



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*The Transfiguration of the Lord*  
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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

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

Dear Parishioners,

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated on August 6 each year, and when the feast falls on a Sunday, its prayers and readings replace those of the Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Transfiguration Gospel, which points to the *divinity* of Christ, is also read on the second Sunday of Lent each year. It makes a nice contrast with the Gospel on the first Sunday of Lent, the temptation of Jesus in the desert, which affirms the *humanity* of Christ.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes to all of our students and teachers at the start of this new school year. I believe West Baton Rouge Parish Schools and Holy Family School have their first day on Wednesday, while St. John the Evangelist School begins on Thursday of this week. I pray it will be a great year of learning and renewing friendships for all of our parishioners.

Unfortunately, the start of a new school year also signals an increase in the number of cars and buses on the roads in the morning and evening. So please give yourself extra time in the morning and afternoon and try to practice charity toward your fellow travelers on the roads. Catholics are not immune to road rage, and bad things happen when we allow our anger to go unchecked.

Our Christian Formation classes also resume this month, beginning with the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class which meets next Sunday, August 13. Registration for all other grades will take place next weekend, August 12-13, immediately following each of our Masses. Our Parent Meeting for all grades is scheduled for Monday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Religion classes for children in grades 1-10 are set to begin on Monday, August 21, or Tuesday, August 22. Please consider volunteering to serve as a catechist and please pray for all of our students, parents, and teachers.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church starts back up at the end of this month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may

have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served as we distribute information on the upcoming classes.

Tuesday, 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 an evening 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 blessings to our lives.

Congratulations to the officers of our K.C. Council 10744 who were recently installed at their summer banquet. The Grand Knight for a third term is Bob Bewick and the Deputy Grand Knight is Christian Benoit. Sincere thanks to all of the officers and knights for their dedicated service to our community and parish.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

Registration  
Christian Formation  
K-10th  
After all Masses  
August 12th and 13th.  
Sacramental Preparation also  
First Reconciliation and First  
Eucharist for children in  
public and Catholic schools.  
Parent Meeting August 14th  
Activity Center at 6:30 P.M.

WE STILL NEED  
CATECHISTS!  
PLEASE PRAY  
ABOUT SHARING IN  
THIS MINISTRY FOR  
GOD'S PRECIOUS  
CHILDREN!

Contact  
June or Karen  
749-3387





### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH?

In response to those who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and receiving the sacraments, we are having an **Open House on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory.**

This meeting is especially for—

- ⇒ Someone who wants to become Catholic and has never been baptized.
- ⇒ Someone baptized into another faith and now wants to become Catholic.
- ⇒ Someone baptized Catholic wanting to receive Eucharist and Confirmation.

This meeting is a great time to come, listen, ask questions. If you feel better bringing someone with you, please do so. We are happy to welcome them, too. There are no obligations for attending. If you come and then decide this is not right for you, that's fine. We welcome you anyway.

### HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

All new families are invited on Sunday, August 6 for a **New Family Orientation Meeting**. The meeting will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Holy Family Catholic Church. This will be an informational meeting for new parents only, to discuss such items as school hours, enrollment into the child nutrition program, requirement of time and talent hours, etc.

### OPEN HOUSE

Monday, August 7—Please go directly to your child's homeroom class

4th —5th Grade parents (6:30—7:00 pm)

6th—8th Grade parents (7:00—8:00 pm)

Tuesday, August 8th—Please go directly to your child's homeroom class

PreK4—1st Grade Parents (6:30—7:00 pm)

2nd—3rd Grade Parents (7:00—7:30 pm)



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
IS NOW BURNING  
IN MEMORY OF  
WAYNE KNOTTS**

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 31, 2017

#### REGULAR:

162 Identified- - - - - \$7,048.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 2,084.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,132.00

Mission Appeal—\$4,704.00



### A VOCATION VIEW

If God is calling you to full-service in the Church, do not be afraid. Jesus promised He would be with us always. So, if you think God could be calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).



### PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

*Are extended to Greg Galloway & his family upon the death of his mother, Gloria Galloway. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## Organizations

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- ◆ Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, August 16  
6:00 pm—Officers; 7:15 pm—Regular
- ◆ Pro-Life Rosary—Saturday, August 19  
4:00 pm In Church

### ALTAR SOCIETY

*Thanks to Patricia Lefeaux and her group for cleaning the church during the month of July. Cleaning for August will be done by Lucille Bouquet (687-6927) and her group. Please give her a call if you want to help.*

### BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ruth Landry for chairing the committee during the month of July. Chairing for August will be Geri & Bill Schneider (749-3508). Please give them a call with any concerns.

*Thanks to family and friends of Evella Pollage for their recent donations.*

### Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017

- Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36  
or 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/  
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/  
Mt 14:22-33

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.