

## On-Going Exhibits & Events

Held every other Saturday beginning 1/7: **Cajun Jam Sessions.** Museum Cafe, Erath. Enjoy live Cajun music. 2-6 pm. 337-937-0012.

Held every other Saturday beginning 1/14: **Touchet's Jam Sessions.** Touchet's Bar, Hwy. 167, Maurice. Live music and dancing. 2 pm-until. Free. 337-893-9882.

Held throughout the year: **Induction of Living Legends.** Museum Café, Erath. Join the Acadian Museum as they recognize and induct individuals who have helped to shape and define our Cajun culture into the Order of Living Legends. Live Cajun music at the Museum Café. Music, 2-6 p.m.; Ceremony 4 pm. Free. 337-233-5832, www.acadianmuseum.com

1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9: **Dutch Oven Cooking at the Park.**

Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Latanier Cookers for a Dutch oven cooking demonstration and taste testing at noon. 9 am-1 pm. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-893-2470, 337-501-1533. \*No Gatehrring in May due to state gathering at Lake D'arbonne State Park.

3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2: **Delcambre Seafood and Farmers Market.** Bayou Carlin, Delcambre. Open air market with local produce, fresh seafood, music and more. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 800-884-6120 ext. 7, www.delcambremarket.org.

3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/15, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/16: **Erath's Farmers Market.** Erath City Park. Open air market with local produce, fresh seafood, crafts and more. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-522-2338.

3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9: **Kaplan's Farmers Market.** Turnley Park, Kaplan. Local produce and more will be on sale. 8 am-noon. Free. 337-652-3828.

3/18\*, 4/22\*, 5/20, 6/17, 7/8, 7/22, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/9\*: **Abbeville's Farmers Market.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Open air market with local produce, crafts, etc. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-652-6148. \*3/18, 4/22 and 12/9 will be held from 8am-3 pm.

3/25, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28: **Coffee and Music.** Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnuts, cracklins and boudin while listening to music by local musicians. 9:30-11 am. Free. 337-643-1528.

## January

1/14: **Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast.** Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Abbeville. A breakfast honoring the life of Dr. King featuring guest speakers and various entertainment. 8:30-10 am. Admission \$6. 337-893-8646

1/16: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade & Festival.** AA Comeaux Park to Herod Village, Abbeville. A celebration of the life and doctrine of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with youth activities, parade and ceremony in McKinley Scott Park. Parade begins 10 am. Free. 337-893-8646, 337-893-2766.

1/21: **Le Krewe du le Originales et les Enfants Mardi Gras Run.** Gueydan. Traditional Mardi Gras run with a parade and fais-do-do following. Courir de Mardi Gras, 9 am; Parade and music, 3 pm. Admission. 337-789-6134.

1/28: **Erath Project Graduation Gumbo Cook-off.** QSA RV Park, Erath. Gumbo cook-off, music by Gabe Broussard and The Beau Young Band, live and silent auction and more. Gates open at 8 am with judging and serving at 1 pm. Music begins at 1:30 pm. Admission \$5, kids 5 and under, free. 337-849-5514.

1/28: **ByYou Art Painting Class.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Instructor Jennifer Gayneaux will show you how to paint your very own painting from start to finish. Proceeds benefit the park. Starts at 1 pm. \$30-40 per participant. 337-652-2484, 337-652-0032

1/29: **VC- Carmel Beignet Boogie 5K/1 Mile.** VC-Mount Carmel School Grounds, Abbeville. 5K/1 Mile race and activities to benefit Mt. Carmel and Vermilion Catholic. Race begins at 9 am. Free to attend, cost to participate in race. 337-893-6636, 337-898-0859, www.cajuntiming.com

## February

2/3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18: **Abbey Players present: "Death by Design."** Abbey Players Theater, Abbeville. A comedy that features a murder mystery and the antics of solving it. Tickets available at www.abbeyplayers.com

2/10: **Voices of St. Mary Magdalen Choirs and Acadiana Symphony Chamber Concert.** St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville. This yearly collaboration provides an opportunity for the community to enjoy a concert featuring both orchestra and choirs. 7 pm. Free. 337-893-0244, www.stmarymagdalenparish.org

# More Than a Great Meal!

Ask around where to find authentic Cajun cuisine and fresh seafood and you'll hear "Vermilion Parish." Sure, we're known for our food, but there's more here than a great meal. Mixed among our peaceful towns are unique shops, family-friendly festivals, marshlands teeming with wildlife, authentic Cajun culture, true Southern hospitality and more all just minutes from Lafayette and New Iberia. Come for a visit, your place at the table is ready!



