



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Pat Durbin, *Parish Secretary*
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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 am) or by appointment

Baptism

Celebrated at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

January 27, 2013



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When parents bring their children for baptism, the first thing in the ceremony that the priest or deacon asks them is, "What name have you given to your child?" Parents select the names they bestow on their children for a host of reasons: family tradition, personal meaning, a connection to admired individuals, the beauty of how it sounds, or a name's particular meaning are but a few. Even if a child later on chooses to be known by some other name, most often it will be a variation of the original given by the parents. Elizabeth can become Betty or Liza; Robert turns into Bob; Jason shortens to Jase; and Caroline can be known as Carly.

Scripture scholars are divided on whether the person named at the beginning of Luke's Gospel is a particular individual, or whether he stands for all those who would hear the story of Jesus. His name, Theophilus, means one who loves God, so the name could be just as likely allegorical as actual. In any event, the story of Jesus that Luke organized and wrote is directed toward someone whose very name suggests a connection to the divine. The good news of Jesus is intended for one who loves God.

That does not mean to exclude every Tom, Dick, and Harry (or Barb, Jane, and Mary for that matter). No matter what our first name actually means, as a son or daughter of God in baptism, we are all "Theophilus," that is, lovers of God. The story of Jesus—the welcome he gives to the poor and the outcast, the Spirit that is poured out on him and on his followers, the journey to Jerusalem where the fulfillment of the Father's will is accomplished—is our story. And as we listen to the Gospel from Luke in the year ahead we can pray that we become ever more lovers of God, who calls us all by name.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free." - Lk 4:18

Dear Parishioners,

The Vocation Office of the Diocese of Baton Rouge has several vocation events planned for the coming weeks. The first is the annual *"Come, Follow Me"* Discernment Retreat scheduled for next weekend, February 1-3, 2013, at the St. Charles Retreat Center in Lake Charles. It is staffed by the seminarians and vocation directors of the Dioceses of Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Lake Charles, and is open to all interested men in high school, college, or professional life, ages 16-45, who are considering a vocation to the priesthood. It is a great retreat and I encourage any young man to attend if the possibility of the priesthood has ever entered his mind.

Secondly, St. Joseph Seminary College near Covington is sponsoring two *"Come and See"* weekends this February and March. The first runs from Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon, February 14-16, 2013, and is specifically designed so that high school seniors and college transfers can attend classes with the seminarians on Friday. The second weekend follows a more traditional Friday evening through Sunday afternoon schedule, March 22-24, 2013, and is open to all interested young men age 16 years and older. Both weekends offer a wonderful opportunity to get to know the seminarians and monks of St. Joseph Abbey.

Thirdly, do not forget about the *"Andrew Dinner"* being hosted by Father Matt Dupré and Bishop Robert Muench at the Catholic Life Center on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Parents, grandparents, pastors, and teachers are supposed to play to role of St. Andrew in the Gospel of John who brought his brother Simon Peter to meet Jesus. It is open to young men age 17 and older and should be a memorable meal with Bishop Muench and other guests. Please contact Father Matt Dupré or Ms. Mary Layman at the Vocation Office (225-336-8778) if you are interested in more information or would like to register for any of the above-listed events.

Next Sunday, February 3, is kind of crowded this year since it is Boy Scout Sunday and Super Bowl Sunday in addition to being the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Super Bowl Sunday is one of many Sundays when I

am especially glad to be assigned to a parish that does not have a Sunday evening Mass. I have no doubt that a Sunday evening Mass would again be popular here, but I enjoy being able to relax on Sunday evenings with friends and other priests after celebrating the three morning Masses with all of you.

Being a Saints fan, I normally pull for the NFC team in the Super Bowl, but this year I am a little conflicted since I do not care for Jim Harbaugh, the coach of the 49ers. His sideline intensity is too much like Nick Saban for my taste, so I will have to decide whether to pull for the Ravens or just root for the LSU alumni on either team. The main point however is to enjoy an evening with family and friends and hopefully see a competitive game. The commercials can be fun as well.

Next Sunday is also the day on which we will draw the names of three lucky couples to attend the special Valentine's dinner at the rectory on February 16, 2013. I look forward to working with our Parish Council members to host a memorable evening for all involved. Tickets are still available if you have not yet purchased one.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Youth Ministry



Time to clean out closets!!!

