



# 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.  
Monday, 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.  
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday ..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS ..... Pastor  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
Betty Cain ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Pedro Hernandez ..... Custodian  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 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 – Please 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 as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.  
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

### PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

According to an old fable, a man made an unusual agreement with Death. He told the Grim Reaper that he would willingly accompany him when it came time to die, but only on one condition --that Death would send a messenger well in advance to warn him. Weeks turned into months, and months into years. Then one bitter winter evening, as the man sat thinking about all his possessions, Death suddenly entered the room and tapped him on the shoulder. Startled the man cried out, "You're here so soon and without warning! I thought we had an agreement." Death replied, "I have kept my part. I have sent you many messengers. Look in the mirror and you'll see some of them." As the man complied, Death whispered, "Look at your hair! Once it was full and golden, now it is thin and white. Look at the way you tilt your head to listen to me because you can't hear very well. Observe how close to the mirror you must stand to see yourself clearly. Yes, I have sent many messengers through the years. I am sorry you are not ready, but the time has come for you to leave." Yes, he was not watchful and vigilant to all these signs and so he was not ready to accept Death.

The central theme of this weekend's Gospel is the necessity of constant, devoted and responsible watchfulness. The first image is that of a servant waiting for his master to come back from a wedding. There is a greater danger that they may fall asleep, since they did not know when exactly he will come and knock. Jesus pronounces a blessing on them, "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes." The second image used is that of the watchfulness needed on the part of the householder to ensure that no thief breaks into the house. And lastly there is the watchfulness needed in order to be ready for the Son of Man who comes at an hour we do not expect. There are different spheres of our lives where we need to be watchful. In our own personal lives, we need to be watchful at all times to ensure our continual growth and development. We take care of our bodies by being watchful about our weight, the kind of food we eat, the water we drink and the exercise we take. We are alert to the illness we are susceptible to and take medicines and the needed vitamins. We are conscious of the emotions we generally have in response to different situations in life and now more than ever, learn to deal with the stress, anxieties and depression that seem to take a toll on many. Developing positive attitudes in life and cultivating deep friendships and close relationships within families, call for a lot of devoted watchfulness and good skills.

Just as we are watchful about our bodies, we have to be watchful about our soul as well. Maybe our lack of love, service, charity etc., can entangle our souls. Another area we need to look at, is our own gifts and talents and how well we use them. Today we are invited to examine our life to see if we are watchful about developing our bodies, souls, and attitudes. Are we responsibly watchful about gifts of life God has given to each one of us and thus being ready all the time? Preparing ourselves to receive Jesus when he comes is a personal responsibility. For Jesus says, "Blessed is the servant whom the master finds ready." So, we cannot transfer this responsibility to somebody else; someone else can not prepare for us. Yes, when it comes to salvation, it is the personal responsibility of each one of us. Others may be able to show us the way. But we have to do the walking; we have to earn it by ourselves. Then we can hear the words of Jesus, "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds ready, when he comes and knocks." Pray that we may understand the seriousness of Jesus' message, and work for our own salvation.

God Bless You,  
Father John





**Upcoming Dates in August.....**

**Prison Ministry Mentoring Program** will be held in the Activity Center from 7:00pm-9:00pm on August 18th. Please call Deacon Tim Messenger, 419-957-9848 for more information.

**Holy Land Gifts** will be available for purchase after all Masses on August 20/21.

**R.C.I.A. Open House** will be held on August 24th at 6:30pm in the Church Office. Please call 749-2189 to register.

**CHRISTIAN FOMATION**



**Catechists** are needed for Christian Formation classes this fall, beginning August 15th. Please help our children receive an education in their Catholic faith.

**Parent Meeting** for K-8 grades is August 9th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center.

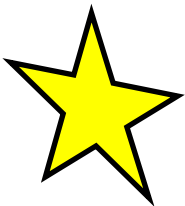
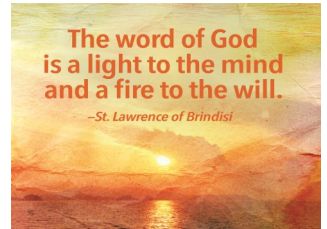
**Catechist's Meeting** will be August 11th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center.

**Stewardship of Finances  
August 1, 2022**

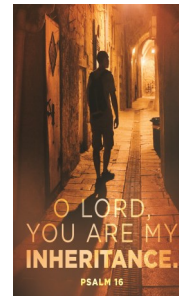
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<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$15,314.00</b>

**Building Fund for July: \$9,018.50**

*The Sanctuary  
Candle burns in  
memory of  
Wayne Knotts.*



**Feast on the Levee**  
Since no one has volunteered to Chair the event this year, we will only have the drawings for both Raffles on October 30th. Raffle tickets will be mailed out soon.



**If you realized that God was knocking at your door, would you answer? If you are being called as a priest, sister, brother or deacon, please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit: [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**

**Job Opening at St. Aloysius Church for a Director of the Child Care Center**  
Full-time position to oversee the operation of the Child Care Center and Sunday Nursery is available. For more information, please go to: [www.aloysiusccc.org/employment](http://www.aloysiusccc.org/employment)

**You are invited to attend the Installation Mass of Father Arun John at 4:30pm on September 10th.**

Bishop Duca will preside over the ceremony. Members of the Parish Council and the Finance Council are requested to attend. We will have a Reception following the Installation Mass. All are welcome!

**Women's Day of Prayer and Healing  
August 20th, 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Entering Canaan Post-Abortion Ministry**  
**If you are suffering the loss of a child through abortion, you are not alone.**  
Please call 225-325-3459 or email: [EnteringCanaan@diobr.org](mailto:EnteringCanaan@diobr.org) to register.



**Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples  
September 16th-18th**  
**If you want to get your marriage back on track, please contact Randall & Robin Bellard, 271-4092 or visit the website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)**



Please join the Grief Recovery group on August 8th & August 15th from 6:30-7:30pm at the WBR Senior Center, 235 Elaine Street, Brusly. For more information, please contact Joanna Hynes, 924-6621.

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2022-2023

**Bob Bewick**

**Grayson Brewer**

**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

**Justin Clouatre**

**Horace Crochet**

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**Fr. Arun John, IMS**

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**Joey Normand**

**Edana Robnett**

**Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman**

**Jewel Woods**



**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”  
- Lk 12:39-40

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### Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

- Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/  
Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,  
5-6/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,  
18-19/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



**AUGUST**  
Month of the  
*Immaculate  
Heart of Mary*

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