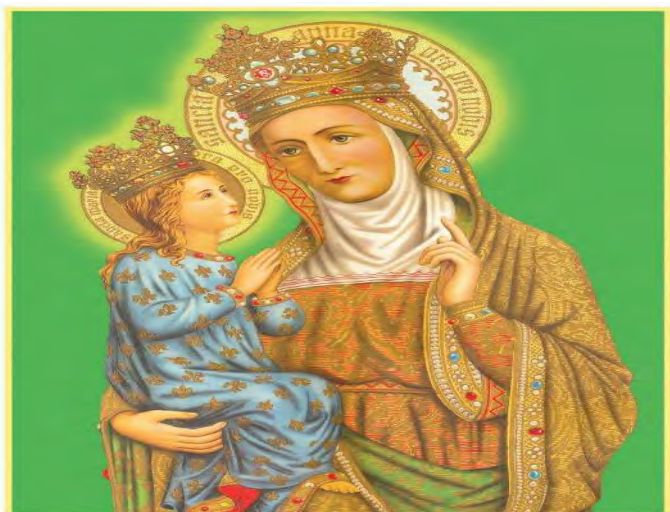
7:00am Stuart Hulin
Ricky & Kathy Segura (liv ann)

Saturday, July 18, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Juliette C DuBois
Rachel R. Romero, Lynward Ransonet
Jules & Leona Broussard
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux
Emmet & Marguerite Conery
Katie S. Smith (liv bd), Gloria Tauzin

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Creed Dugas
10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Donna M. Lanza, Bobby Norris
Tony Cangemi, JoAnn Cangemi
Dorothy "Dot" Breaux



Good St Anne

Mother of the Mother of God

At the Court of the King of Heaven, St Anne is the most powerful after the Queen.
In all your tribulations, have recourse to her. St Anne can obtain for you all that you will ask with confidence.
She cures the sick, sanctifies the guilty, fills afflicted hearts with holy joy, drives away sadness, smooths difficulties,
and destroys the power of demons. St Anne obtains pardon for sinners, uproots vice, makes virtues flourish.
St Anne cures maladies, heals wounds, drives away plagues. St Anne is a powerful intercessor with God.
Son, honour your mother!

Illustration: a holy work of Rembrandt (17th century)



PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office 337-364-8360.

Sirena Rogers, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, The Delahoussaye Fly, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, The Greig & Beldaire Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Robert McDaniel, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Rory Suire, Crystal Elizabeth Olivier, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, Coty Bourque, Erskine Katz, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry & Gloria Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont, Emma Judice, Kathleen & Larry Viator, Duppy Duplantis, Caroline Dubois, Bailey Prudhomme, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers, Alton & Mary Ann Babin, Francine Gauthier, Betty Romero, Deborah Plouet, Donald Voorhies, Megan B. Broussard, Beverly Simoneaux, Adrain Wilson, Alexis Wilson, Ronnie & Madeline Duhon, Matt Elmer, Fr. Paul Onuegbe, Carlos Bedia, Shawn Dugas, Celeste Guardia, Bru Kokenge, Coleen K. Woolard, Katherine Kokenge, Victoria Kokenge, Connie Olivier, Anna Kober, Cornelius Joseph, Randy Gonsoulin, Daniel & Brailyn Segura Fly, Mark & Magie Bihm Fly, Craig Herndon, Ty & Katelyn & Cassie Daigle, Jacob Ransonet, Amber Neel, Dan Claudy, Carlson-Claudy Fly, Jeremy Vice, Christine Thibodeaux, Patricia Manos.

Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

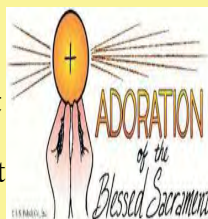
Catholic Quotes

How do we learn to pray? When Jesus was asked by His disciples how to pray, He did not teach them methods or techniques. He said we should speak to God as a loving Father.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Eucharistic Adoration on the **First Friday** of every month following the 7am Mass, with Benediction at 10am.



***We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and
Treasure:***

OUR GIFTS TO GOD		June 28, 2026
Loose	\$	1,670.00
Envelopes	\$	1,887.00
Total (collected).....	\$	3,557.00
Mailed in offertory.....	\$	595.00
Online Giving offertory	\$	591.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$	4,743.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$	960.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!!

PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Rosemary Escoto

(July 12 - July 18)

If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.

Please keep

Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham

Fr. Ed Degeyter

and all priests in your prayers

CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, July 13, 2026

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Mass at 7:00 am

Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Feast Day of St. Vladimir of Kyiv

Feast Day of St. Bonaventure

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am - Mass at 9:00 am

Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 17, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Women's ACTS Pulpit Talk

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Feast Day of St. Vincent

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Women's ACTS Pulpit Talk

New Iberia Poor & Needy



MASS SERVERS July 14, 2026 - July 19, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 7/14/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 7/15/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Ross & Cindy Landry Ricky Segura Percy Barrilleaux	Sacristan
Thursday 7/16/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 7/17/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Keith Comeaux		Sacristan
Saturday 7/18/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Bill Miller	Nancy Barras Holli Cambre	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 7/19/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard	Wayne Duhon Julie Roy	Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Linda Viator Brenda Romero	Trahan Fly

Diocesan is proud to be printing *Nativity of Our Lady's Sunday Bulletin*

You are invited to help support our Parish!

For opportunities to advertise,

Please call 800-994-9817

 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE IN SERVICE TO ALL BEN L. KIPER COUNCIL 12997 NEW MEMBERS INVITED	EVANGELINE FUNERAL HOME  314 E. St. Peter Street New Iberia 337-364-1881 www.evangelinefuneralhome.com	Chad C. Courtois * Advantaged Assets * 337-261-9863 Retirement Life Health Service Solutions	 Dr. Donald W. Henagan Dr. Abigail Henagan Daly 337.364.2156	EWTN.COM/RADIO  EWTN Global Catholic Radio
 Robichaux Veterinary Clinic 364-ROBI 364-7624 705 Estate South Lonnie J. Robichaux, DVM	IBERIA  SPORTS & REHABILITATION 337-367-3331 • www.isrehab.com		PELLERIN FUNERAL HOMES Funeral Home & Cremation Services 337-365-3331	
FREMIN'S furniture & food 337-365-6657 603 F W. Admiral Doyle Dr. New Iberia, LA	Get this bulletin emailed to you every week. Simply go to www.DM.CHURCH/5658 ...or scan →  DISCOVERMASS	Jane's SEAFOOD CHINESE Specializing in Boiled, Fried and Grilled Seafood with a Variety of Chinese Entrees 1201 Jane Street 365-5412 Tuesday through Sunday 4 to 10....Closed Mondays www.Janesseafood.com		
 Iberia Gastroenterology Associates 516 Jefferson Terrace Blvd 337-364-3301 iberiagastro.com Dr. Son V. Nguyen	catholicmatch® Louisiana  CatholicMatch.com/goLA		Catholic Planners • Planners & Calendars • Holy Days & Feast Days • Notes Sections & more! Diocesan.com/shop	
TUTTIE'S MACHINE & SUPPLY Keith J. Romero 367-6601 1604 Jane Street	IN LOVING MEMORY OF Judy Giannetto	Lewis St. Laundromat • Large Comforters & Blankets • Wash, Dry & Fold Services • Ironing & Steaming 337-364-5828 301 Lewis Street	ADVERTISE HERE Promote your Business AND support your Parish. Christian Gambel ~ 337-781-5127 cgambel@diocesan.com	