



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*August 30, 2015*  
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
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  
Richard Rabalais ..... Maintenance

### 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

"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." - Mk 7:5b-6

Dear Parishioners,

Thank God the wait is finally over. The L.S.U. Tigers play their home opener against McNeese next Saturday night, September 5, while the New Orleans Saints endure the ugliness of the preseason for one more week and play their first regular season game on Sunday, September 13, at Arizona. I know the preseason games are important for determining which players make the final roster but I wish the N.F.L. would dispense with all the foolishness and just play ball like our high school and college teams.

Of course our faith teaches that patience is a virtue and we often learn patience by being made to wait. We wait for football season, hunting season, Christmas, crawfish season, graduation, and summer vacation. We wait in traffic, the carpool line, the doctor's office, and the check-out line at the grocery store. The Children of Israel waited for the coming of the Messiah and we are now blessed to live in the time after Jesus' arrival and resurrection. Now we wait for his glorious return at the end of the ages. We are richly blessed even with all of the waiting.

Organized sports provide a nice diversion from the rest of the school week or work week. We appreciate the discipline, training, and teamwork that goes into every week's competition. We suffer with each breakdown and defeat, and we rejoice with each beautifully executed play and hard fought victory. We readily identify with the players and coaches and share in their exhilaration or disappointment each given weekend.

Remember that our Office of Christian Formation is open after all Masses this weekend, August 29-30, to register your children for religious education. Please take advantage of this opportunity or if you prefer you may stop by the Christian Formation Office during regular business hours. Parents are also encouraged to attend the Parent Orientation gathering this Monday, August 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jason Romero, Director of Christian Formation at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Baton Rouge. Our Christian Formation staff will also be available starting at 5:30 p.m. that same evening to accept any last minute registrations.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 4 and 5, 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 8:00 a.m. Mass 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.

The *Traveling Chalice* program of family prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life begins next Sunday. A schedule is located in the back of church for families to sign-up. You merely select any available week and indicate which Mass you normally attend. I will then invite you forward after communion on that particular Sunday and present you with a box containing a chalice, books on family prayer, and various other resources related to religious vocations. You can then look over the material and select prayers to pray each evening for an increase in vocations.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

Calling ALL catechists!!

If you are currently a catechist and plan on continuing in this wonderful ministry please contact June or Karen at 749-3387. If you think God may be calling you to be a catechist please contact us.



Registration  
Christian Formation  
K-11th  
After all Masses  
August 29th and 30th.  
Sacramental Preparation also  
First Reconciliation and First  
Eucharist for children in  
public and Catholic schools.  
Parent Meeting August 31st  
Activity Center at 6:30 P.M.

Contact  
June or Karen  
749-3387

A black and white line drawing of three children. Two boys and one girl are holding a long banner that says "We Love You Jesus" in a cursive font. The girl is in the middle, and the boys are on either side. A speech bubble from the girl says "Contact June or Karen 749-3387".

CHRISTIAN FORMATION—SUMMER RECAP

**Mt. Everest  
Conquering Challenges  
with GOD'S MIGHTY POWER**



Vacation Bible School

Thanks to all those who shared their gifts and talents to help our young people grow in their relationship with God. We had 153 kids participate in vbs and they were FANTASTIC ! We had 88 volunteers. WOW! This was again a combined effort with Holy Family Church. We are truly blessed to share in this ministry together. We raised \$903 to be divided between the WBR Foodbank, St. John the Baptist Foodbank and the victims of the earthquake in, Nepal, the area located near Mt. Everest. The Holy Spirit is truly present and working through us.

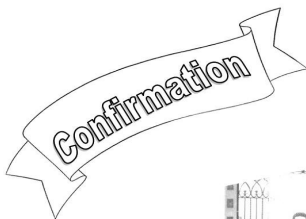


Confirmation  
Retreat  
2015



I want to thank Fr. Matt, Mr. James Vidrine, Sarah Simpson, Elizabeth Wallace and Fish Kershaw for being witnesses of our faith during the Confirmation Retreat in July. I also want to tell our young adults who are journeying toward Confirmation how **PROUD** I am of you for being SO open to the Holy Spirit. Your attitude and behavior reflect how serious you take this next step to be fully initiated into the Church. Needless to say it was an AWESOME RETREAT! We are blessed to have the following adults journey with our young adults toward confirmation: L.J. LeBlanc, Dawn Jason, Fish Kershaw, Elizabeth Wallace, Jayne Jason, John Windham, Sarah Simpson, Toni Tolar and Marcie Buckle. I am **LOOKING** for one more **MAN** to join our team so if you are feeling "THE CALL" please contact me or Karen at 749-3387.

