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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound and hospitals weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20

Dear Parishioners,

This year's Confirmation class attended their retreat at Angola State Penitentiary on July 22. Since it was such a new experience for all of us, I asked a few of our 11th graders to write a brief reflection on the retreat and here is what they wrote:

"The Confirmation Retreat to Angola Prison was a once in a lifetime experience. Being able to hear the trustees' stories of how they took a wrong turn in their life, but ultimately changed while in prison was inspiring to all of us. Their stories taught us how no matter what your situation is or how far you have strayed from God, He will always welcome you back with love."

"Our faith journey to Angola State Penitentiary was a life changing experience for all of us. Not only did we grow closer to God; we completely changed our way of viewing others in our community. Many of us now realize that no matter how bad a person is or was, God can connect with them and make a difference in their life."

"In Angola there are prisoners who have committed murder, robbery, and other major crimes. You go in with the mindset that these people are cruel and don't deserve redemption, but as I was hearing the prisoners bravely tell me the crimes committed and how they found their way to be not only trustees but men of God, I realized that God's intended version of someone is often brought out through second chances and learning from past mistakes. The strangeness of the prison allowed me to face a reality that God can be found in any darkness and strengthen you even in your great weakness."

The inmates who spoke also benefitted from the opportunity to share their faith with our teenagers. They were thankful for God's healing and forgiveness, and for the visit of our young Catholics. The retreat allowed us to witness the power of the Holy Spirit at work in unusual places. We plan to return to Angola with next year's Confirmation class for their retreat.

I will be in Houston next weekend attending the LSU – BYU game on Saturday, September 2, at NRG Stadium

I am traveling with three priest friends to attend the LSU game as well as a Houston Astros baseball game on Sunday afternoon. We will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, September 1, and Saturday, September 2, while I am away. Father Jon Koehler has kindly agreed to cover the weekend Masses next Saturday and Sunday so please make him feel welcome.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 1 and 2, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with an 8:00 a.m. Communion Service on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

In Christ,
Father Matt

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH OR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAYS



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th
FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

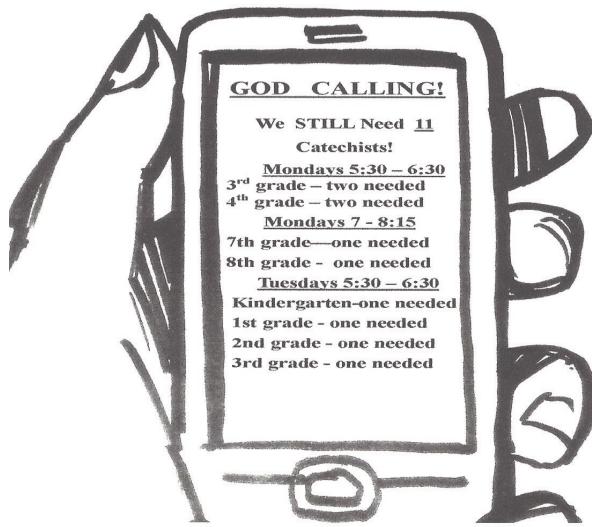


Eucharistic Adoration

God has a detailed plan for your life. Do you know His plan for you? Ask Him!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, Sept. 1 at 8pm thru Saturday, Sept. 2nd at 8am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church.
For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 of
Mary@ 324-5289



GOD CALLING!

We **STILL** Need **11**
Catechists!
Mondays 5:30 – 6:30
 3rd grade – two needed
 4th grade – two needed
Mondays 7 – 8:15
 7th grade—one needed
 8th grade - one needed
Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30
 Kindergarten-one needed
 1st grade - one needed
 2nd grade - one needed
 3rd grade - one needed



A VOCATION VIEW

Peter received his special call when He acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. We who receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior also receive a special call, especially if we are called to the priesthood or religious life. If you think you have this call, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Lucille Bouquet and her group for cleaning the church during the month of August. Cleaning for September will be done by Lisa Beraud (749-3170). Please give her a call if you wish to lend a hand.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Geri & Bill Schneider for chairing the committee during the month of August. Chaircouple for September will be Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux (937-1998). Please give them a call with any concerns.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, September 3

- ⇒ **Monthly Communion Service** for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ **Coffee & Donuts** will be served after 7:30 am Mass.

PART-TIME ACCOMPANIST NEEDED
 We are presently looking to hire a new part-time accompanist. Please submit resume' and three references to:
 Celeste Angele Veillon, Director of Music and Liturgy
 St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
 P.O. Box 248
 Brusly, LA 70719
 Or: celesteveillon@eatel.net
 Auditions will take place in September 2017; training in October 2017 and position will begin November 1, 2017

- ◆ Must have excellent keyboard and sight-reading skills.
- ◆ Organ experience is not necessary, but must be willing to learn.
- ◆ Must be available to play for Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses at 9:00 and 11:00 am
- ◆ Must be available for rehearsals on Monday evenings.

Email: celesteveillon@eatel.net or call 225.749.2189

Congratulations!



BEST WISHES TO:
JEROME RICHARD, JR. & MARINA SANDERS WHO WERE RECENTLY MARRIED HERE!



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Terry Guidry & Larry Durbin upon the death of their sister, Lily "PeeWee" Durbin Peace.

The collection for Catholic University of America will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 21, 2017

REGULAR:

189 Identified- - - - - \$6,436.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 565.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$7,001.00

BUILDING FUND COLLECTIONS

May—\$17,818.21
 June—\$11,811.00
 July—\$12,666.50
 Loan Balance July 2017—\$153,157.59

Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/
 Mt 16:21-27
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/
 Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
 Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/
 Mt 18:15-20

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016—2017

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Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Jason Murphey
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John Windham



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus re-named him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build his church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church--"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"--to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.