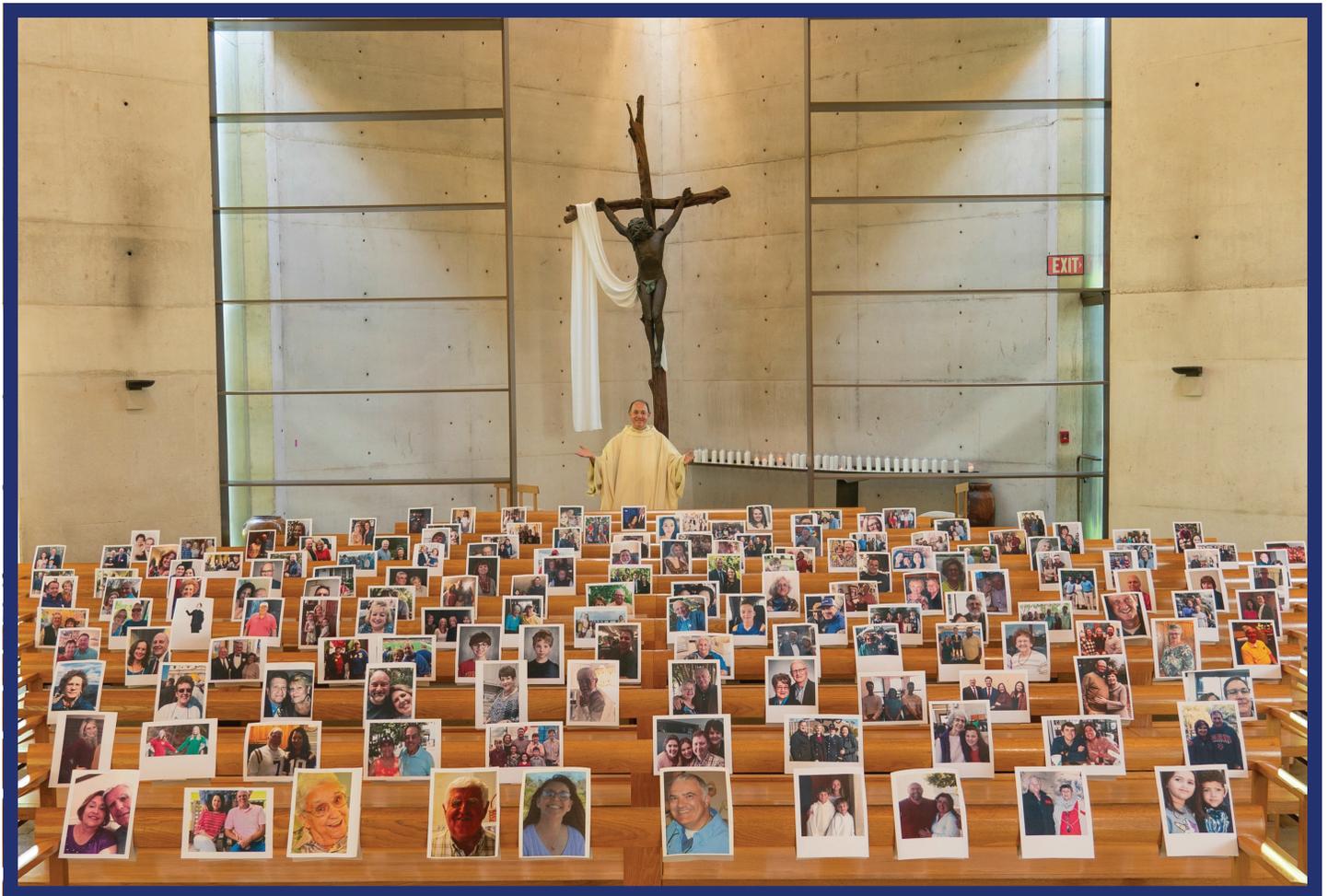


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2021 Stewardship of Ministry and Parish Directory

