

"Laissez les bon temps rouler!"



Top left: Spirit Steppers Addie Mathews, left, and Rosalia Foley perform a dance routine along the route of the Krewe of Thoth Carnival parade in New Orleans

Top right: Jameson Clancy plays the saxophone while marching with the Bruin band in the Thoth parade.

Far right: Georgia Conrad marches with the Spirit Steppers.

Bottom photo: Band director Ronnie Russell accompanies the Bruin band.



Marching into the Lenten Season

For the first time in two years, St. Joseph Catholic School's very own marching band and Spirit Steppers dance team returned to New Orleans to march in the 2022 Krewe of Thoth Carnival parade.

The band and Spirit Steppers last marched in the 2020 parade. Carnival parades for 2021 were canceled because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This year's appearance in the Thoth parade was a big success.

In order to make the most out of their experience, the band and Spirit Steppers began practicing for the parade shortly after Christmas break. Once the weather began to warm, both could be seen – and definitely heard – marching laps in around the campus parking lot at the end of the school day. The Spirit Steppers were never far away, also practicing their dances.

Finally, on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, members of the woke in the earliest hours of the morning to board a bus for a three-hour trip on a chartered bus from the school campus in Madison to the parade's starting point in New Orleans.

Shortly after 1 p.m., the band set off on the five-mile parade route. The weather turned out to be sunny and beautiful. And the crowds were lively – all contributing to an enjoyable, unforgettable experience in the City that Care Forgot.



Top: Spirit Steppers Gia Picarella and Ava Kathryn Stephen
Middle: Drum line members Daniel Dear and Tristan Ballard
Bottom: Lauryn Blue, left, and Jaden Taylor carry the Bruin band banner.

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