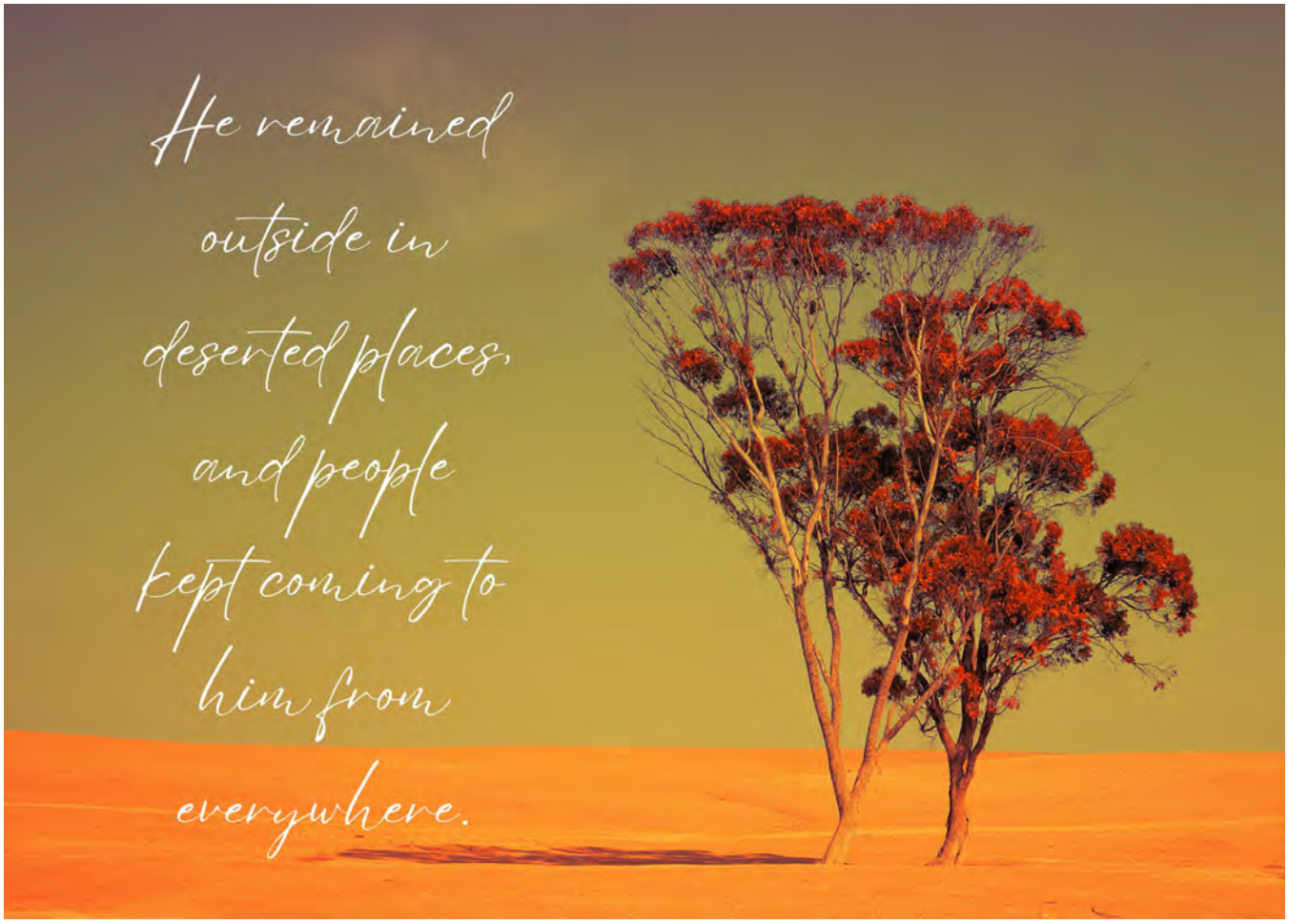
ST THOMAS MORE

TO GUIDE. TO INSPIRE. TO SERVE.

February 11, 2024 | VOLUME 54 NUMBER 6 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



11441 Goodwood Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 | 225.275.3940 | www.stmbr.org

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in a reflection located here: *https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting*

In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE - MASS W/DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

7:00 AM, 12 NOON, 6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.
In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.
When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal,
as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.
The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members
of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

The church office is closed Monday and Tuesday,
Feb. 12 & 13, for the Mardi Gras holiday.
There is no Mass or Novena on Mardi Gras Tuesday.

Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Around The World
2024 St. Thomas More Parish Festival
May 3, 4, & 5, 2024

The 43rd Annual St. Thomas More Parish Festival is coming soon! The theme is **Around the World**. Our parish heritage and culture are remarkably diverse representing so many countries from around the world. Look for the map under the big tent to "Drop a Pin" where you or your family is from. Festival weekend is filled with **fellowship**, **great food** (American, Italian, Cajun, Vietnamese, funnel cakes & sweets), **drinks** (soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade, beer, wine, & daiquiris), **games** (ranging in skill levels), **rides** (catering to all ages), and plenty of **live music**. The entertainment lineup for the weekend will be announced soon.

Again, this year, the Festival will be cashless. STM Festival Bucks will be sold online in advance and distributed with pre-order ride bracelets in the Activity Center on May 2nd & 3rd or purchased on the festival field. $1 = 1 Festival Buck. Credit/Debit Cards will be accepted in the festival buck exchange booth on the field. Be sure to order your **STM Festival Bucks** in advance to avoid standing in line!

If you are feeling lucky, we invite you to take a chance on one of the annual raffles:

- The **$10,000 Raffle** - **FIVE** winners will be drawn (1) $10k, (1) $1,000, (1) $500, and (2) $250. Only 400 Tickets will be sold!
- The **Big Ticket Raffle** prize is a **Lawn Care Package**. Bad Boy 42" zero turn mower, string trimmer and blower. Valued over $4,200.
- The **Cash Raffle** includes four prizes: $3,000, $1,000, $500, and $250.
- The **Festival Prize Pack Raffle** includes 4 weekend ride bracelets, 4 t-shirts, and $100 in Festival Bucks. The winner will be drawn on March 22nd at the STM Fish Fry!

More information about the raffles and ticket sales will be shared soon. **All merchandise, festival bucks, raffle tickets, ride bracelets, and a volunteer sign-up can be found online: www.stmfestival.com!** The coming weeks will feature articles focusing on the various aspects of the Annual Festival.

The STM Annual Festival is an event for old friends, new friends, family, and fellowship. This event only exists with volunteers. Every contribution helps to make this event a success; your time is valued from chairman to a single booth shift. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours during the 2024 Annual Festival, which benefits our community, parish, church, and schools. **If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please email stmchurchfestival@gmail.com!**

There are many sponsorship opportunities for your business – now's the time to lock in a sponsor opportunity! If you have any other questions concerning the festival, please feel free to contact any member of the 2024 Festival Committee.

2024 Committee Members

Chairman – Damian Widmer (2024)	(225) 287-5202	damian@widmermail.com
Food & Beverage – David Bordelon (2025)	(225) 772-7921	david.michael.bordelon@gmail.com
Games & Merchandise – Connor Uffman (2026)	(225) 229-0534	csuffman@icloud.com
Manpower – John Dempre (2027)	(225) 413-3363	jdempre@gmail.com
Past Chairman – Jarvus Ryes (2023)	(225) 413-1931	jryes1@yahoo.com

Find Us Here: Web: http://www.stmfestival.com/ Facebook: stmchurchfestival Instagram: @stmbrevents

Divine Mercy Weekly Novena Continues

Nine Week Novena of Chaplets
Tuesdays: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2
(No novena on Mardi Gras Tuesday)
6:30 p.m. in the church - following 6 p.m. Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024
Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 p.m. in the church

2nd Sunday of the Month
Second Collection
Renovation Debt Reduction
February 10-11
Donate Online: membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/LA554/50326

Please bring donations of canned goods and staples to Masses next weekend, Feb. 17-18, and place in the storage bin in the back of the church. Thank you for you continued generosity!

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH 23rd ANNUAL

LENTEN FISH FRY

Feb. 23

Mar. 8

Mar. 22

5 - 5:30 pm : Drive Up Service

5:30 - 7:30 pm : Dine-In STM Cafeteria

$10/plate

Fried Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw & Bread

- sweets & drinks available for purchase -

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED—ADULTS & STUDENTS NEEDING SERVICE HOURS—CONTACT RON MCDANIEL @ ***rsmcdaniel@yahoo.com***

Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6 pm in the church.