ST. JEAN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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This year the attempt to do the three phases of stewardship is certainly being tempered by the Coronavirus pandemic. Adjustments have occurred in many areas of parish life and I am not sure at this point when these changes will themselves “change” to another new “normal.” The parish will observe our annual Prayer Stewardship in Advent and Financial Stewardship in January. However, Ministry Stewardship will not be done in the usual way it has been yearly conducted. Much as was done after the floods of 2016, I am “grandfathering” people back into their same ministries for this year. Instead of having a new Sign Up during Mass; I will assume that parishioners will want to stay in their ministries for this coming year of 2021. I know that may be presumptuous on my part; but I also know that our parish cannot operate without your help, upon which I and the parish staff depend. Our parish has nearly 80 ministry offerings. Descriptions about these ministries can be found in this Parish Directory and on our parish website www.stjeanvianney.org. In this Directory and on the website you will find brief and clear information about the level of commitment for each of these ministries. Certainly, if you choose not to continue serving in any ministry, please do let me know.

Ministry happens away from the parish campus as well as on campus. Some parishioners take care of a sick person in their home or work for a civic organization with a commitment of time and energy. If done in the name of Jesus Christ, this is ministry, even if this is not an identified ministry of the parish. If you are making such a ministry commitment, please know of my admiration for your generous service. God bless you for that.

Thank you for being a parishioner of St Jean Vianney. We are a small parish, easily overlooked. But, by God's grace we are here in this part of Baton Rouge, doing the work of building the Kingdom of God for 40 + years. Trusting in the companionship of God, we can look towards the future with hope in God's faithfulness.

Love

Fr. Tom Ranzino
and the entire St. Jean Vianney Parish Staff

Cover photo taken by Fr. Gerald Burns.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as the Body of Christ in the parish of St. Jean Vianney is to model the love of Jesus by discerning and doing God's will, consciously sharing the Word and Eucharist at worship, educating in faith all ages, evangelizing our parishioners for Christ's Mission, and serving justly God's people, our sisters and brothers, within our parish boundaries, our larger Baton Rouge community, and into the world.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Tom Ranzino
Deacons	Deacon Dan Borne', Deacon Brent Duplessis, Deacon Jeff Easley and Deacon Ricky Patterson
Administrative Assistants	Ms. Belinda Smith and Mrs. Patsy Burgess, OFS
Bookkeeper	Mrs. Stacy Shaw
Social Responsibility Coordinator	Mrs. Michelle Reddinger
Facilities Manager	Mr. Joe Truxillo
Director of Religious Education.....	Mrs. Denise Louviere
Religious Education Assistant.....	Mrs. Betty Wright
Youth Minister.....	Ms. Jessica Cowart
Director of Music	Mrs. Karen Ullo
Elementary School Principal	Mrs. Wendy Ross
Assistant Principal.....	Mrs. Cherie Robinson
School Business Manager.....	Mrs. Wendy Zylicz
School Director of Religious Education	Mrs. Tina Hector
Extended Care Supervisor.....	Mrs. Debra Sala
Director of Early Learning & Growth Center	Mrs. Amie Williams
Assistant Director	Mrs. Dana Sunseri
Office Administrator	Mrs. Cecile Martin



Parish Web Address
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PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Emergency Assistance Line.....	225.751.0502
School Office	225.751.1831
School Fax	225.752.8774
Early Learning and Growth Office.....	225.752.5356
Extended Care Office	225.753.7644



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday	8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Friday.....	8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch	12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.

WEEKEND AND DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30, 9:30 (livestreamed), 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	8:30 a.m. (livestreamed)
Friday.....	8:00 a.m. (livestreamed)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....	2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	8:15 a.m.
Friday.....	7:45 a.m.

Seasonal Penance Services and other times by appointment with Pastor.

WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF ST. JEAN VIANNEY CHURCH

When built, this Church was named one of the outstanding new churches in the United States, unique in design, sacred in space, challenging in faith. Welcome to our home.

The parish church building was dedicated by Bishop Alfred Hughes on November 28, 1998. The church has received numerous awards for its boldness and simplicity of design, as well as, for the beauty of its many works of bronze sculpture designed by California artist Max DeMoss, in consultation with priest and parishioners of St. Jean Vianney and Trahan Architects of Baton Rouge; contractor was MAPP Construction.

