



# 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  
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 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

*"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28*

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in praying for our students, teachers, and administrators as they begin a new school year. I pray that God will grant all of them a true love for learning as well as numerous opportunities to make new friends and colleagues. Our students and teachers also inspire those of us who have finished our formal education to continue our informal education through reading and reflection. We strive to be life-long learners so that we never lose our enthusiasm for new discoveries and insights into ourselves and our world.

Our Christian Formation program is getting ready to resume classes next month so please watch the bulletin or visit our Facebook page for information on registering your children. We do not want to neglect our formation in matters of faith and spirituality in addition to reading, writing, and arithmetic. The Catholic faith is like a very deep well which invites us to go deeper and deeper as we explore its riches. We can never exhaust the insights into prayer, theology, and Christian living which our faith provides. We are fortunate to have video and online programs to supplement printed resources so choose a format of your liking to further your knowledge.

In last week's bulletin I informed you of the wonderful news of a very generous gift received from the estate of Mr. Leighton Delahaye, a devoted parishioner who died this past February. It was the recommendation of our Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council that we apply 75% of his gift to the principal of our loan and deposit 25% into our Building Fund savings account. This means that we can now hopefully retire our parish debt in just six years! Please say a prayer for Leighton and for all of our benefactors, and please remember our parish community when it comes time to prepare your own will.

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 Tuesday, 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 in possibly joining the Church. Refreshments will be served along with information on the

classes.

We usually invite some of last year's participants to attend the Open House and share their experiences of growing in the faith as they prepared for the Easter sacraments. Easter always seems like a long way off at the beginning of September but the time passes quickly. We make use of symbols, personal examples, and of course the Sunday scripture readings to further our growth in faith and charity.

I will be holding another set of meetings to provide information for anyone interested in the trip I am leading to Italy and France next April. The gatherings will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, in the Parish Activity Center. The trip is a little expensive but we are going to see many wonderful sights in two beautiful countries, including the cities of Rome, Florence, Nice, and Paris.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



*Interested in being more engaged in the parish? Come get involved with passing on the Catholic Faith to our young people! They need role models like YOU! Contact the Christian Formation Office for more info.*

## **CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!**

### **MONDAY:**

- ◇ One Kindergarten Class

### **TUESDAY:**

- ◇ Two 3rd Grade Classes
- ◇ One 4th Grade Class
- ◇ One 6th Grade Class

**ALL CATECHISTS MEETING:**  
**Monday, August 25th at 6 pm in the Activity Center**  
Dinner will be served, so please RSVP by  
Monday, August 18th





**PARISH-WIDE  
POT LUCK SUPPER!**  
Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 pm  
In the Activity Center  
**THEME: MEXICAN FOOD**



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW  
SOMEONE WHO...

- ◊ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◊ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information please contact the parish office at 749-2189.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE  
IS BURNING FOR A SPECIAL  
INTENTION FOR THE DAIGLE &  
GROS FAMILIES.*

*Prayers & Sympathy are extended to the family of Mrs. Lorraine Breaux and Mr. Frank Pearce upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## Cards, Etc.



**Monday, October 20, 2014  
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

For the eighth year, St. John the Baptist will host a Card Party for adults who enjoy playing Bridge, Bouree, Poker, Canasta, Pokeno, Hand and Foot Canasta, Sequence, or other board games. A big THANK YOU to Gale Thibodeaux who has chaired the Card Party since 2007. This year Terry Guidry & Lucy Landry are co-chairing the event. We thank Gerald Manola, his "Cooking Crew", and the Zippers for their ongoing generosity as they provide participants with a delicious lunch of spaghetti and meatballs, salad and bread. Area bakers will provide home-made cakes for dessert.

There is a \$25.00 fee, due by October 15, for Cards, Etc. There will be Door Prizes, a Cash Bar, a 50/50 Raffle and more for everyone's enjoyment. Registration forms are available at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Office or a form may be emailed or mailed to you. This year, proceeds from Cards, Etc. will go towards the St. John the Baptist Acadian Memorial Fund.

*THANK YOU!*

*The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family of Buck Alleman for their recent donation.*



**R.C.I.A. OPEN HOUSE**  
Tuesday, August 26, 2014—6:30 pm  
Parish Rectory  
**PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

## Bible Study



Mary: *A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* is a Catholic Bible study that will bring you on an extraordinary pilgrimage, revealing Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives.

Begins Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 pm  
In the Activity Center  
Please join us!



### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 10, 2014

REGULAR:

254 Identified- - - - - \$7,516.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 579.51  
TOTAL- - - - - \$8,095.51

### Readings for the Week of August 17, 2014

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/  
Mt 15:21-2828  
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

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"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Today's reading ends well. Jesus praises the Canaanite woman's faith and heals her daughter. But before this pleasant conclusion, we have the difficult scene between the woman and the Lord. First, he ignores her request, then he responds by talking about not throwing the food of children to dogs. Was this really as cruel as it sounds to our modern ears?

No. This is one of those passages where it is essential to understand the historical context. Jesus was not leveling a terrible insult at this particular woman. He was referring to a cultural reality of the day. Jesus was ministering outside of Jewish territory. This woman was a gentile of the region, not a member of the Jewish people. Thus, she belonged to the culture that worshipped idols and did not follow the Jewish rituals of cleanliness. Because of these practices, the Jews referred to Gentiles as "unclean dogs." This woman, however, proved herself as worthy as the Jewish "children" at the table of the Lord. The Jews received God's blessing because they believed in God. This woman proved that she did too. She was also a believer who recognized Jesus as the Messiah, calling him, "Lord, Son of David!" And Jesus responded in the end by treating her as one of his children, granting her request.

We too live in a culture that is more and more ignorant of the true God. We are surrounded by idols of all kinds, and by practices that are hardly clean. Like the Canaanite woman, we need the courage to be countercultural. Even when secular society might mock us, may we be willing, like this humble woman of the Gospel, to profess our faith with passion and persistence.