



*July 28, 2013
Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
catholic church



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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
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 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.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." -Lk 11:9-10

Dear Parishioners,

We bid farewell to seminarian Patrick Landaiche this weekend as he completes his summer internship in our parish. Patrick can now enjoy a couple of weeks of rest and relaxation before he reports back to the seminary on August 18 to begin his final year of philosophy and pre-theology studies. God willing he will be ordained to the priesthood in May of 2018.

Patrick was a joy to have around the rectory and parish this summer. He is even-tempered and balanced in his approach to faith and ministry, which is something of a rarity in today's polarized society. He also possesses a good sense of humor which is essential for handling stress and progressing in humility. I know he will be a success in whatever vocation he chooses, and I pray that his discernment may continue to direct him toward the priesthood.

Mr. Ryan Verret, the Director of the Louisiana Right to Life's Center for Medical Ethics, will give a presentation in our parish this Thursday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. His presentation will focus on human dignity and end-of-life issues, and how we can better protect the ill, disabled, and elderly from discrimination, abuse, direct killing, and denial of life-saving treatment. Ryan is a native of Breaux Bridge where he still lives with his wife and two children. I thank Julie Millard for taking the initiative to bring Mr. Verret to our parish.

Our Catholic faith calls us to grow in our appreciation for the dignity of all human life so that we can safeguard and celebrate this wonderful gift from God. Seeing the world through the eyes of faith allows us to care deeply about the unborn, the poor, the disabled, and the elderly. We conduct clothing drives, organize prayer chains, lobby elected officials, support homeless shelters, and do everything possible to alleviate human suffering. In doing so we give witness to the heavenly kingdom which has yet to be realized in our earthly societies.

I mentioned last week that our Confirmation candidates are scheduled to attend a three day retreat next weekend, August 2-4, at Rosaryville Retreat House near Ponchatoula. The retreat offers a chance for our 11th graders to get away just prior to the start of their junior year of high school and come together as a

class to deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church. Father Tony Russo will say the 4:30, 9:00, and 11:00 Masses, and Father Jerry Burns will say the 7:30 Mass here next weekend so I can attend the retreat with our 11th graders. Their Confirmation Mass is scheduled for April 24, 2014.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick two weeks from now on Saturday, August 10, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Any person who is seriously ill because of sickness, old age, or injury may be anointed. The illness may be either physical or mental. Anointing is also allowed prior to undergoing surgery. Please spread the word to your family and friends who may be in need of the healing graces provided through this special sacrament. And please pray for your fellow parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or struggling with cancer or some other serious illness.

In Christ,
Father Matt



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A big THANK YOU to all Vacation Bible School volunteers! It was a great success with 103 participants and over 70 youth and adult volunteers. We are so grateful to everyone who gave of their time and talents, the Holy spirit was truly moving and showed us how to STAND STRONG for our Catholic faith!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PLAN-A-THON

Wednesday, July 31st—6:30 pm
In the Activity Center

Come help shape the future of our
Parish Youth Ministry Program!

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!!!**

Come over to the office during business hours to sign up or we will have registration available after all Masses on August 17th & 18th.

WE NEED YOU!

Catechists, Aides and Helpers are needed for the Christian Formation Program. Come share your gifts with the young church. Contact the Christian Formation Office (749-3387) to learn more.

PLEASE PRAY!

Our Confirmation Candidates will be attending a weekend retreat on August 2—4. Please pray for our young people to have their hearts TRANSFORMED by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit as they begin their journey toward receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.



FIRST EVER PARISH POT LUCK

August 22 (6:30 pm) in the Activity Center
Meal Theme: Mexican Food
All Parishioners & Friends are welcome!
Please call the Christian Formation Office (749-3387) to let us know what food item you will bring. Bring a dish to serve 10-15 people.

COMING UP:

- ⇒ Thursday, August 1 (7:00 pm) Louisiana's Right to Life's Center for Medical Ethics in the Activity Center
- ⇒ Anointing of the Sick—Saturday, August 10 after 4:30 pm Mass.



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO HELP REMOVE THE KNEELERS LAST SUNDAY!

We will be reinstalling the kneelers and cleaning the church on Wednesday, July 31st & Thursday, August 1st beginning at 8:30 am. If you can come to help, it would be truly appreciated! Thanks again!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

July 28, 2013

Regular:

193 Identified- - - - - \$5,711.00
Loose collection- - - - - 527.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$6,238.00

Building Fund—June 2013- - - - - \$14,359.00

A VOCATION VIEW

“Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find Knock and it will be opened to you.” Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org. or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

St. John the Baptist Family and Friends,

As Father Matt mentioned in last week's bulletin, this will be my last weekend at St. John the Baptist. As I complete my summer assignment, I cannot believe that it has already been 8 weeks! When I arrived 8 weeks ago, I arrived with much enthusiasm and excitement. It is much easier to say hello than goodbye.

During my summer assignment, I have had the opportunity to experience many things. I have brought Communion to the homebound, assisted Larry with maintenance, joined Fr. Matt for pastoral and sacramental experience, played some golf, had a good time, etc... What I value the most about my time here is the warmth, hospitality, and love from everyone in this community.

Two months is a short time, and, unfortunately I was not able to spend more time with many of you. At the same time, I was able to meet and get to know many of you. This community is a special place and has affirmed my own vocation in many ways. This community has also taught me how to love and do more for others. For this I cannot say thank you enough.

I ask that you to continue to pray for me. Formation can sometimes be a tough process, but, with your prayers and your love, I know that I will surely be where God is calling me. I will continue to pray for y'all and will visit when I can. Once again, I want to thank Fr. Matt, the parish staff, and each one of you!

*Take Care
Patrick Landaiche*

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2013

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/ Lk 12:13-21

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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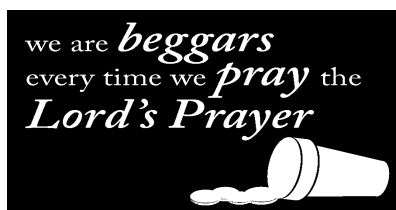


Mrs. Sue Lockhart and St. John the Baptist Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for participating in our Annual Summer Drive. Your generosity has helped feed many families in our community!

Congratulations!

Travis & Amanda Griffin Anderson were married here last week. Best wishes on your new life together!

Melodie Lynn Beard, child of Katelyn Beard & Morris Sanchez was baptized here last Sunday. Welcome into our faith community.



W. B. R. MUSEUM

“Hunt for Treasure” This national touring exhibit exploring the intrigue and excitement of treasures and treasure hunting is open through September 15. Come try your hand at metal detecting, geo-caching and cracking a safe.

“Both Sides of the River: Highland Cemetery (EBR) and Bird Cemetery (WBR)” lecture will be presented by Kenny Kleinpeter, sexton for the Highland Cemetery in East Baton Rouge on Wednesday, July 31st at noon. He will tell of his research on the Highland Cemetery and the Bird Cemetery in West Baton Rouge. Free and open to the public.