The Edifice - The structure is made of poured-in-place concrete and glass. In the original church, the glass on each side of the sanctuary allowed the congregation to appreciate the importance of being part of the natural world during the liturgy. The parishioners wanted to retain this feeling in the new church. The church, when bathed in light, appears embraced by nature. The 15,000 square foot church seats nine hundred people. Eight huge columns hold up the ceiling that is covered in sound-retardant cloth stretched across wooden, geometric frames attached to the roof. The apex is seventy-two feet above the floor. The outside walls are forty feet tall, giving the roof a gentle, pleasing slope. The seeming starkness of the interior allows the gathered congregation to bring color to the church. Concrete pavers, resting on a bed of sand over the foundation of the building, compose the floor. Three Chapels for devotional, private prayer, as well as the Stations of the Cross, line the outside of the sanctuary in an eight-foot-wide ambulatory that encircles the church between the outside walls and the eight columns. Their separation from the main worship space distinguishes public worship from private devotion.

The Doors - "It is not about the building; it is about the space. It is all about liturgy; it is all about the people here." Father Donald Blanchard, Pastor 1989-2001

Two massive bronze doors form the entrance to the church; each door is thirteen feet one inch high, four feet wide, and weighs 1400 pounds. These and all of the bronze objects inside the church are the work of California sculptor Max DeMoss, whose inspiration for the doors was a visit to the Holy Family Church in Barcelona, Spain. The outside panels of the doors contain sculptures of over six hundred objects that belong to St. Jean Vianney parishioners.

Clearly visible are rosaries, handprints, and a wrench from the construction site, Fr. Blanchard's mother's knitting needles and the hilt from his father's Knights of Columbus sword, a baby's footprint, a child's skate key, a brother's eyeglasses, wedding rings, and many other mementoes that are highly emotional symbols for the people who built this church. They were cast in clay on the spot and immortalized in bronze. The top panels feature reproductions of fish, which DeMoss termed "a loaded image, a Christian symbol that is a transition from the complex, busy objects below." The three repetitive figures at the very top are an invitation to the beholder's imagination. The magnitude of the entrance portal and doors enables all who enter and exit to realize that, though we come to



the House of God as individuals, we are in truth the one People of God. As you enter the Narthex, the low ceiling and tomb-like space leading to the baptismal font symbolize our dying and rising with Christ. While in the Narthex, look to your left and you will see a bas relief wall sculpture of Saint Jean Vianney in an alcove that leads to the sacristy.

Baptismal Font - As you enter the nave, you pass a sunken, rectangular immersion pool into which flows water from a sugar kettle. The immersion pool symbolizes dying and rising with Christ. The sugar kettle came from the old church, and every person who has been baptized at St. Jean Vianney was baptized in this kettle.

Reconciliation Chapel - To the left of the baptismal font is the Reconciliation Chapel. In the Church's tradition, a person may confess his or her sins anonymously; thus the presence of the screen. One may also confess face to face; thus the presence of two chairs. On the wall of the Reconciliation Chapel is a sculpture of the Prodigal Son. From outside the Chapel, the shadow of a person who is inside can be seen through foggy glass panels. This calls attention to the understanding that Reconciliation is not just a private sacrament, but one that impacts the community, too.

Next to this Chapel is the repository for the holy oil vessels of the church. The Sacred Chrism, Oil of Initiation, and Oil of the Sick are presented by the bishop to each parish church during Holy Week and then used throughout the year. The oils are stored in custom hand-blown glass carafes.

Nave - *"The general plan of the sacred edifice should be such that in some way it conveys the image of the gathered community."*
Father Blanchard

The parishioners of the original church desired to retain the sense of intimacy that they enjoyed in that church. By focusing attention on the central altar, which is minimal and transparent in design, the people gathered around it can be conscious of one another's presence and their bond as the family of St. Jean Vianney. The octagonal seating as well as the octagonal shape of the church represents the eighth day, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The pews face the main entrance of the church so that when you enter, you are conscious of the faces and presence of those already gathered. Those gathered, on the other hand, are able to be conscious of your coming into the community.

