



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

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,

A senior news analyst recently stated that he believes our country is now more divided than at any time since the Civil War. That's a very sad assessment but it may well be accurate.

Dan Lipinski is a former congressman for the 3rd District of Illinois who served eight terms from 2005-2021. Lipinski is Catholic and was one of the last pro-life Democrats serving in the House of Representatives.

Reflecting on the state of affairs in Washington, Lipinski said "I have really come to believe that the partisan divide is a sectarian divide—the two parties have become religions with sets of doctrine that you must agree with, or else you get accused of apostasy."

He went on to say "We are always going to have political parties, and parties are essential for representative democracy to work. But it's the type of parties that we have, in which compromise is not allowed—it's sectarian. We think the other side is evil, and you can't work with evil."

"The parties of today do not allow for the government set up under our Constitution to work. The idea of our bicameral legislature, with different ways of being elected, and then a distinct executive branch sharing power, was to force deliberation and compromise." In Lipinski's opinion we don't have that type of deliberation right now and so our country doesn't work.

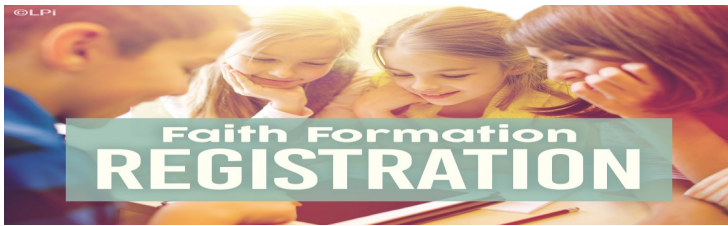
Lipinski asserts that Catholics don't completely fit into either of the two sides and that makes us uniquely gifted to help bridge the divide. As Catholics, we believe in the dignity of every individual, including those who hold opposing views. He said "There are basically two lenses now through which we look at the world—left and right. But I think Catholics have a third way, which is really the truth, and it's well formed."

As Catholics, we are encouraged to participate in the political process and to pray for our elected officials. I pray that members of both parties will start working together to craft legislation which respects life and serves the common good of our country and all its citizens.

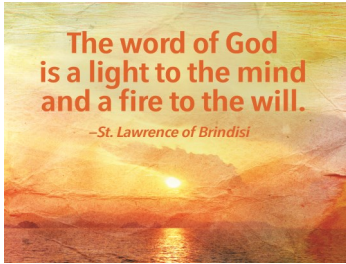
We have a training session for new altar servers at 5:00 p.m., and new ushers at 6:00 p.m., this Tuesday, July 20, in the church. All interested parishioners (5th grade and older) are welcome to attend and sign up for one of these ministries. (Those wishing to serve as lectors or Eucharistic ministers will be trained on an individual basis.)

Thank you to all of the children, teenagers, and parents who participated in Vacation Bible School last week. Its annual success is due to your generous gift of time, talent, and faith. A special thanks to June Hebert, our Director of Christian Formation, for her service and leadership. Please give June a call if you are willing to serve as a catechist for our Christian Formation classes which return to campus this fall.

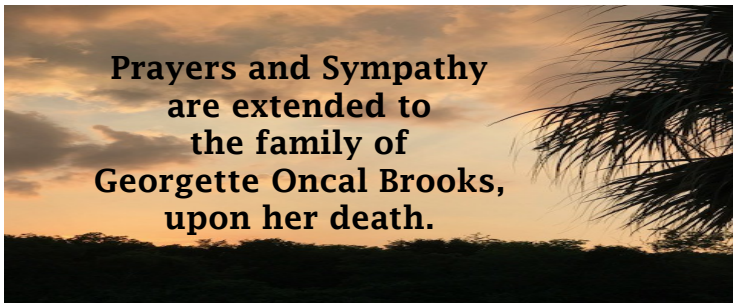
In Christ,
Father Matt



Parish School of Religion Registration will be held after all Masses on the weekend of July 31-August 1. Religion classes will begin on August 16th.