One particularly beautiful tradition in the Catholic Church is praying the Stations of the Cross. While we can pray this prayer year-round, it's particularly emphasized during Lent.

Stations on Friday, February 16, will be led by the STM Knights of Columbus at 6 pm in the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Feb. 13 - 6 p.m.: No Mass
Wednesday, Feb. 14 - 7 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory; **12 pm:** STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors; **6 pm:** Rosa Olivier, Virginia and Paul Fresina
Thursday, Feb. 15 - 8:45 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, Feb. 17 - 4:30 p.m.: STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors
Sunday, Feb. 18 - 8 a.m.: Eve Bonin, Elizabeth Jackson, Alan Quesenberry, Beverly Collins; **10 a.m.:** Emery Bares; **5 p.m.:** Souls in Purgatory

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers these seriously ill persons: **Laurie Bolanos, Becky Cline, Diane Green, Kayleigh Mims, Jim O' Rourke, Bob Sanchez**

To add a name to the prayer list, contact Elise Moran in the church office (225.275.3940, morane@stmbr.org).

PRAYER LINE

For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225-978-1246 (leave your name and phone number if there, is no answer), or send a request by email to *prayerline@stmbr.org*.

Fr. Maynard E. Hurst, Jr. Kaycee Auxiliary

is hosting a half-day

Lenten Retreat

Open to adult parishioners and friends

RETREAT LEADER:
Very Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L., V.G.
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

WHEN: Saturday, March 2, 2024

WHERE: St. Thomas More Church
11441 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

There is no charge for the retreat which will begin at 12 noon in church.
(A love donation is suggested.)

Lunch is available at $10 per person beginning at 11 am in parish activity center.
All must register and prepay for the meal.

SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM – Registration (Activity Center)
11:00 AM – Lunch (Activity Center) [Pulled pork sandwich and sides]
12:00 PM – Retreat Begins (Church)
1:00 PM – Break (Activity Center)
1:30 PM – Session II (Church)
2:30 PM – Closing Remarks/Dismissal (Church)
3:15 PM – Reconciliation (Church)

Questions: Contact Shirley Bonaccorso at (225) 926-7939 or cell (225) 205-8938

****

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending Retreat: _____ Number of Meals: _____

Registration deadline is February 16, 2024.

Return completed form with cash or check (payable to **Fr. Hurst Auxiliary**) for the meal to the church office.

St. Thomas More Church, Attn: Lenten Retreat, 11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Cards and Games Day continues to register. Please visit stmbr.org/news/cards-games to download a registration form and for game day details. ... or drop by the church office.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor
Fr. Michael Alello

Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joe Scimeca

Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Soileau

Administration
Mrs. Sheila Juneau

Formation/Liturgy
Ms. Sarah Neau

Religious Education
Mrs. Jeanne Mancuso

Secretary/Bulletin
Mrs. Ellen Guidry

Secretary/Receptionist
Ms. Elise Moran

Music Director
Mrs. Mallory Sollie

Sacristan
Mrs. Kay Fetterman

Maintenance
Mr. Alex Ho

Custodial
Mr. Roosevelt Hamilton

	www.stmbr.org
	Facebook.com/stmchurch.org/ Facebook.com/padrehooch/
	https://www.youtube.com/ stthomasmorebatonrouge
	Text "stmbr" to 84576 to receive texts
	Sign up for parish email on our parish website, stmbr.org, under Links and Resources
	Listen to Father Michael's homilies: https://soundcloud.com/padrehooch

OUR PARISH FAMILY

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the families of **Michael Collins, Frank Gomez, John Hauler,** and **Audrey Proctor.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Magnificat®
A Ministry to Catholic Women

You are invited to a Prayer Breakfast with featured speaker Kim Lukinovich

Please join us for our next Prayer Breakfast, February 17, 2024 from 9 am - 12 noon at Oak Lodge Conference Center on Sherwood Forest Blvd. The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead us in Praise & Worship.