Altar - The altar is directly in line with the baptismal font, as is the tabernacle on the south side of the building. No parishioner is more than twelve rows away from the altar. The altar is placed in the center of the church because it is the common table around which the community gathers, and during the Liturgy of the Eucharist it becomes the Table of the Lord's Sacrifice. Because the altar is only one inch thick, the community is able to be conscious of one another's presence during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This five-foot-square piece of bronze on thin, square legs actually weighs eight hundred pounds. Fr. Blanchard's communion chalice provided the pattern of the twelve apostles for the design around the lip of the altar.

Tabernacle - The Tabernacle is a bronze monolith, which rotates so that the Body of Christ can be placed inside. The simplicity of the Tabernacle draws us to reflect on the mysterious presence of the Body of Christ within. The bronze sanctuary lamp hanging above and behind the Tabernacle casts a shadow of a dove on the floor of the Tabernacle Chapel. This lamp reminds us of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Stations of the Cross - The Stations of the Cross are found on the back of the eight columns in the ambulatory. There are only thirteen stations because the crucifix in the West Chapel is a powerful depiction of the twelfth station. The Stations of the Cross, in their realism, aid in meditating on Jesus' walk to Calvary.

Mary's Chapel - The statue of the Blessed Mother in the devotion chapel on the east side of the building faces the crucified Christ on the west side. Both sculptures by DeMoss are of bronze, but are hollow, signifying the resurrection of both Mary and Jesus.

Chapel of the Crucifix - On the floor in the center of the chapel stands a seventeen-foot cross of eucalyptus logs with a life-size bronze sculpture of the crucified Christ. The sculpture is hollow and fragmented to symbolize that, though His body was broken, His Spirit was not.

"A good spiritual space should not dominate you," designer Richard Simonton explained. "It should create a dynamic balance between object and nature."

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

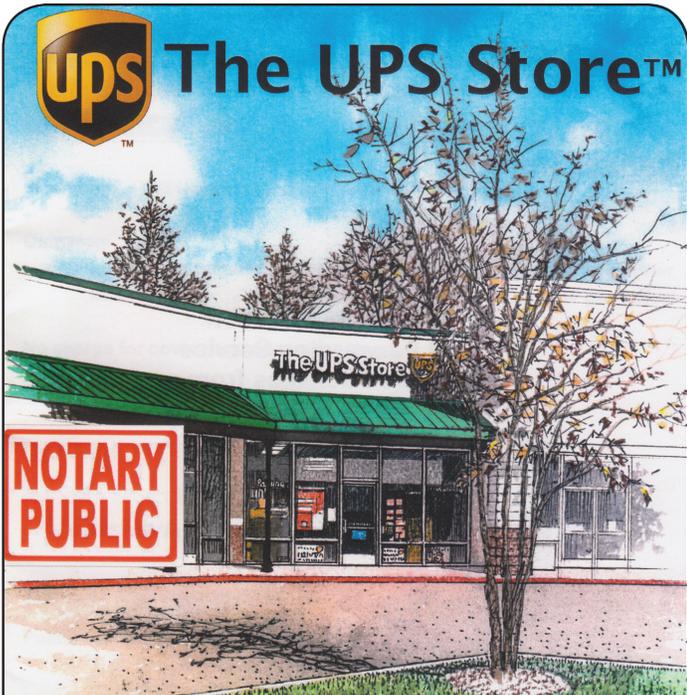
This sacrament is celebrated communally during 8:30 a.m. Mass on the first Wednesday of each month, and is also provided upon request for parishioners who are seriously ill or preparing for major surgery. Contact: Fr. Tom Ranzino, 753.7950.

Catechumenate (R.C.I.A.)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process in which unbaptized adult persons or persons of other faiths explore the beliefs, teachings, and practices of the Catholic faith in order to determine if they wish to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. Contact: Eddie Wright, 955.5724.

