St. Marcellus Parish anniversary

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The 25th anniversary of the founding of St. Marcellus Parish here will be celebrated with special events on Sunday, August 18, and Monday, August 19.

Bishop Gerard L. Frey of Lafayette will celebrate the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 18, with Father Richard Fabre, pastor as homilist. A coffee-social will follow the Mass.

On Monday, August 19, the actual anniversary, priests who have been associated with the parish have been invited to concelebrate a 6:30 p.m. Mass. These include Msgr. Edward Fruge, Breaux Bridge, who was founding pastor; Father Raymond Robitaille, former pastor, now retired; Msgr. Wayne Richard and Msgr. Leo Schexnayder, former pastors of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, New Iberia, to which St. Marcellus belonged as a mission chapel. Msgr. Albert J. Bacque, now retired, former pastor of St. Peter's, New Iberia, Msgr. Charles E. Marin and Father Herman Barsen have also been involved with the parish.

Also invited, Father Michael Herpin, vicar of the Southeast Acadiana Deanery, and Father Fabre's former pastors, Father Gilbert Dutel, Abbeville, and Father George Simon, Franklin.

The reception after this Mass, as well as the coffee on Sunday, will be hosted by the Ladies Altar Society of the parish, Mrs. Alfred Rodriguez, president, and the Knights of Columbus, headed by Tracy Migués, grand knight.

Other anniversary events include the publication of an anniversary booklet with history and pictures of parishioners, and sometime during the year a time capsule will be buried with souvenirs of the year. There will be a pre-Lenten mission in the spring, conducted by Father John Reardon, O.P.

The church plant is located on the Avery Island Road and serves that area of Iberia Parish. Elaine Rodrigue is current president of the parish council. Original parish trustees were Everette Dionne, deceased and replaced by Tom DeRouen, and Walter McIlhenny, deceased, and not yet replaced.