



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

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Dear Parishioners,

Our parish community is blessed to celebrate approximately 50 baptisms each year. It gives us hope that so many young families want to share their faith with their children and that so many choose to make Brusly, Addis, and Port Allen home.

There are good reasons for celebrating baptisms during Mass and outside of Mass, and we will continue to offer both options here at St. John the Baptist. However we have begun celebrating the majority of them outside of Mass so as to not unduly lengthen Sunday Mass. We generally set aside one Sunday each month to celebrate baptisms immediately following the 11:00 Mass. Deacon Sammy and I usually alternate months celebrating the baptisms.

The exceptions to this policy are on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. These two feasts lend themselves to baptisms during the Mass and so we allow couples to choose any of our Masses during which to celebrate their child's baptism. I will also allow babies to be baptized during Mass on other Sundays of the year when required by parent's work schedules and such.

In preparation for the sacrament, we require that the parents attend one baptismal seminar held every other month on a Wednesday evening. If you cannot attend one here you are welcome to attend one in a neighboring church parish. It usually works best if the parents attend sometime during pregnancy so that we do not needlessly delay the baptism once the child is born. Godparents are invited but not required to attend the seminar with the parents. Other parishes require the godparents' attendance so check the parish policy if you are baptizing a child elsewhere.

Thank you to all of the children, teenagers, and parents from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes 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 Julie Cilano, Karen Lemoine, and Elizabeth Wallace from our Christian Formation Office for their service and leadership. Please consider volunteering to help them with our Religious Education classes this fall and

spring. We always seem to need a few more teachers and aides.

The training sessions for those interested in a liturgical ministry are this Tuesday, July 22, at the following times: altar servers (5th grade and up) at 4:30 p.m., lectors at 5:30 p.m., Eucharistic Ministers at 6:00 p.m., and ushers at 6:30 p.m. in the church. This is for new ministers rather than experienced ministers.

Please welcome Father Michael Begley, C.S.Sp., who is visiting our parish this weekend, July 19-20, to make an appeal on behalf of the *Congregation of the Holy Spirit*, also known as the *Holy Ghost Fathers* or the *Spiritans*. We thank him for his vocation and ministry.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Attention Youth

REAL WORLD SERVICE CAMP

Join other youth from around the Diocese at the Real World Service Camp and the Change graduate program. Teens will be housed at St. Isidore Catholic Church, and serve in Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas from July 22-26. It is open to 9th grade and above. Cost is \$100.

For more information and to register, visit www.realworldservicecamp.com or contact Julie at julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES for 2014-2015

**Retreat is July 28-30 at
Rosaryville Retreat Center.
Please be sure to RSVP.
Call (225)749-3387**



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.



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.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the families of Rhonda Sellers, Cora Theriot, Paul Bayhi and Sue Alatazan upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS BURNING IN MEMORY OF BUSTER & DONNA MAE FITZGERALD

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 6, 2014

277 Identified- - - - - \$11,908.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 571.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$12,479.00

Building Fund—June—\$15,151.78
 Concert—\$1,281.00

July 13, 2014

223 Identified- - - - - \$ 8,933.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 481.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$ 9,414.00

Catholic Community Services—\$696.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Paul assures us that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. Ask the Holy Spirit, then, what you are to do with your life. Is it possible you are being called to the priesthood or religious life? If so, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 mdupre@diobr.org.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION
Six Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby is twice as big as last month weighing 1-1/2 to 2 pounds and about 1 inches long. He is sitting up most of the time to accommodate the final movement of all his internal organs. He can now exhibit a whole range of typical baby behavior and moods, including scratching, smiling, crying, hiccupping and sucking. Babies born at this time have a very good chance of surviving. Keep praying for your baby and his mother!

Eucharistic Adoration

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 27:17)

Need Help? Go To Jesus!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, August 1st at 8 pm thru Saturday, August 2nd at 8 am. Please consider joining Jesus in an hour of prayer. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church. For more info, contact Julie Millard @ 749-8260 or Mary Benoit @ 324-5289

JUST MARRIED...

Congratulations to Matthew Luke Aucoin and Kayla Marie Daigle who were married here last weekend.

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone who made donations in memory of Cora Theriot and Rhonda Sellers.

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2014

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
 Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." This beautiful image gives us a glimpse into heaven. The saints who reside there radiate a brightness, a warmth that resembles the sun itself. Gathered around the throne of God, they share in the luminous presence of the King of Kings, the true Son of the Father.

Perhaps there really is something spiritual about the nearly universal craving to enjoy a tropical vacation, the trend to escape to warmer climates for the winter, or the move towards permanent residence in sunny climates. The continual presence of sunshine, the enjoyable experience of one warm day after another may be in fact like a little taste of heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus himself describes eternal bliss using the imagery of sunshine.

But heat has its downside too. When it's too intense, it can actually be deadly. Think forest fire. Think desert. Think "the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." These are not images of the four-star vacations that we want to last for eternity. No. Here Jesus is referring to the hellish habitat of "all who cause others to sin and all evildoers." That's not a trip we want to take. As uncomfortable as it may be, we need to examine ourselves to be sure we're not on board a train that's going in the wrong direction. We need to identify and acknowledge any patterns of sin that may have crept into our lives, and seek God's forgiveness. That will get us back on the right track, enabling us to be counted among "the children of the kingdom."

Let's aim for a journey to that kingdom, the one true trip to paradise that lasts for all eternity.