Catechumenate Adapted for Children

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adapted for Children is an age appropriate process for children and teens that have not been baptized, and are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church. This also includes those who have been baptized in the Catholic faith or another



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Christian Faith, but have not received religious instruction and/or the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

Confirmation Preparation

Sacramental preparation takes place in the student’s home parish. Students must have participated in religious education during the years leading up to the reception of the sacrament in the 11th grade. Preparation during the 11th grade year includes attendance at monthly gatherings and a Confirmation Retreat, as well as the completion of the required service hours. Confirmation candidates will be presented to the Sunday assembly at a weekend liturgy prior to the celebration of the sacrament. A separate and abbreviated program of preparation is also available for Catholic adults seeking Confirmation. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation

Second grade students are prepared during religion classes offered by the parochial school and Parish School of Religion for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Sacramental preparation takes place in the parish in which the family is registered. Parents attend seminars to facilitate their taking a more active role in preparing their children for God’s loving forgiveness and the reception of Christ in the Eucharist. Candidates for First Eucharist will be presented to the Sunday assembly at a weekend liturgy prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

Holy Orders

The ordained minister is committed to sanctify, teach, and build up the Christian community. All Christians share in this ministry and are called to support it through action, study and prayer. Those considering a call to the priesthood, restored order diaconate or consecrated religious life may wish to visit with Fr. Tom Ranzino, 753.7950.

Infant Baptism Preparation

Infant Baptisms are celebrated during the weekend liturgies once a month at St. Jean Vianney. Baptism preparation is required of parents, including a baptismal home visit by a member of the parish staff, and attendance of an online baptismal seminar “Growing up Catholic.” Detailed information concerning the online seminar and registration may be obtained by calling the church office. Contact: Belinda Smith, 753.7950.

Marriage Preparation

Engaged couples who seek marriage within the parish community must contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. Marriage preparation includes a marriage readiness assessment and attendance at Catholic Engaged Encounter or Called to Love. The engaged couple also prepares the wedding ceremony with the priest. Contact: Fr. Tom Ranzino, Deacon Dan Borne’, Deacon Brent Duplessis, Deacon Jeff Easley, Deacon Ricky Patterson 753.7950, or Eddie and Linda McClure, 753.5144.

GENERAL PARISH
INFORMATION

Annulments

An annulment is a declaration that after thorough investigation, the Church has decided that a marriage, as the Church understands marriage, was not a valid Catholic marriage. To explore this issue, a person may schedule a confidential appointment with the Pastor or with a designated parish lay minister who has completed special training to oversee the annulment process. Contact: Fr. Tom Ranzino, Deacon Dan Borne’, or Patsy Burgess, OFS, 753.7950.

Catholic Stewardship Life

St. Jean Vianney parish actively promotes Catholic Stewardship in prayer, finance and ministry. Catholic Stewardship is the result of baptism into the life of Christ Jesus through the Church. None of us are without gifts given by God. We find ways to express our gratitude in at least these three areas of parish life, and even beyond our parish boundaries when the opportunity arises. This is a direct result of living a Eucharistic life. Yearly, Prayer Stewardship is held in early Advent, Financial Stewardship in January, and Ministry Stewardship in early fall. Contact: Fr. Tom Ranzino, 753.7950 or Ron Rouillier, 753.6297.

Funerals

Information about preparing for a parish Catholic funeral is available at the Parish Office. This includes a planning guide and pertinent information about holding Vigil Wakes in church prior to the Funeral liturgy, as well as, other associated issues. Individuals and families are encouraged to consider pre-planning for a funeral. Upon the death of a parishioner, the family member or designate responsible for the arrangements must contact the pastor before making funeral plans so that these desired arrangements can be coordinated and completed. The pastor will meet with the family members of the deceased to finalize the desired funeral rites. Contact: Fr. Tom Ranzino, Deacon Dan Borne’, Deacon Brent Duplessis, Deacon Jeff Easley or Deacon Ricky Patterson, 753.7950.

“Lagniappe” Weekly Parish Bulletin

Articles should be submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the issue date or earlier in case of a holiday. Submissions may be edited. Contact: Belinda Smith, 753.7950.

