

Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank you for entrusting us with ministry to university students in New Orleans. We are pleased to report that the Chapel is beginning to recover from covid, and we are seeing pre-covid numbers at our student ministry and on Sundays. We invite you to help make this ministry special with a donation from your church to help us offer home-cooked meals and programming.

We were affected by Hurricane Ida and are finishing up the final repairs. When all is said and done, we will have a new roof on the chapel and the chapel house, a freshly painted interior of the chapel, as well as a few minor repairs on the buildings.

We are in conversation with the Tulane student organization, Students Against Food Insecurity on Campus and the school for Public Health to start a food pantry as the first ministry out of our Chapel House. Even at Universities like Tulane there are students who struggle to afford food for themselves and their families. More information about this ministry will be available in the coming weeks.

Over the years we have found that college ministry is a ministry of side doors. While our official programs touch the lives of about 50 students each year. The side doors we create partnering with our universities to provide space for programs and student orgs to meet. Housing both AA and NA meetings to help students and community members struggling with addiction. We have expanded our partnership with Kidcam over the summer and host the 5–7-year-old all day camps throughout the summer. In addition to these side doors, Fr Lamb has been teaching Urban Gardening and Urban Farming courses at Tulane which have brought 75 students a year to the Chapel where they encounter a church that is seeking to help them care for the environment as well as their health through gardening and considering the ethical questions that come up when we interact with nature. This semester, some of the former Urban Gardening students have started a Gardening Club at Tulane and asked Fr Lamb to be their advisor. As of right now we have over 150 students signed up or interested in taking part in this club which will be more opportunity to show a church that is inviting, affirming, and truly cares about their wellbeing.

If you would like to learn more about our ministry or any of these side doors, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We would love to hear from you and remember that this is your ministry so don't be a stranger.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Lamb+ and The Advisory Board