The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Cloyed Graham, Jr.



FIRST DAY OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 4, 2021

245 Identified: \$19,638.00
 Loose Collection: + 341.00
 Total: \$19,979.00

Building Fund for May: \$8,421.00

July 11, 2021

150 Identified: \$7,906.00
 Loose Collection: +513.00
 Total: \$8,419.00



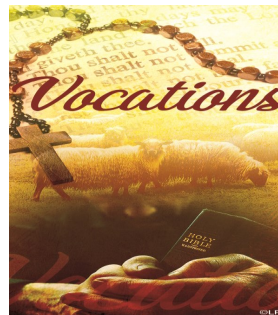
Can you help your Church Community?

**Be a Catechist.
 Be an Usher.
 Be an Altar Server.
 Be a Volunteer for the Feast on the Levee.**

You can make a Difference!

Please call the Church Office today and sign up for these ministries.

On Tuesday, July 20th Fr. Matt will host Altar Server Training @ 5pm & Usher Training @ 6pm. These trainings will be held in the Church.

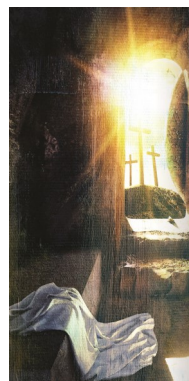


LISTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon, please contact Father Josh Johnson 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org

KCs June 2021 Calendar Winners

Elliot Johnson, Peyton Forestier, Gene Rills, Robert Blanchard, Steve Smith, Blake LeBlanc, Mark Zeringue, Myrtle Landry, Brandon LeBlanc, Craig Sarradet, M/M Jim Shelley, James Vidrine, Raleigh Landry, April Duhe, Bill Scott, Brian Prejean, Liam Gautreaux, Ali Pipsair, Kristi Parnell, Darren Gauthier, Hudson Tramonte, Tim Bonin, Addie Graffeo, Roxanne Jenkins, Grant Smith, Myrt Joseph, Connie Hebert, Telezia Landry, Lillie Bradford, Andy Naquin



**SHROUD OF TURIN
 August 19th in Church
 6:00pm**

Please join the Catholic Daughters #2079 for a presentation by Fr. Jason Palermo on the history of the Holy Shroud of Turin, Italy. You will view a replica of the Holy Shroud in a display case. A reception will follow in the Activity Center.

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

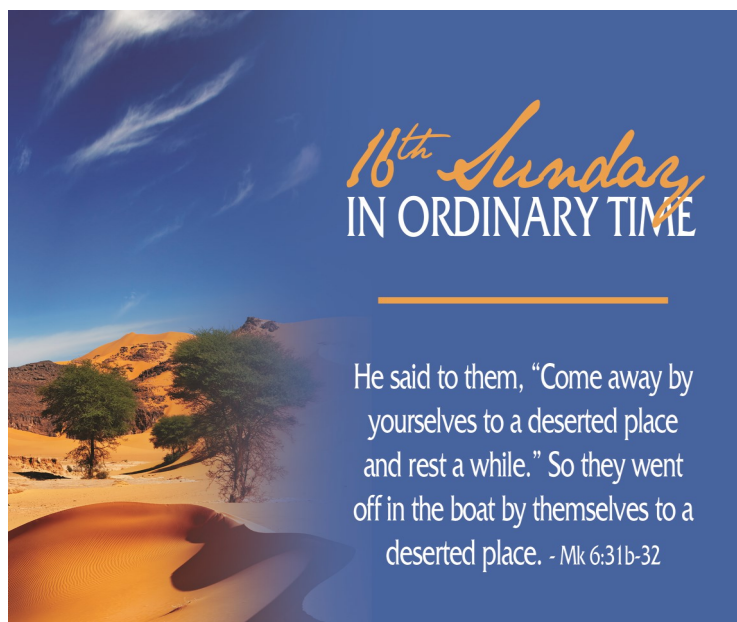
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/ Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13: 24-30
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