Mass Intentions

Mass intention request forms are available inside the Church or may be obtained at the Church Office. Contact: Belinda Smith, 753.7950.

Parish Web Site

www.stjeanvianney.org. Contact: Belinda Smith, 753.7950.

Registration and Census in the Parish

Please call for information regarding parish boundaries, registration for newcomers, or change of address may be done on our website www.stjeanvianney.org. Contact: Belinda Smith, 753.7950.

MINISTRIES AND
ORGANIZATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic some ministry operations may have been adjusted. Please contact the contact person to verify operational information listed.

Parish Finance Committee

This committee plans and oversees the yearly budget of the parish, and serves as counsel to the Pastor in areas of fiscal planning. Contact: Gordon Buster, 753.2870 or Stacy Shaw, 751.7950.

Elementary School Men’s Club

This is an organization open to all men of the parish to assist with the maintenance of St. Jean Vianney School and Parish. Workdays are designated throughout the year. Volunteers handle such projects as painting and light carpentry. The Men’s Club also hosts BBQ and fish fry dinner fundraisers. Contact: Jason Vick, 218.5423.

I Give Catholic Annual Appeal

This ministry creates and oversees the yearly project designated for St. Jean Vianney Parish’s participation in the national I Give Catholic appeal on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving Day. Contact: Stacy Shaw, 753.7950.

Physical Plant and Maintenance Committee

This committee in consult with the Facilities Manager who is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the buildings, equipment and other capital assets of the parish. Contact: Joe Truxillo, 753.7950.

St. Matthew’s Guild

Tabulates the Sunday and Holy Day collections. Contact: Stacy Shaw, 753.7950.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Adult Faith Formation Committee

This committee is composed of parishioners who have a passion for adult faith formation. This committee helps oversee the topic choice and content of yearly adult faith formation offerings in the parish. Contact: Darryl Ducote, 751.6784.

Adult Bible Study

Contact: Patsy Burgess, O.F.S. for more information, 225.907.8248.

Awakening Faith

This ministry is designed to welcome back to the Church, Catholics who for whatever reason have not been able to practice their Catholic faith. Utilizing non-threatening methods, these sessions seek to both form and inform the participant. The Awakening Faith group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the year. Contact: Kris Posey, 755.0415.

Catechumenate (R.C.I.A.) Team Member

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process that embodies new insights and approaches for receiving adults into the Catholic Church. The process includes study, prayer, discovery, discussion, and celebration, and is designed for unbaptized adults who wish to inquire about the Catholic faith, baptized Christians from other denominations who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, and baptized but uncatechized Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. New team members must be willing to be formed in this ministry. Contact: Eddie Wright, 955.5724.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Sponsor

A sponsor is someone willing to accompany an unbaptized person or baptized person on the journey to full Christian initiation. This involves supporting the person at times in the following ways: assistance in helping the person learn about the Catholic way of life; attendance at periodic ritual moments

that mark the progress of the person; willingness of sponsor to pray for his/her person. Contact: Eddie Wright, 955.5724.

Catechumenate (R.C.I.A.) Adapted for Children Team Member

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adapted for Children is an age appropriate process for children and teens that have not been baptized and are seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church. This also includes those children over the age of seven, baptized in the Catholic faith, who has not received religious instruction and/or the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

Children’s Church

To give greater access to God’s Word on Sunday, children in grades K-4 are invited to take part in a children’s Liturgy of the Word held twice monthly during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The children return to the Mass at the offering of the gifts to sit with their parents. The children are encouraged to participate through role playing, media presentations, and discussions. This program is active from October through May. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

Elementary Religious Education

Catechesis teaches the whole message of Jesus. In grades 1-5, we seek to present the good news in a manner that helps the children to grow as Catholic Christians. Classes are active from September through May, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

Junior High Religious Education

The Junior High program builds on the basic teachings of the Church presented in the previous grades. It is directed toward a rediscovery of religious truths in relation to one’s life. The presentations are held on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., from September through May. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

High School Religious Education

Religious education is a lifelong process. Catechetical instruction during the high school years enables the faith of youth to become living, conscious, and active. The high school program pursues a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and the choices involved in being a Christian today. Designed for grades 9-12, presentations are held twice monthly and include the three year preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program is active from September through May. Contact: Denise Louviere or Betty Wright, 751.2926.

