

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Bake Sale

Potluck after 10:30 service

Passion Play at 2 pm

“Meet the Cast” party after the play

MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship 7:00 pm

1st communion students receive communion for the first time

GOOD FRIDAY Worship 7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Worship Service @ 6:30 am

Easter Breakfast begins after

Sunrise Service

Easter Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE:



HEALTHY PREGNANCY & BABY:

Chad & Crystal Dusang, Ashley & Ronnie Pohlmann, Marsha & Bud Reviere, Regina Resendez, Johnny & Jenny Bergeron, Amy & Kevin Frederickson

Jason & Miki Ann Berger welcomed a baby boy, Colt Gabriel Berger on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Colt is the 9th great-grandchild of Vernon and Helen Landry.

BATTLING CANCER: Dawn Jackson, T. Janneck, Maddie Brown, Cherie D. Meyers, Patti Jones Clark, Pamela Bell, Johnny Huff, Larry H. Sr., Marie Luft, Sandra Orth, Glen Phillip, Willie Teague, George Buchert, Debbie Martinez Saucedo, Carrol Fuller, Corrine Alphonso, Lori Mastio, T.J, Fran Comboy, Drema Allen, Caleb Nyberg, Lennie Gaudin, Camille Reynolds, Jessica Caillet, Jazmyn Floyd, Karen Salathe, Brenden Maestri, Haydyn Guttuso, John Franceski, Rita Montelero, Shane Draughan, Patricia Haydel, Paul Daigrepoint, Pam Bell, Sonia Evans Gabb, Joan Switzer, Kathy & Paul Miller, Mary Kabel Smith, Gilda Spinner, Rosie Wiggle, Karen Henderson, Jo Ann Senko & mother, Karen Pace, Karen Herrmann, Christine Dittman, Devan Young, Danny Licciardi, Haley Hunter, Melissa Ruedsill, Vannessa Landry

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY, ILL, or HOSPITALIZED:

Sylvia Beyer, Andrew Fank, Loyd Guillot, Martha Ruiz, Mike Cataldo, Sherman Haynes, Rene', Stacy Brown, Dahlia Gutierrez, Alvin Jones, Diane Giammanchere, Linda Strickland, Jason Cortez, Dawn Santalucito, Elizabeth Grose & family, Carl Hamill, Amy Patty, Norman Landry, Dottie Gettys, Shirley Gwin, Tottie Spraggins, Paul Lange, Amber De Los Reyes, Janie Fuller, Marilyn Dusang, Elise & Willie Schwer, Beverly Wellmeyer, George Fuller, Jackie McNab, Roy Schlosser, Jr., Joe Russo-Tiesse, Claude Vicknair, Debbie Randall, Brenda Nettles, Joyce Keller, Greg Dove, Mike Young, Anne Leonard, Mickey Terminie, Barbara Fray, Kitty Johnson, Lucille Treitler

OTHER CONCERNS: Michelle Griffin, Karl Renckly, Gethsemane and our ministries, VDC Weekend, Elaine Teague & family, Len Hadley, Ray Ajan & family, PJ Guillot, Denver & Roselyn Nobles & family, James & Mary Jo Grose, Patti & Gene Bene, Debbie & John Melady & family, Kevin Spangler, those suffering from depression, Beth Bauer, Kelly, Zoe, Hayden & Noah Bauer

THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILIES:

AJ Schubert, Mike Perez, Julia Stoshak, Christopher Keggeris, Darren Ray, Ken Pearson, Chris Iennusa, Corp. Moises Barrientos Jr., Brian Robinson, Sandra Lachica, Elliott Vann, Austin Vann, Matthew Roberts, Eric Dove, Bill Hewitt, Larry Varnado, Jr., Sean McCalla, Tom Bell, Justin Fortado, Joshua Cullia, Shane Mailhes, Joy Nunez, Patrick Buuck, Jason Medine, Michael Donnelly, Jennifer Hessock, Mark Nunez, Darryl Ayer, Jon Clay, Jared Landry, Jonathan Shears, Manny Campo

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: family of Bea Hanrahan, family of Brian Seagroves, family of Virgie Navo



Preschool News

Registration for 2, 3, & 4 year olds is now being held. Your preschooler should turn 2, 3, or 4 by September 30, 2010. For more information, please contact Mrs. Peggy at 504-271-1917 or 504-277-4010 or 504-495-9759.

Our preschoolers have been very busy since the first of the year.

The 2 year olds are busy learning their numbers, shapes and colors as well as playing, painting, coloring and socializing with their peers. Of course their favorite times of the day are snack time and outside time. They talk about many topics during rug time and most recently they've been talking about Easter.