The Youth Ministry will now be collecting items for resale at the Spring Garage Sale. To drop off items please contact the Christian Formation Office at 749-3387. Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry and the Parish Building Fund.

HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT NIGHT

Wednesday, January 30th

6:30—8:30 pm in the Youth Room

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT

Friday, February 1st

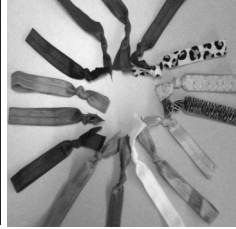
6:00—8:00 pm in the Activity Center

YOUTH MINISTRY T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

\$10 Short Sleeve
(Pistachio green w/blue writing)
\$15 Long Sleeve
(purple w/white & green writing)

HAIR BANDS FOR MINISTRY

\$1 FOR COLORS
\$2 FOR PATTERNS
All proceeds go to our
Parish Youth Ministry!



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

6:30 pm

Classroom #5—CCD Building

This Seminar is mandatory for baptism of
your child.

Call the parish office to register.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

Luncheon on timely Community Topics

Monday, February 4, 2013

Drusilla Place Catering

12:00 to 1:00 pm

February Speaker—Secretary of State, Tom Schedler

\$14/person—Tax Included

Call (225) 448-3754 for reservations

THANK YOU!

Ann Guillot and family wish to thank everyone for their many prayers, calls and concerns during Ridley's illness and death. A special THANKS to the Bereavement committee for their hospitality!



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!

Blood Drive this Sunday from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm. Screening will be done in Christian Formation classrooms as opposed to the parish office. Donors will receive either a free t-shirt or free cholesterol check.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 20, 2013

REGULAR:

207 Identified- - - - - \$6,542.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,275.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,817.00

Building Fund for December—\$29,491.95

A VOCATION VIEW

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



FIFTH ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Sponsored by the Parish Council
and hosted by Father Matt

Three lucky couples will enjoy this special occasion on Saturday, February 16th. Tickets are \$10 each or (3) for \$25 and go on sale following each Mass beginning Saturday, January 12th through Sunday, February 3rd. The 3 lucky tickets will be drawn on Sunday, February 3rd following 11:00 Mass. You don't want to miss the chance to enjoy this culinary delight!

NOTE: COUPLES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE BABYSITTING.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Bernadette Purnell & family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Olivia Cecilia Domingue, to Laurie Ourso & family upon the death of her mother, Catherine Ferachi, and to Judy Chustz & family upon the death of her husband, Alfred Chustz. Please keep them in your prayers.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Bennett Michael LeBlanc, son of Blake & Erica LeBlanc. Bennett Michael was baptized here last weekend. Welcome into our faith community.



If you need a total of your contributions for 2012 for tax purposes please call the Parish Office.

Readings for the Week of January 27, 2013

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or
13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

Donna Badon
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Jerry Deshotel
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Wendy Parrish
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John Windham, Secretary
Gerard "Jerry" Zimmerman



HOLY FAMILY
PRE-K 3 OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, January 29 (6–7 pm)
Pre-K 3 Building
PRE-K 4 & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, January 29 (9–Noon)
School Library

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
AT HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

“Holy Family School and the Diocese of Baton Rouge in conjunction with the National Catholic Educational Association, celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 27—Feb. 2. We are proud to celebrate faith formation, academic excellence and preparation for the future as productive citizens and leaders in our communities.

This year’s theme, ***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RAISE THE STANDARDS***, highlights our attention to student growth and continuous improvement.

At Holy Family School, we are very proud of our rich tradition and foundation of Catholic education set forth by the Marianites of Holy Cross 63 years ago. Today, that tradition is kept alive and enhanced by our dedicated teachers and staff, many of whom are alumni.

Please join us as we celebrate our Catholic Schools Week liturgy, Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.”

DIOCESAN SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS
TASK FORCE

We need your input. Do you have a relative who is a student in our Diocese with special education needs? Visit the Catholic Schools Office website at www.csobr.org and complete the Special Education Survey by January 31.

A special education task force has been formed to gather information regarding the needs of special education students. Family members of special education students are asked to participate in a survey by visiting the Catholic Schools Office website at www.csob.org and complete the Special Education Survey by January 31st.