St. Jean Vianney Catholic Preschool and Elementary School

The responsibility of educating and forming children into mature Christian witnesses belongs primarily to parents. One way the church assists families in fulfilling this divine calling is through its system of Catholic schools. St. Jean Vianney School, strives to provide academic excellence in a caring Catholic community of faith. Serving students in grades Pre-K through eighth grade, this ministry enhances the God given capabilities and talents of each student according to Catholic principles and sound educational theory. Contact: Wendy Ross, 751.1831.

Home & School Association

This group brings the stakeholders of our parochial school together to support the educational goals of the ministry through volunteer organization and fundraising efforts.

Contact: Claire Delaune, 229.6586.

Extended Care Program

Extended day care is provided before school from 6:30 a.m. until morning carpool begins and after school until 6:00 p.m. for SJV students and three and four year old SJV Preschoolers. Some holiday camps are available. Please contact the school secretary, Debra Sala, Extended Care Supervisor, 753.7644 for more information.

St. Jean Vianney Early Learning and Growth Center

Founded in 1978, the mission of our Early Learning and Growth Center is to provide a Christian atmosphere that will aid in the cognitive, physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual development of preschool children. The program is available five days per week, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., and serves children ages 2 through 5. The program also offers parents an Extended Day option, 7:25 to 9:00 in the morning and 2:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon. The program follows a developmental approach. Our teachers encourage the children to view learning as exciting, rewarding, and most importantly, fun. Contact: Amie Williams, 752.5356.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

This organization is open to all women of the parish, supporting a wide variety of parish interests through many different activities. The Catholic Daughters sponsor the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children and host important sacramental receptions following First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. The group is also involved in support of Respect Life issues and various charitable endeavors throughout the community. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Father Engels Hall. Contact: Lisa Aymond, 275.5609 or aymond@cox.net.

Catholic Scouting

Currently, we have troops representing the various age groups of both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. These troops meet at various times and places. Contact: Boy Scouts, 926.2697, and Contact: Girl Scouts of America, 927.8946.

Community Life Committee

Plans and overseas community gatherings such as: the annual Parish Picnic, Dads & Daughters Dance, and other such events. Contact: Greg Bergeron, 751.8325.

Hospitality Committee/Coffee and Donuts

Parishioners are invited to gather in Father Engels Hall after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses to share coffee and donuts. The parish hosts this informal gathering in an effort to foster a sense of community among its parishioners. Contact: Mike Loreno, 272.3204.

Knights of Columbus and KC Ladies Auxiliary

The KC's are a worldwide Catholic men's fraternal organization. The group is very active in the parish as well as in community life. They play a significant role in the annual Parish Picnic by cooking dinners and organizing enjoyable games for all family members. The KC's provide

an opportunity for fellowship and prayer for its membership. They meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Father Engels Hall. Contact: John Broggi, 504.881.0008.

Life Teen/Youth Ministry

Life Teen is a Catholic-centered youth ministry program open to high school teens of all faiths. It is a total youth ministry program that is built around the Eucharist-in-particular, the Sunday evening 5:30 p.m. Mass. The program continues with our Sunday Life Nights where the teens meet for emotional, social, spiritual and educational formation. Contact: Jessica Cowart, 225.347.3999.

Parish Prayer Line

This ministry is a telephone prayer line composed of dedicated parishioners who pray for the requested intentions of other parishioners and friends. Contact: Theresa Himel, 755.3709 or sjvprayerline@aol.com.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMISSION

The various ministries of the Social Responsibility Commission give witness to our parish's response to our Lord's call to proclaim the gospel vision by serving the needs of individuals and families, especially the poorest, and working with Church and community for justice, peace, and compassion.