Tickets are $27.00. To register online, go to MagnificatFeb2024.Eventbrite.com or contact Estella Champion at 225-272-7607

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In a caring environment dedicated to celebrating the Catholic faith and modeling the life of Jesus Christ, St. Thomas More Church provides ***worship, education, ministerial*** *and* ***social*** *opportunities for the spiritual growth of the parish family.*

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70815
www.stmbr.org | Office Phone: 225-275-3940
Office Hours: Mon.- Thurs.: 8 am - 12 pm and 1 - 5 pm; Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 pm

DAILY MASSES
Tuesday: 6:00 pm, and Thursday: 8:45 am
WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm
RECONCILIATION
Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Saturdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Also by appointment.
Emergencies After Hours:
Please call 225.275.3940 and follow the directions given on the voicemail message.

SIGMA
ENGINEERS & CONSTRUCTORS
PROCESS
ELECTRICAL
MECHANICAL/PIPING
TECHNICAL STAFFING
INSTRUMENTATION
LEADERSHIP SOLUTIONS
FIELD SERVICES
AUTOMATION
LASER SCANNING
CIVIL/STRUCTURAL
CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT
LAND SURVEYING
PROCUREMENT
225-810-3100 www.sigmaec.com

Louis
MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS
Plumbing • Heating • Repairs
225-927-6520
est. 1960

THE BATON ROUGE CLINIC AMC
Pediatrics
George J Schwartzenburg, MD
12351 Industriplex Blvd
976-4400

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Quality Car Care Center
GOODYEAR
11442 N. Harrells Ferry Rd.
273-2955

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME Sean Altenberger
Saltenberger@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2166

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

Humana.
Linda Bynum
Sales Representative
bynuminsurance@outlook.com
225-328-0498

PLUMBING
MARINO & SON
INCORPORATED
Established 1925
343-3022 • 383-0451
2731 North Street
• Commercial
• Residential • Repair
LMP#3490

Total Comfort Heating & Air, Inc.
For all your residential Heating & Cooling needs
(225) 928-2251

SHERWOOD
TELEVISIONS & APPLIANCES
SALES & SERVICE • MINI STORAGES • GRACELAND PORTABLE BUILDINGS
Louis S. Ruffino, Jr. • Family Owned since 1969
11756 Florida Blvd. • Baton Rouge, LA 70815 | 225.275.6900
www.sherwoodtvandappliances.com

FREE
AD DESIGN
with purchase
of this space
CALL
800-950-9952

TODD CARUSO
ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
233 Capitol Street
Denham Springs, LA 70726
225-271-4941
Todd Caruso, Parishioner

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
Instantly create and purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO
4lpi.com/adcreator

SOUTHERN
FASTENER & TOOL CO.
Arnold Saucier
9440 Mammoth Dr.
927-3333
"Nobody Does It Better"

Premier Eyecare & Optical
Comprehensive Eyecare,
Glasses & Contact Lenses
1 HR. GLASSES 246-8830
ERIC THAI, Doctor of Optometry
www.PremierEyecareOptical.com
Corner of Sherwood at Old Hammond

Delta Electric Co of Baton Rouge INC
(225) 358-8226
Your Briggs & Stratton
home standby generator
Financing available
10 year warranty

Baton Rouge General Physicians
BRGeneral.org
763-4500
8333 GOODWOOD BLVD.
Amanda Watts, MD
Timothy Bella, MD
Daniel Daire, FNP
Shelby Mougeot, FNP

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

The UPS Store
4520 S. Sherwood Forest, Ste. 104
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
225.295.5901 Dana Hanchey
theupsstorelocal.com/2825

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME Sean Altenberger
Saltenberger@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2166

RONNIE'S Boudin & Cracklin
BATON ROUGE
9726 Florida Blvd | 225-216-7151
HAMMOND
43106 S. Airport Rd. | 985-318-7191
Po-Boys • Specialty Meats • Daily Lunches • Party Trays
www.ronniesboudin.com

ROOF LEAKING?
MIDCITY ROOFING
• Repairs
• Roof Replacement
• Gutters
FREE ESTIMATES
(225) 930-4930 | www.midcityroofing.com

NOW OPEN!
SHERWOOD URGENT CARE
Hrs: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm
Sat & Sun 8am-6pm
225-256-5888
Walk in or schedule your appointment online at:
SherwoodUrgentCareBR.com

STEMMANS AND ALLEY, PLLC
Attorneys and Counselors At Law
M. Todd Alley *(Parishioner)*
2798 O'Neal Lane, Ste. B-3 752-5266