Vermilion Parish is easily accessible from I-10 via Hwy. 26, Hwy. 13, I-49 and Hwy. 90. All of these Hwys. connect to Hwy. 14 which runs through our parish. You may also travel to Vermilion Parish from Texas via Hwy. 82. This is a scenic drive along our back roads where you can view nature and our wildlife. Bring your binoculars and be on the lookout for alligators!

For tourist information, please contact the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission at 337-898-6600 or visit [www.MostCajun.com](http://www.MostCajun.com).

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Information contained in this calendar is the responsibility of the individual event planners.

Events are subject to change without notice. It is best to confirm dates before making your travel plans.

Current as of December 15, 2016

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# Calendar of Events

## January-December 2017



## Vermilion Parish

Abbeville Delcambre Erath  
Gueydan Kaplan Maurice  
Pecan Island

**2/11: Don Dugas Memorial Fin, Feather & Fur Cook-off.** 5515 W. LA Hwy 688, Erath (across from Don's Boat Landing). Cook-off, music by the Envies followed by the GTO Band, raffles, silent auction, and more. Sponsored by the Henry Volunteer Fire Dept. Judging begins at 11 am, live auction at 2 pm, music begins at 4 pm. Admission \$5, kids under 8 free, Entry fee for cook-off. 337-319-8774, 337-201-2876

**2/25: Cracklin' Cooking Demonstration.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Friends Group for crackling demonstrations and tasting. 10 am-2 pm. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-652-2484, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

**2/28: Krewe Chic-A-La-Pie Mardi Gras Parade.** Kaplan. Family-friendly, old-fashioned Mardi Gras parade. 2 pm. Free. 337-643-6554.

## March

**March: Sounds in the Square Spring Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

**3/18: Spring Downtown Garage Sale.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Booths with numerous items for sale. 8 am-3 pm. Free to attend, charge to rent a booth. 337-652-6148.

**3/27-29: Lent Mission 2017.** St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville. An opportunity to experience the Bible come alive! 6:30 pm. Free. 337-893-0244, www.stmarymagdalenparish.org

## April

**TBA: Sounds in the Square Spring Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

**4/22: 7th Annual "Stir the Pot: Seafood Cook-off and Festival."** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Live music by The Beau Young Band, seafood and wild game cook-off, nature talks and hikes, live auction, raffle and more. 11 am-5 pm. Admission \$5, kids under 3, free. 337-898-6600, www.stirthepotcookoff.com

**4/22: Roots Squared.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Celebrate the cultures that make Vermilion Parish special with music, food, games, arts and crafts. Held in conjunction with the April Abbeville Farmers' Market. 8 am-3 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

## May

**5/5-6: Vermilion Carmel May Festival.** VC-Mount Carmel School Grounds, Abbeville. Good food, fun, games and music for children all ages. Free. 337-893-6636, 337-898-0859, www.mceschool.org

**5/5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21: Abbey Players present: "The Taffetas."** Abbey Players Theater, Abbeville. Tickets available on www.abbeyplayers.com

## June

**6/1-4: Fishing for Memories.** Abbeville Harbor & Terminal Boat Launch, Intracoastal City. Benefit fishing rodeo for the Alzheimer's Association with cash prizes, live music, family activities and auction. Prizes awarded and children can win LA Lifetime Fishing Licenses. Competition begins at 12:01 am on Thurs.; Fri., scales open & live music at 8 pm; Sat. 3 pm, scales open, 5 pm children's activities and live music at 8:30 pm; Sun., scales open at 10:30 am, auction and awards ceremony at 1:45 pm. Free. Tickets \$30 adults, \$10 children 12 & under. 337-254-4880, www.FishingforMemories.org

**6/3: Daylily Festival and Garden Show.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. A celebration of horticulture and all that it involves. Plants, garden accessories, educational speakers, food & more all set under the beautiful oaks. Free. 8:30 am-3 pm. 337-898-4110, 337-893-2491, www.cityofabbeville.net.

## July

**6/30-7/4: Annual Erath 4th of July Celebration.** Erath. Parade, water fights, music, pageants, carnival rides, food and a large fireworks display on July 4th. 1 pm-12:30 am. Free. 337-937-5585, www.erath4.com.

## August

**8/15-20: Delcambre Shrimp Festival.** Delcambre. Shrimp cook-off, pageants, fais-do-do, food, carnival rides, blessing of the fleet. Wed.-Fri. 6:30 pm; Sat. 7 am; Sun. 10 am. Admission Fri., \$5; Sat., \$10; Wed., Thurs., Sun., free. 337-685-2653, 800-884-6120, ext 7, www.shrimpfestival.net.

**8/24-27: Gueydan Duck Festival.** Duck Festival Park, Gueydan. Duck Calling Contest, Skeet Shooting Competition, pageant, cooking contests, music, food, parade, carnival and more. Admission \$10 (Fri.-Sat.) 337-536-6456, www.duckfestival.org.

