



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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.

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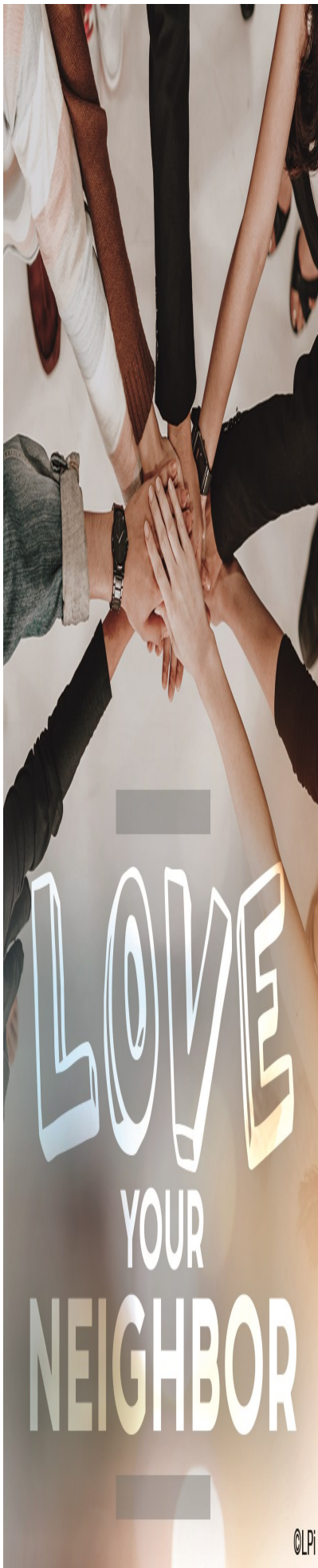
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

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, Holy Family School, and St. John the Evangelist School all have their first day Monday of this week. I pray it will be a great year of learning and renewing friendships for all of our parishioners.

West Baton Rouge Parish Schools are not requiring masks at this point, but face coverings are highly recommended for everyone while indoors. Hand washing and social distancing are also strongly encouraged whenever possible. And most importantly, students and employees should stay home if they are sick.

The Catholic School Office is still finalizing its policy as I write this letter, but I am sure it will be very similar. Bishop Duca feels that the safest course of action would be for all students and teachers to wear masks but he is concerned about the resistance from parents and teachers who are uncertain regarding the science and threat posed by the delta variant of the virus.

We all need to do our best to avoid the culture wars that are dividing our country, and practice charity in our dealings with those who hold different points of view. Let's be respectful toward our Bishop who has a strong love and concern for all of us entrusted to his care. Masks are recommended at our weekend Masses during this fourth surge, and I encourage those who feel sick to stay home. You are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass in those situations.

Our Christian Formation classes are set to resume in one week, beginning with the 11th grade Confirmation Class next Sunday, August 15. Our Parent Meeting for all grades is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, at 6:30 p.m., and our catechist meeting for Thursday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Religion classes for children in grades 1-10 are set to begin on Monday, August 16, Tuesday, August 17, or Wednesday, August 18.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church also starts back up this month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. 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.

In last week's bulletin I mentioned the STRIVE program for those struggling to break free from pornography. It's a free 21-day program of short 5-minute videos designed to help Catholics and other Christians detox from the damaging effects of porn. If you are caught in a cycle where your school work is suffering, your marriage is suffering, or you are sacrificing sleep, then this program might be a good first step on the road to recovery. Simply text STRIVE to 66866 to begin the journey to happiness and freedom.

Congratulations to the six men from our Diocese who will be ordained permanent deacons next Saturday, August 14, 2021, at St. Joseph Cathedral.

In Christ,
Father Matt



4 CATECHISTS needed for Religion Classes

Monday: Need 3 teachers for 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades

Wednesday: Need a teacher for 6th grade

Please call June 749-3387.



Please register your child for Parish School of Religion by calling 749-3387.

Parent Meeting for Religion is August 10th @6:30pm in the Activity Center.

Teacher Meeting for Religion is August 12th @ 6:30pm in the Activity Center.

Confirmation classes begin on August 15th.

Religion classes for K-8 will begin on August 16th.

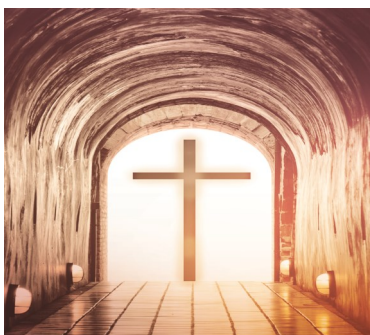


If you, or someone you know has expressed interest in joining our faith, please join us on August 25th at 6:00pm at the Church Rectory. All are welcome!



**Feast on the Levee
October 24th**

**Will you VOLUNTEER to cook, serve food and drinks, sell tickets, organize children's games or clean-up?
Please sign-up today!**

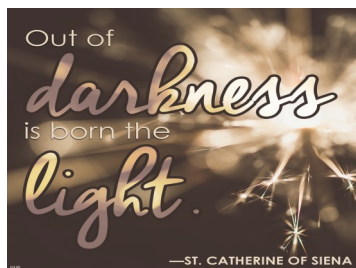


Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Michael Edward Supple upon his death.

**Feast of the Assumption
Mass
Madonna Chapel
Bayou Goula
Saturday, August 14th
9:00am
28330 Highway 405
(River Road)**



The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Wayne Knotts.



Are you searching for the Bread of Life? If you can share your faith as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

**Stewardship of Finances
August 1, 2021**

**245 Identified: \$19,586.00
Loose Collection: + 509.01
Total: \$20,095.01**

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

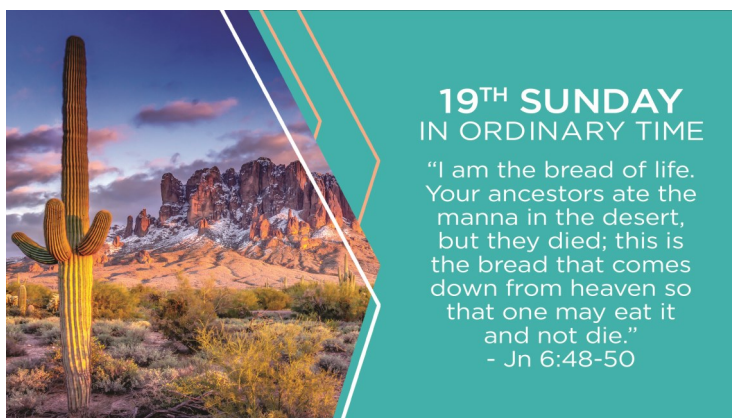
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the bread of life.
Your ancestors ate the
manna in the desert,
but they died; this is
the bread that comes
down from heaven so
that one may eat it
and not die.”
- Jn 6:48-50

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56



**Seeing
Through the
Lens of Faith**