WE'RE HIRING!
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF.
BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Paid training • Some travel
• Work-life balance
• Full-Time with benefits
• Serve your community
Contact us at careers@4lpi.com or www.4lpi.com/careers

TIGER TAX SERVICES & INSURANCE
Taxes. Auto. Home. Commercial. Health. Life
HUE TRAN • CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
O: 225-349-8539 C: 504-723-1816
5515 S SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD.
BATON ROUGE, LA
TIGERTAX2020@GMAIL.COM

TOWN & COUNTRY FINE FURNISHINGS
225-355-6666
tcfurniture.com
BRING IN AD FOR FREE DELIVERY!
6545 AIRLINE HIGHWAY
3 MILES NORTH OF AMAZON
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

IF YOU LIVE ALONE
MDMedAlert!™
✔ Ambulance/Police
✔ Family/Friends
✔ GPS & Fall Alert
CALL NOW! 800.808.9294
As Low As $19.95/mo.
md-medalert.com

Fourrier Insurance Agency
Since 1946
383-0682
4275 Government St.

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

Big River Glass
more than a piece of glass, a peace of mind.
(225) 925-8338
www.bigriverglass.com

Handled Affordably Handled with care.
CHURCH FUNERAL SERVICES & CREMATORY
(225) 293-4174 Baton Rouge (225) 644-9683 St. Amant
(225) 271-4574 Walker

Clegg's Nursery
Our Business is Knowing The Business of Growing
5696 Siegen Lane (225) 292-9153

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
• Burglary • Flood Detection
• Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
833-287-3502

PASSION
Find us on Facebook
Specializing in COLOR, CUTS, HI-LITES, WAXING, UPDOs, KERATIN TREATMENT, BRAZILIAN BLOW OUT, HAIR EXTENSIONS, BAYALAGE, JAPANESE STRAIGHTENING, PERMS, RELAXERS, MAKE-UP, EYELASH EXTENSIONS
We offer Bridal Party & Prom Packages
225-275-2424
13559 Old Hammond Hwy. Ste A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
BRING THIS AD IN FOR 20% DISCOUNT
(new clients only)
FREE EYEBROW WAX WITH REFERRAL

LUXURY NAIL & SPA
(225) 227-2008
411 Benhur Rd. Ste F
Baton Rouge, LA

Frugé FAMILY DENTISTRY
C. Farrell Frugé, Jr., DDS & Associates
Family Dentistry
STM Lifetime Parishioner
11811 Coursey Blvd. 292-9700 www.CFFDDS.com

BF Goodrich • Michelin • Vogue Tyres • Pirelli • Uniroyal • Goodyear • Cooper Tires • Dunlop • Armstrong • Bridgestone
Toyo Tires • General Tire • Buckshot Mudder • Firestone
Yokohama • Tune ups • A/C Repair • Brakes • Alignment
FINANCING AVAILABLE
RETAIL • COMMERCIAL • WHOLESALE
Treads & Care TIRE COMPANY
Devin Holley - Owner Linda Holley
Store: 225-331-8144 • Cell: 225-341-9513
Hooper Road in Central

Hi Nabor
Your Homegrown Supermarket
Since 1963
9620 Florida Blvd.
927-5450
5383 Jones Creek Road
751-3380
www.hinabor.com

LakeUrgentCare | LakeAfterHours
Walk-in care for minor injury and illness
Feel Better. Faster!
Walk-In
Check-In Online
LakeUrgentCare.com
Schedule a Virtual Visit

catholicmatch®
Louisiana
CatholicMatch.com/LA

SHORT STAFFED?
Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business.
CALL 800-950-9952

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Carol A Newman
A Professional Law Corporation
ESTATE PLANNING / SUCCESSIONS
PROBATE / REAL ESTATE CLOSINGS
BUSINESS FORMATION
WILLS / POWER OF ATTORNEY
10124 Jefferson Hwy • 225-272-4848
www.CarolANewmanLawFirm.com

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

eXp REALTY
Gwen Uyen Le - REALTOR®
(225) 405-7463
(225) 412-9962 Ext. #156
Gwen.Le@eXpRealty.com
GwenLe.eXpRealty.com
License # 995709638
Languages: English & Vietnamese