## September

**TBA – Sounds in the Square Fall Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

**9/24: Friends of Palmetto Island Plate Lunch Fundraiser.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. The Friends Group will be selling Pork Steak plate lunches. Pick up in front of the Park Entrance Station. \$8 per plate. 337-652-2484, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

## October

**TBA – Sounds in the Square Fall Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

**TBA: Annual LA Cajun Food Fest.** Kaplan. A fun filled day with food, arts and crafts, family fun in the Park and live music Admission \$5, kids 10 & under free. 337-652-8390, www.facebook.com/lacajunfoodfestival

**TBA: LA Cattle Festival and Fair Assoc.** Abbeville. Celebrating the Cattle Industry with food, pageants, parades, livestock show, arts and crafts, carnival rides and live music. Fri.-Sat. 11 am-midnight; Sun. 11 am-5 pm. Free. 337-385-2397, 337-652-0646, 337-501-3204, www.louisianacattlefestival.org

**10/28: Trick-or-Treat at the Park.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Friends group for costume contests, campsite decorating contest and trick-or-treating in the Park. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-652-2484, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

**10/31: Scare in the Square.** Magdalen Square and downtown, Abbeville. Trick-or-treating, costume contest, storyteller and more. 5-7 pm. 337-893-3973.

**10/31: Ghost & Goodies.** Main St., Gueydan. Trick-or-treating, costume contests and fun for all ages. 5-7 pm. Free. 337-536-9415.

## November

**TBA: Taste of Vermilion.** Magdalen Place, Abbeville. A culinary showcase that allows patrons to sample some of the finest dishes from the area's best chefs. 5:30-8:30 pm. Admission. 337-893-2491.

**11/4-5: Abbeville's Giant Omelette Celebration.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Juried art show, egg games, great Cajun food, music and more! A 2-day family festival with a procession of chefs and the cooking of a 5,000+ egg omelette in a 12 foot skillet on Sunday afternoon. Sat. 8 am-5 pm; Sun. 8 am-4:30 pm. Free. 337-344-9232, www.giantomelette.org

**11/5: Annual Omelette Celebration Mass.** St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville. As part of the Omelette Celebration, a mass will be celebrated in English and French. 9 am. Free. 337-893-0244, www.stmarymagdalenparish.org

**11/10: "If Headstones Could Talk..."** Old Masonic Cemetery, Abbeville. Take a guided, living history tour of the cemetery and listen as "residents" as they recount would have occurred in Abbeville in the late 1800s. 5:30-9 pm. Admission \$10. Tours depart every 30 min. Tickets at The Depot or Abbeville City Hall. 337-740-2112, 337-898-4110, www.cityofabbeville.net.

**11/11: Dutch Oven Cochon de lait.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Latanier Cookers for a Dutch oven cooking demonstration of a cochon de lait and taste testing at noon. 9 am-1 pm. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-893-2470, 337-501-1533.

**11/12: Annual Military Mass.** St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville. A mass will be celebrated to honor veterans and those currently serving. 11 am. Free. 337-893-0244, www.stmarymagdalenparish.org

**11/16: Delcambre Seafood & Farmers Holiday Market.** Bayou Carlin, Delcambre. Open air market with local produce, holiday items and more. 5-8 pm. Free. 800-884-6120 ext. 7, www.delcambremarket.org.

## December

**TBA: Abbeville's Christmas Parade.** Downtown Abbeville. Enjoy floats decorated for Christmas, marching bands playing holiday favorites and an appearance by Santa Claus. Free. 337-652-0646.

**TBA: St. Mary Magdalen Christmas Concert.** St. Mary Magdalen Church, Abbeville. Annual Christmas concert featuring the St. Mary Magdalen Choir. Free. 337-893-0244, www.stmarymagdalenparish.org.

**TBA: Delcambre Boat Parade.** Boat docks to bridge, Delcambre. Decorated boats will parade down the Delcambre Canal. Gumbo and refreshments will be available for purchase. Free. 6:30-9 pm. 337-685-4462, www.delcambreboatparade.com.

**TBA: Christmas in the Park.** Duck Festival Grounds, Gueydan. Family-style Christmas event with caroling, parade, live nativity, hot chocolate, kids' activities, Santa Workshop, hayride and more. 5:30-9 pm. Free, photos with Santa and build a toy \$2. 337-536-6140.

**12/7: Abbeville's 16th Annual Christmas Stroll.** Downtown Abbeville. A family-oriented evening of strolling, visiting, shopping and dining. Santa Claus, music, white lights all within the decorated downtown historic district. 5:30-8 pm. Free. 337-898-4110, www.cityofabbeville.net.

**12/9: Downtown Holiday Garage Sale.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Booths with numerous items for sale. 8 am-3 pm. Free, charge to rent a booth. 337-652-6148.