



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Twenty-First Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
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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  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Pedro Hernandez ..... Custodian  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Lil Stutes ..... Mothers' Day Out

### 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 – 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.

### PRAYER LINE

Please call the Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

The R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church has an Open House this Wednesday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite any interested parties to attend. We will provide an overview of the process and try to answer any questions before enjoying some light refreshments. Please pray for our inquirers and the RCIA team who will guide them on this journey of faith.

I am happy to announce that the long wait is almost over for football fans. Our Brusly Panthers play in the Plaquemine Jamboree this Friday and then have their first regular season game the following week against neighboring Port Allen High in the Sugar Cane Classic. They finished with a very nice record of 6-4 last year and I have no doubt they will be competitive again this year under the leadership of head coach Hoff Schooler.

It's also only two weeks until LSU plays UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. Believe it or not, this will be the first time these two schools have met on the football field, and the first time LSU has played in the Rose Bowl stadium. LSU is slightly favored in the game but had best be prepared for a tough battle against a team that is showing improvement under fourth year head coach Chip Kelly.

The Saints play their second preseason game on Monday night of this week against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Once they complete the newly shortened preseason schedule next Saturday, they have a two-week break before their regular season home opener against the Green Bay Packers on September 12. So we will have to wait a few weeks to see who wins the starting quarterback competition between Taysom Hill and Jameis Winston.

Father Connor Danstrom is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago assigned to the Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Last month he wrote a nice article for the "Word on Fire" blog entitled, "Just Do It: Go to Mass on Sundays."

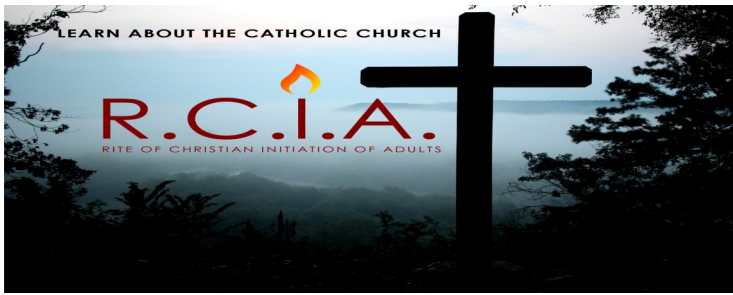
His article opens, "A friend of mine went to a small Catholic college in New England on a baseball scholarship. His coach was the kind of friendly, no-nonsense journeyman they don't seem to make anymore. At the first practice of the year, he told all the players to take a knee. Then in a thick Massachusetts accent, he said to them, 'Now fellas, this is important, so listen up. If you're gonna be on this team, it doesn't matter what you believe. But we go to Mass on Sundays.'"

"Fortunately, though, the young men understood that there was not an ounce of malice in him. He truly didn't care about the players' personal religious convictions. All were welcome on the team, regardless of creed. But this was a Catholic school, and they represented that school when they wore its jersey, and with that privilege came certain expectations."

"And go to Mass they did. Even on road trips, the team would skip batting practice if necessary in order to make it to a Mass in town...By insisting that they go to Mass every Sunday, regardless of how convenient (or inconvenient) it may have been in a given week, my friend's coach was conveying one of life's most valuable lessons...he taught them that, in life as in sports, consistency might cost you something, but it's worth it."

So, stay safe during this difficult time, support our local teams whether in person or via television, and above all make it to Mass each week whether in season or out of season.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**R.C.I.A. Open House**  
**August 25th**  
**6:00pm**  
**Church Rectory**

Please join us to learn and inquire about the Catholic faith.

You may register by calling the Church Office 749-2189.



The Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for September 19th has been  **canceled**  due to Co-Vid 19.

If you wish to receive a **refund** for the ticket that you purchased, please contact the K.C. member that sold the ticket to you.  
 **THANKS**  for your support!



**Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day**  
**October 30th**  
**8:00am-12:00pm**  
**Alexander Park, Brusly**  
 Go to: [wbrCouncil.org](http://wbrCouncil.org) for a list of acceptable items.

**2 Jobs available at the Catholic Life Center**

**Housekeeper:** full time position for housekeeping and janitorial duties; for requirements: [diobr.org/employment-opportunities](http://diobr.org/employment-opportunities)

**Tribunal Assessor:** full time professional position to assist the Diocesan Tribunal; for requirements: [diobr.org/employment-opportunities](http://diobr.org/employment-opportunities)



Our Christian Formation students need you! We are in need of **ONE Catechist** on Monday for 2nd grade. Please consider this calling.

Please call June 749-3387.

**Baptism Seminar**  
**September 8th**  
**6:00pm**

**Please call the Church Office to register.**



**The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Bea Tullier.**



If you can spread the Faith as Jesus did, please consider a vocation as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. For more information, you can 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)

**Stewardship of Finances**  
**August 15, 2021**

**173 Identified: \$9,650.33**  
**Loose Collection: + 584.00**  
**Total: \$10,234.33**

## St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

**Bob Bewick**

**Audy Bourgeois**

**Christie Chapman, Secretary**

**Justin Clouatre**

**Wayne Delapasse**

**Paige Fitzgerald**

**Janice Hebert**

**Fr. Matt Lorrain**

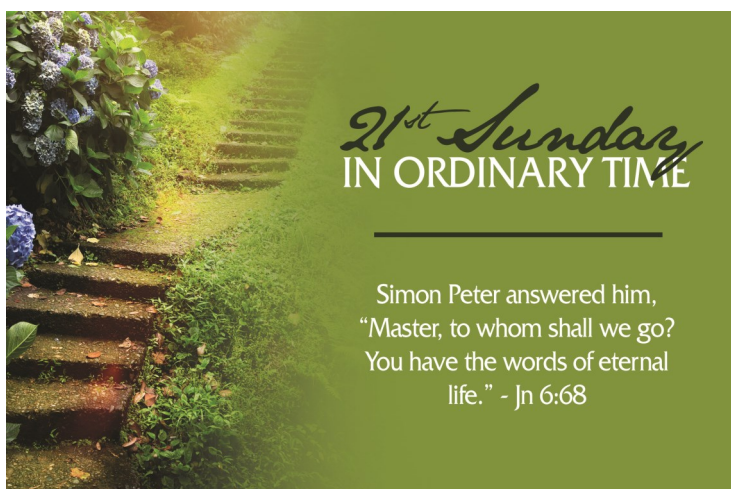
**Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman**

**Joey Normand**

**Edana Robnett**

**Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman**

**Jewel Woods**



### Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

- Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/  
Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/  
Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/  
Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12  
[12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/  
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

