



December 2018 Newsletter



Most Reverend Bishop Shelton Fabre
Rev. Vicente De La Cruz, Pastor
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Mission Statement: With Jesus as our role model, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School exists to educate the youth of the area spiritually, morally, academically, and socially in a safe, Catholic, Christ-centered environment.

- **School Masses** – please refer to our calendar for the schedule of masses this month. We invite everyone to join us for all of our school liturgies.
- Our 3rd-7th graders will receive the **sacrament of Reconciliation** during the month of December - please refer to the PlusPortals calendar for specific grade levels and times.
- **Basketball and soccer seasons** have begun - please refer to our school calendar for game dates and times. Good luck to our coaches and players and best wishes for a successful season!
- **3rd grade Grandparent Lunch** will be held on Friday, December 7th in the cafeteria – 3A and 3B at 11:15 a.m.; 3C at 12:00 p.m.
- Our **band will perform its annual Christmas Concert** on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend!
- **Nine weeks exams for 6th and 7th graders** are scheduled for December 18th, 19th, and 20th – please refer to the calendar for specific subject and date of exam.
- Our 3rd graders will give two performances of the **Christmas Pageant** on Thursday, December 20th in our gym – **8:30 a.m. for Pre-K through 4th graders – 10:00 a.m. for 5th through 7th graders.**
- Friday, December 21st marks the **end of the 2nd nine weeks** grading period.
- **School will be closed for the Christmas holidays from December 24-January 4.** School will resume at its regular time on Monday, January 7th. **On behalf of Bishop Shelton Fabre, Father Vic, and our entire St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School Faculty and Staff, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for a Holy and Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year! Let us remember the true meaning of this season – For unto us a Savior is born!**
- **Coming to our Library! Scholastic Book Fair!**
Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held **January 14-18, 2019!** Book Fair Week is one of the most exciting times at our school, and we'd love for you to join us in making it a success. We invite you to participate in this celebration of reading, which raises funds for our school library. We are looking for Book Fair volunteers. If you can assist, please e-mail Mrs. Tammy Benoit at tammy.benoit@htdiocese.org (completion of Safe Environment training is required).
- **CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!**
 1. We **congratulate and thank our 6th grade students and teachers** on the outstanding performances of our Veterans' Program.
 2. Congratulations to **Claire Aucoin, Ella Raffi, and Michael Robichaux** on auditioning for and being selected to the District VII All Youth Honor Band!

3. Congratulations to **7th graders Lauren Gravois and Ayden Parro** who will be representing our school at the City of Thibodaux “Trim-a-Tree” event.
4. Congratulations to **5th graders Ava Hymel and Matthew Plaisance** for placing 1st at 4-H Pet and Poultry Day. Ava won 1st place in the Elementary Chicken event and Matthew won 1st place in both the Turkey Illustrated Talk and Elementary Processed Poultry events.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH: “The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel,” a name which means “God is with us.” – Matthew 1:23



**Merry
Christmas**