



*August 4, 2013
Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
catholic church



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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

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

Dear Parishioners,

I am away this weekend attending the Confirmation Retreat for our 11th graders at Rosaryville Retreat House. Please pray for us that this will be the start of a grace-filled year for our Confirmation candidates and all of our other parishioners preparing for the sacraments. I thank Father Tony Russo and Father Jerry Burns for celebrating our Masses this weekend so I can spend time on retreat with our 11th graders.

Remember that we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick next Saturday, August 10, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Any person who is seriously ill because of sickness, old age, or injury may be anointed. The illness may be either physical or mental. Anointing is also allowed prior to undergoing surgery. Please spread the word to your family and friends who may be in need of the healing graces provided through this special sacrament. And please pray for your fellow parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or struggling with cancer or some other serious illness.

I hope you agree that our wood floors in church look better than ever after some needed maintenance to re-apply the stain and protective sealant. The floors were not horrible, but we were advised to address the wear and tear now before it became more widespread. Plus our church is a great source of pride for all of us and we want to give it the care that it deserves. Thank you for your understanding last weekend as we temporarily moved back into the Activity Center for Masses, and thank you for your continued offertory support which allows us to properly care for our facilities.

We finally closed out the books on the 2012-2013 fiscal year so I will try to provide an overview of our income and expenditures as soon as possible, maybe even by next week. I do not wish for money to be the focus of too many articles or talks but you do need to be kept informed of both our blessings and challenges. We had a blessed year financially last year but this year looks to be a little more challenging with certain costs going up. Thank goodness for God's providence and for the great tradition of community support here in Brusly.

Thursday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate our regular 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning and then a second Mass at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the feast day. If your schedule does not allow you to attend either of those, then please check with one of our neighboring parishes to see if there is a Mass that will fit your needs. Holydays sometimes involve sacrifice on our part but we know that such sacrifices also bring benefits to our lives.

I forgot to include Patrick's seminary address in last week's bulletin so here it is in case you wish to drop him a line after he returns to school: Patrick Landache, St. Joseph Seminary College, 75376 River Road, St. Benedict, LA 70457.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Youth Ministry

REAL WORLD SERVICE IMMERSION PROGRAM

We are so proud of our St. John the Baptist youth for their participation in the Real World Service Immersion Program with other young people from St. Isidore and St. Mary of False River. Together, these 30 youth served across Baton Rouge and New Orleans, helping young and old. The program demonstrates the principles of Catholic social teaching by having youth live in solidarity with the poor.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!!!

Come over to the office during business hours to sign up or we will have registration available after all Masses on August 17th & 18th.

WE NEED YOU!

Catechists, Aides and Helpers are needed for the Christian Formation Program. Come share your gifts with the young church. Contact the Christian Formation Office (749-3387) to learn more.



FIRST EVER PARISH POT LUCK

August 22 (6:30 pm) in the Activity Center
Meal Theme: Mexican Food

All Parishioners & Friends are welcome!

Please call the Christian Formation Office (749-3387) to let us know what food item you will bring. Bring a dish to serve 10-15 people.

COMING UP:

⇒ [Anointing of the Sick](#)—Saturday, August 10 after 4:30 pm Mass.

⇒ [Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day](#) Thursday, August 15—Masses 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

DEFENDING LIFE

Learn the Church's teaching about the right to life, and find out what you can do to defend it. Watch new episodes of "Defending Life" beginning July 31 and airing on EWTN every Wednesday at 2:30 am and Thursday at 11 pm, Eastern Time. For more information: www.DefendingLife.tv.



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 28, 2013

REGULAR:

211 Identified- - - - - \$7,113.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 640.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,753.50

A VOCATION VIEW

Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's Will, especially if you think He's calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you to a church vocation, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

A CHARIS MINISTRIES' RETREAT

Sponsored by the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Led by men and women in their 20's and 30's

August 10, 2013 (9 am—9 pm)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

2025 Stuart Ave.

Baton Rouge, LA

Register by August 2, 2013

Registration Fee: \$25/person (\$20 if you bring a friend)

Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided.

Contact Alyse Manning at

alyse.manning@gmail.com or 225.747.0504



The Sanctuary Candle is now burning in memory of Lytle Chustz.

Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God. The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts. Are our hearts open to what really matters?

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2013

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or
11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In fiscal 2012, lottery sales in the United States averaged approximately \$250 per person. Forty-three states and the District of Columbia accounted for that \$78 billion in sales. It was in March 2012 that the largest prize to date (\$656 million) was split between three winners. While it is clear that many people enjoy playing the lottery recreationally, a question that is often asked is, "What does someone do with all that money?" Of course, that particular problem has not seemed to bother those who play regularly. Indeed, the largest jackpots, far from being a deterrent, end up provoking an even greater number of players, who seem intent on turning a single dollar into a large fortune.

The Gospel this weekend offers a perspective on the material world. While possessions are needed, Jesus says, "One's life does not consist of possessions" (Lk 12:15). This comment by Jesus is not something new to any of us. We have heard this all before. But we also know that there is wisdom in storing up for ourselves. As a matter of fact, saving for the future is an act of personal responsibility. We are constantly told to save for retirement, to have a rainy-day fund, to set aside something for a vacation instead of going into debt to take one. All of these actions are so we don't become overly dependent on the social fabric and cause an undue burden on others.

There is a difference between having a sufficiency and having an excess. When our desire for an excess outstrips our reasonableness and our need, then we are flirting with greed, the very thing that the Gospel warns against. Yes, we may work hard, and save for the future. We may even win the lottery. But when we have more than we need the Lord expects that we use it not just for ourselves but also for others. What we do with the blessings we have makes all the difference.