



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
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

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

Dear Parishioners,

We will celebrate the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* next Saturday, August 15, 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, and can include addictions. 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.

Saturday, August 15, is also the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and normally a holy day of obligation. However Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass this year since the holy day falls on a Saturday. We will nonetheless celebrate a Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother at 9:00 a.m. on August 15 for those who wish to attend. The 4:30 p.m. Mass later that same day will be the anticipated Mass for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Please remember that 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 26, 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 along with information on the classes.

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes to all of our students and teachers at the start of this new school year. Registration for religion classes is also set to begin soon and will be offered weekdays during regular office hours and after all of our Masses on the weekend of August 29-30. We have also invited one of our catechists to speak at all of our Masses next weekend August 15 & 16, in an effort to encourage more adults to consider helping with this important ministry.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that I would like to restart the Traveling Chalice program to encourage family prayer for vocations to the priesthood and con-

secrated religious life. I have been gathering books on family prayer and various other resources related to religious vocations to aid in this effort. All of these materials will be placed in a box, along with a chalice, and then presented to one of our families each Sunday at the Mass of their choosing.

Each evening, Monday through Friday, the family would display the chalice and pray a rosary or a few short prayers together on behalf of vocations. The Bible instructs us to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matt. 9:38), and that is precisely what we intend to do. Ryan Robicheaux and Curtis Dupuy have kindly agreed to oversee the schedule and remind families of their dates. I would like to begin on the first Sunday in September so please see the schedule in the back of church if your family would like to participate and volunteer for a week.

In Christ,
Father Matt



**W.B.R. SCHOOLS
CLASSES BEGIN
MONDAY, AUGUST 10th
PLEASE BE AWARE OF
SCHOOL SPEED ZONES**



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 as well. There will be a Catechist Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 27th at 6:00 P.M. in the Activity Center.



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING
Wednesday, August, 19th at 7 pm
Dinner with the KC's at 6:30 pm**

**R.C.I.A.
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Have you or someone you know expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

RCIA offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions focus on the teachings of the church, faith experiences, understanding scripture and preparing you to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at Eastertime.

Open House is Wednesday, August 26, 2015. Please call the Parish Office at 749-2189 to register or receive more information on RCIA.



*Pray for
Vocations*

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus continues to draw those who believe. Our world is hungry and thirsty for the Bread of Life. Will you share your faith? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon. Call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Campus Retreat

ARE YOU A CURRENT OR INCOMING STUDENT AT LSU??

Christ the King Church and Catholic Student Center on the campus of LSU in Baton Rouge would love to invite any current or incoming students to their first "ARISE" Retreat for students that are new to Christ the King and looking to get 'plugged in' with them. This year's retreat will take place on Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 am—6:00 pm at Christ the King, on the corner of Highland Rd. and Dalrymple.

If you are unable to attend the retreat, but would still like to be 'plugged in' at Christ the King, you can join their e-mail update list by texting CATHOLICTIGERS to 22828.

E-mail Jordan at jkoonce@ctk-lsu.org for more information.

**Family Choices: Transitions in Aging
Presented by the Diocese of Baton Rouge**

Saturday, August 29, 2015
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Catholic Life Center
1800 S. Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Featuring Speakers
Lisette Borné

Darryl Ducote, LCSW

Rev. Donald Blanchard & Rev. Gerald Burns
Roxane Bingham

Cost: \$15/Walk-ins: \$20

Lunch provided

CEU hours will be awarded to Social Workers for attendance of the entire program and completion of the post program evaluation.

Register online at www.MFLDiobr.org

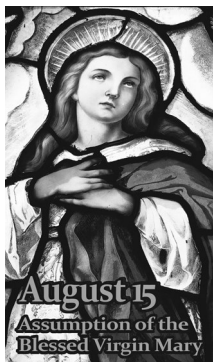
Or call the Office of Marriage & Family Life at 225-242-0323



**CUB SCOUTS PACK #39
CAR WASH—TODAY
10am—2 pm
Brusly Town Hall**



Congratulations to Lucy Elizabeth Doucet, daughter of Jacob & Lauren Doucet. Lucy was baptized here last weekend.



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Mass—9:00 am

Obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed because the Feast Day falls on the weekend.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 14th.



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

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 2, 2015

REGULAR:

322 Identified- - - - - \$18,278.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 874.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$19,152.00

Readings for the Week of August 9, 2015

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1
Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the living bread come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." Three astonishing claims in one sentence. First: Jesus announces that he came from heaven. Second: He says that he is bread for people to eat. Third: He promises eternal life to anyone who eats this bread. What a lineup! What tremendous faith he expected of these people to believe such radical statements.

First, he wants them to believe that he was sent by God the Father. He wants them to believe that he is one with God. If we ever struggle to believe this, just imagine how much harder it must have been for these folks who knew him as a normal guy: "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" We have the benefit of Scripture, the tradition of the church, thousands of years of Christian witness, and the sacraments to convince us of who Jesus is. They didn't.

Next, he does all this talking about bread. He refers to the miraculous manna--bread that fed the wandering Jews in the desert--and then claims that he is the new manna. He is the true bread; his flesh, in fact, is this bread. His body will become food. Again, we have the whole history of Eucharistic faith, devotion, and miracles to rely on. They didn't.

Finally, he goes so far as to say that in receiving him as bread, we will live forever. He promises that this intimate union with him through Communion brings with it the gift of eternal life. Yes, these three claims work together: Jesus is God. The bread of Communion is God. And this God we receive is the source of eternal life.