Christ's Peace,  
June



Catholic University of America Collection Next Week  
Place special envelope in the regular collection.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

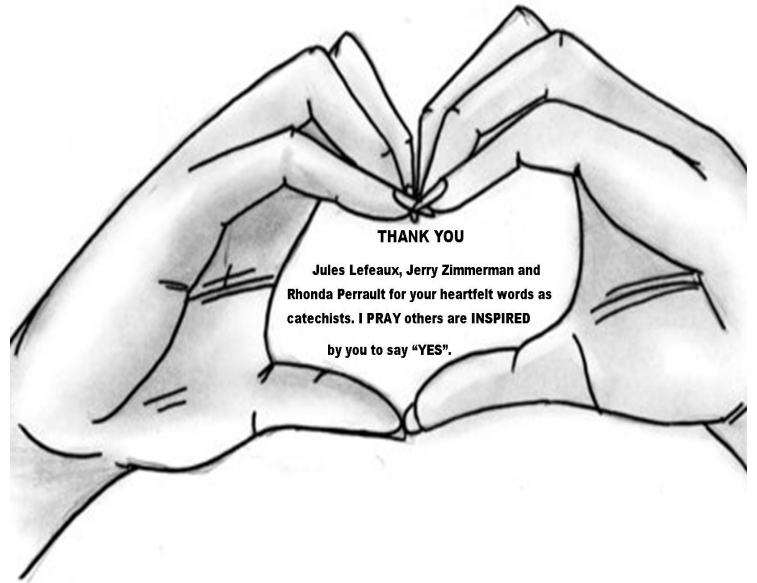
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209 Identified- - - - - \$6,995.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 700.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,695.00

Mission Appeal—\$3,967.00



**THANK YOU**  
Jules Lefeaux, Jerry Zimmerman and  
Rhonda Perrault for your heartfelt words as  
catechists. I PRAY others are **INSPIRED**  
by you to say "YES".

**A VOCATION VIEW**

Our second Scripture reading reminds us that "every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit, comes from God". God's gifts should prompt our responsive gratitude, which should be the basis of our daily lives. If you feel God is offering you the gift of priesthood or religious life, and you wish to respond generously, trusting in God, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

Happy Labor Day



**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

Monday, September 7, 2015

Parish Office Will Be Closed

All Bulletin Articles for the weekend of  
Sept. 12th & 13th should be sent to the  
Office by Thursday, Sept. 5th

The following children were baptized here last weekend. We send congratulations to them and their families:  
Lucas George Acosta, son of Tate & Melissa Acosta; Molly Marie Aucoin, daughter of Matthew & Kayla Aucoin, Britley Daigle, daughter of Derek Daigle & Lauren Waldrep and Linely Marie Ramagos, daughter of Michael & Blair Ramagos.

**WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**

**Readings for the Week of August 30, 2015**

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/  
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



**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. 4th at 8pm thru Saturday, Sept. 5th at 8am. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church. For more info, call Julie (749-8260) or Mary (324-5289).

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in our parish has been ongoing for twenty-nine (29) years; we started this beautiful devotion on September 5, 1986.

The Most blessed Sacrament is in the monstrance each Friday morning following the 8:00 am Mass until 11:30 am. All parishioners and visitors are invited to come pray with us during these hours.

Many thanks to those who regularly come to spend an hour with our Lord and to all who make this devotion so successful. On September 5th one of the Mass Intentions will be for the living and deceased Eucharistic Adorers.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thanks to Lucille Bouquet & Ella Dean Thibodeaux 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 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 Scrap & Ella Dean Thibodeaux (749-5754). Please call them with any concerns.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Sunday, September 6**

- ⇒ **Monthly Communion Service** for K.C. Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- ⇒ **Coffee & donuts** will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass



**TOWN OF ADDIS  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

- ⇒ Friday, September 11—Town of Addis Museum & Park (6—11 pm) Featuring Night Parade
- ⇒ Saturday, September 12—Myhand Park & VFW Hall (10:am—11 pm)
- ⇒ Live Music, Food, Drinks, Art Show and Cook-off  
Historical Exhibits, Kids Corner, Fireworks

Bring your lawn chairs, stay a while, visit old friends and make new ones!

No Outside Ice-chests Allowed

***COME OUT AND 'PASS A GOOD TIME'***