The 3 year olds have been busy as well. In addition to building on the numbers, shapes and colors learned as 2 year olds they've learned a lot more as well as a lot more finger plays and nursery rhymes. They had visitors from the Sheriff's Department in March and look forward to the parents visiting and spending the day in the life of a Gethsemane 3 year old in April for Parent's Fun Day. They treated their grandparents and special guests to a Tea in March. They went to the Children's Museum this past Friday and look forward to their Story Land field trip at City Park on Friday, April 23rd.

Both the 2's and the 3's will receive an Easter blessing on Wed., March 24th and Thurs, March 25th. Their annual Easter Celebration will be held at Torres Park on Friday, March 26th at 10:00. All are invited to join us on the Genie Street side of the park. In case of bad weather the students only are to report to school.

Of course, before we know it the preschoolers will be preparing for their closing programs. The program dates and times are as follows:

2's M/W class ~ Wed., May 19th at 9:00 am

2's T/TH class~ Thurs, May 20th at 9:00 am

3's M/W class ~ Wed., May 19th at 11:00 am

4's T/TH class ~ Thurs, May 20th at 11:00 am

Have a blessed Easter!

Peggy, Mary, Elyce, Rhonda & Danielle

DID U KNOW?

Gabrielle Griffin has been accepted to Northwestern University in Natchitoches, LA.

Nathan has received a fully paid academic scholarship to SLU, amounting to \$50,000, in addition to his TOPS award and stipends. He will be doing an audition for music based scholarships. He will be attending SLU with a major in Music Education and possibly a minor in history.

Maria Serpas is the recipient of the President's Distinguished Scholarship Award from ULM.

Josh Guillot was named Student of the Month for March at Belle Chasse Primary School.

The Hebert Family has a new addition to their family. Renee Hebert gave birth to a beautiful daughter on January 26, 2010 at 5:20 pm. Claire Catherine Hebert weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 19" long. Proud grandparents are Barry and Penne Hebert.

PASTOR'S PRATTLE

(This is the first of a two-part article on stewardship, entitled *Faith Living/Grace Giving*)

-God told Abram (Abraham) to pack up everything he owned and head out to a land that he would show him (Genesis 12:1-9)

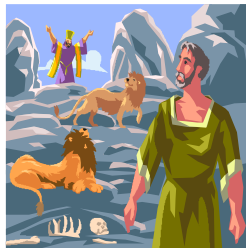
-God told Joshua and the children of Israel to step out into the flooded Jordan River in order to cross over into the promised land (Joshua 3)

-God moved David to face Goliath (I Samuel 17)

-Jesus told Peter to get out of the boat and come to him on the water (Matthew 14:22-29)

-Jesus called his disciples to follow him, then empowered them to do mighty things and sent them out (Acts 1 & 2)

The Bible is littered with stories of ordinary people who were asked to take serious risks as a demonstration of their faith in God. And in every instance, the result was a powerful demonstration of God's faithfulness to them and to his promises. God never asks anything of anyone without empowering them to accomplish it.



God has also invited you to follow him. He has called you to a life of faith, faith in his promises. He has promised to love you, care for you, support you in the tough times. He has promised to use you in ways that bring glory to him and to always work things out for the best in the long run. And he has promised to be with you always, right to the end. (Matthew 28:20)

The way we demonstrate faith is by accepting the invitation to follow. That means we have to do something. Abram could have believed God when he said to pack up and go, but having faith meant he had to do it. Joshua could have believed that it would be ok to go into the river, but having faith meant jumping off the bank. The same is true of David, Peter, the disciples and all the other examples Scripture gives us.

Having faith is not merely believing in God. It is not just coming to church to sit for an hour a week. Having faith means taking seriously the invitation to follow. And doing something. The Bible tells us to "not be hearers of the Word only, but doers also." (James 1:22) Faith is only evident in action. If we say that we are followers of Christ, but it does not move us to follow his example in our lives of service to others, then we have deceived ourselves and are not living lives of faithful obedience.

How do you live out your faith? Do you feel like you are doing enough to serve God? Have you felt some urging to be involved in some way other than what you are doing now? God might be speaking to you in some way to move you toward living out your faith by taking some new action. How will you respond?

Vacation Bible School

Lent has always been the time of year that we started thinking about, planning, and praying for Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS will take place at Gethsemane on July 12 – July 16 from 9am – 3 pm. We will need volunteers to serve as teachers, helpers, kitchen help, etc. We also need your help in funding this important outreach to our community. Please pray about what your role may be at this year's VBS and help out financially. You may place your VBS offerings in an envelope marked "VBS" and drop them in the offering plate. Thanks as always for your prayers, help, and support.