Bereavement Ministry

Volunteers offer personal outreach to the family of the deceased. An option of meals is offered, and prayer and personal follow-up is provided. The ministry also provides a memorial cross in church and sponsors an All Saints Day memorial Mass for the families of the deceased. Contact: Ina Dugas, 278.3426.

Bishop Ott Shelter Meals

Meals are prepared by volunteers and served at the Men's Shelter on the 1st Tuesday of each month, and at the Women & Children's Shelter on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Contact: Missy Woodard, 752.6069.

Parish Community Garden

Our Parish Community Garden is on the St. Jean Vianney Parish campus. Volunteers working the garden provide fresh produce to our Food Pantry and the needy in our community. Contact: Floyd Sones, 445.0054.

Emergency Assistance

Our parish offers financial assistance and community referrals to families in need. Volunteers process in-office applications, and meet with those requesting assistance. Contact: Michelle Reddinger, 753.7950.

Food Pantry, Thanksgiving and Easter Outreach

The parish provides a food pantry that serves the needs of parishioners as well as families in the community. Food drives are held monthly to stock our shelves with non-perishable items. Assistance is provided to qualified families after application and screening. Various opportunities are available for volunteers to help in the pantry. Contact: Ellen Feth, 755.3569.

Giving Tree

Our Parish provides an opportunity to provide gifts to 200+ individuals being served through various social services organization in our city. Contact: Jackie Windham, 936.4515.

Habitat for Humanity House Build

St. Jean Vianney Parish participates with the Baton Rouge

Catholic Coalition in the construction of a Habitat Home each spring. Contact: Tooley Towns, 751.3935.

Hospital, Nursing Home & Homebound Ministers

Visitation with caring hearts is the primary focus of this ministry. Volunteers are needed to visit the hospital and nursing home residents in our parish and also those parishioners who may be homebound due to illness or age. Contact: Lyn Dugas, 751.2917 or Patsy Burgess, 907.8248.

Nicaragua Mission Outreach

The Center of Batahola in Nicaragua has been our adopted mission since 2000. The Center provides to the poor of Managua, giving them the opportunity to become educated in various aspects of life, such as sewing, cooking, nutrition, and also math, typing, computer skills, and music. We offer our support through prayer and financial stewardship, and host the Mission guests when they visit Baton Rouge annually. Contact: Vicki Brooks 938.5044 or Kim Morgan 335.4007.

Parents' Night Out

An evening is provided once a month for parents to have a worry-free time out knowing that their special needs children and their siblings are being cared for by professionals who understand their needs. Volunteer opportunities exist for high school youth and adults. Contact: Brian Delaune 571.2366 or email parentsnightout@stjeanvianney.org.

Parish Blood Drives

Through United Blood Services and Our Lady of the Lake Hospital Blood Banks we sponsor three blood drives annually, which provide blood replacement credits to all parishioners during their time of need. Contact: Richie Weaver 229.2562.

Together Baton Rouge

This committee is part of a broad based coalition of institutions in the Baton Rouge area which crosses the lines of race, religion, neighborhood and political affiliation in an effort to build relationships across our city based on trust and a common call to justice for all. Contact: Vicki Brooks, 938.5044.

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND
WORSHIP COMMISSION

Adult and Youth Altar Servers

The ministry of Altar Server is a vital part of the spiritual life of the community. The mission is to serve the community by assisting the priest at the altar during the liturgical celebrations. Membership in this ministry is open to both boys and girls in grades 4 and up. All interested persons take part in a primary training session and supplemental sessions as needed. Gatherings for appreciation and fellowship are provided periodically. Contact: Belinda Smith or Denise Louviere, 753.7950.

Arimathean Funeral Ministry

The Arimathean Funeral Ministry of Compassion: These parishioners serve as ministers of hospitality to individual and families who are attending a Funeral Wake and Funeral Mass at St. Jean Vianney. They also are trained to be adult servers for the Funeral Mass. For information contact Ann Cummings, 756.5766. Ministry times vary according to scheduled funeral Mass.

Art and Environment Committee

The Art and Environment committee helps prepare the church for the various liturgical seasons. The committee's focus is to assist in making our place of worship more