CRAWFISH CORNERS

Well, how ya been, sha? Been a while since I talked to ya. I tink since before Christmas. I hope your holidays were what you 'xpected and that the new year is doin' good by ya.

So, can ya believe da Saints!?! God sure did bless dem boys! Been da best Mahdi Graw ever! I can't tink o' one ting better to happen 'round here dan dis. An' all dose people who showed up at da airport! I barely got out o' dere alive! Didn't make da parade—too scary for a little guy like me, yeah. I saw where dey buried da "Aints." 'Bout time! Can't say we da "Aints" any more, now since we won da big one.

Sure is busy 'round da church now. Got all dem people usin' da church for a kine o' tings. And da groups still comin' in to help. I mean, it's a good ting, aw right. Means dere's lots o' people doin' stuff and gettin' help. I sure like dat Angel Food ting! Dat's a good deal, and it helps out so many people. Even dat's gettin' busier. I just wish dey did a bug box o' some kine.

I hope I get to see y'all at da Lent services on Thursday nights. Dat *Power of the Cross* theme looks like a good one. Da cross is da most indentifyin' ting about Christians. Nobody else has anything like dat. I don't wanna miss any o' dat. Well, ok, I don't wanna miss supper too.

Got some five kids for da first communion class. Dat's a good ting. Gonna make it on Palm Sunday I hear. I heard dat new young people choir dis last Sunday for da first time, me. Dey sounded great! I hope some others will join in.

Ok, I'm gonna end up for dis time. I hope y'all have a blest mont'. I'll write again in April.

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Our Mission Statement

“We are a gathering of God’s people,
committed to worshipping God and to
sharing his love and salvation through Jesus

SAVED TO SERVE!

By: Dawn Santalucito

Have you stopped a moment to really think about our yearly theme this year? How often do you stop and consider how much you do on a daily, weekly, monthly basis to serve our Lord? Chances are if you’re like me, not often enough. I am blessed and proud to say that I am a member of Gethsemene and in keeping with our mission statement we are a church that strives to live out this theme...**SAVED TO SERVE**. There are many ways that we as a church family serve the community in His name such as Oktoberfest, summer VBS, Christmas VBS, Angelfood Ministries, the youth’s ongoing food drive – **SOME So Others May Eat**, Gethsemene Preschool, just to name a few. These and more are all opportunities for us to take advantage of to serve. I know that there are many more possibilities and ways for us to put our minds together come up with other ways to serve our community. We need to work together and by putting our minds together we can come up with more ways to serve, but it should be done together by us all as a family of God.

Gethsemene is my church, your church, our church...the community of St. Bernard’s church! It is a church that welcomes

anyone regardless of what color you are, how much money you make, what language you speak, regardless of your marriage status, regardless of whether you’re a single parent or married couple raising kids, doesn’t matter if you come to worship dressed to kill or dressed ready to go to the big football game...it doesn’t matter. What matters is that we all come together as the community’s church and put our hearts and minds together and SERVE God and in serving Him we serve ourselves and each other and the community.

Gethsemene is at a critical point right now financially and needs everyone support so that we can continue to serve God and serve our community. I’d like to take this opportunity and ask you to consider how Gethsemene Lutheran Church has served you in the past? There are many of us who are members who go to church every week, those of us who attend once or twice a month and those of us who attend just a few times a year. Regardless, we all think of Gethsemene as our church. I now live 90 minutes plus away from Gethsemene and still consider this my church and probably always will. I’m one of us not able to worship at GLC every week, but it doesn’t matter because I know that Gethsemene is my church and it will serve me when the time comes. It served me as a youth in confirmation, as a young adult when I got married, as young parents baptizing our children and will serve me at the end of the year when my daughter gets married. In addition GLC has served my family during the loss of my father and grandparents. The point is that Gethsemene is always here to serve us. How many of us always come back to our Gethsemene when we have a new baby to baptize, a wedding to celebrate, a loved one we need to lay to rest, etc.? Gethsemene is always there to serve us!

So take this time to think about our theme article, **SAVED TO SERVE!** Think about getting involved at Gethsemene and giving your input and suggestions regarding ways to serve our community. First and foremost I ask that you pray for GLC, attend worship and scheduled functions, make an effort to attend workshops that are designed to help the church, sign up to serve and help at potlucks, breakfast, youth activities and so many other opportunities. Support Gethsemene financially so that our church will always be there to serve ourselves and serve others in the community of St. Bernard. Thanks so much to everyone who continues to support Gethsemene financially and emotionally, whether it’s regular giving, monthly giving or a yearly gift. With the help and support

of everyone, regardless of where we are or where we live, we can come together to do His work, spread his word where ever we are and strive to all live out our theme “**SAVED TO SERVE!!**”

