



# 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  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance  
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s 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 – 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

*Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33*

Dear Parishioners,

We are praying our way through the long stretch of Ordinary Time that runs from Pentecost until the First Sunday of Advent. It is about 27 weeks long and we are now about one third of the way through the season. We are in "Year B" of the Sunday readings, which means we have been following the Gospel of Mark, which is the first Gospel to be written and also the shortest of the four Gospels. Starting this Sunday we change course just a bit and spend five weeks reading and meditating on Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John, which was the last of the four Gospels to be written.

Chapter 6 opens with John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, a miracle found in all four Gospels. This provides an introduction and opportunity for Jesus to further his disciples' faith by introducing the concept of the "bread of life." So as his modern day disciples we enjoy the opportunity to further our faith as well, especially in regard to our appreciation for the Holy Eucharist through which Jesus shares his very life with us.

I do not know if it is possible for us to fully understand the nature of the gift which is ours in the Eucharist. Certainly Jesus wants to be known and loved by us, and does everything possible to remove any and all barriers that stand in the way. We are nonetheless aware of our limitations in faith and intellect, and our lack of openness and purity of heart which all together hinder our ability to fully appreciate his generous gift. And yet at each Mass we are blessed to receive the body and blood of Christ who offered himself for our sake so that we might share in his life and love.

Pray for the grace to experience a deeper intimacy with Christ through our sharing in the Eucharist these next five weeks. Practice forgiveness and remember to fast before each Mass in order to increase a sense of hunger for the Bread of Life. Offer a sign of reverence for Christ by bowing your head just prior to receiving Him in communion. This will enable us to grow together in faith and love during this five week block of Sundays.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, August 3 & 4 is the monthly all night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters/. The twelve

hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick next Saturday, August 4, 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, and can include addictions. 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.

Congratulations to the officers of our K.C. Council 10744 who were recently installed at their summer banquet. The Grand Knight is Christian Benoit and the Deputy Grand Knight is Jerry Eagan. Sincere thanks to past Grand Knight Bob Bewick and to all of the officers and knights for their dedicated service to our community and parish.

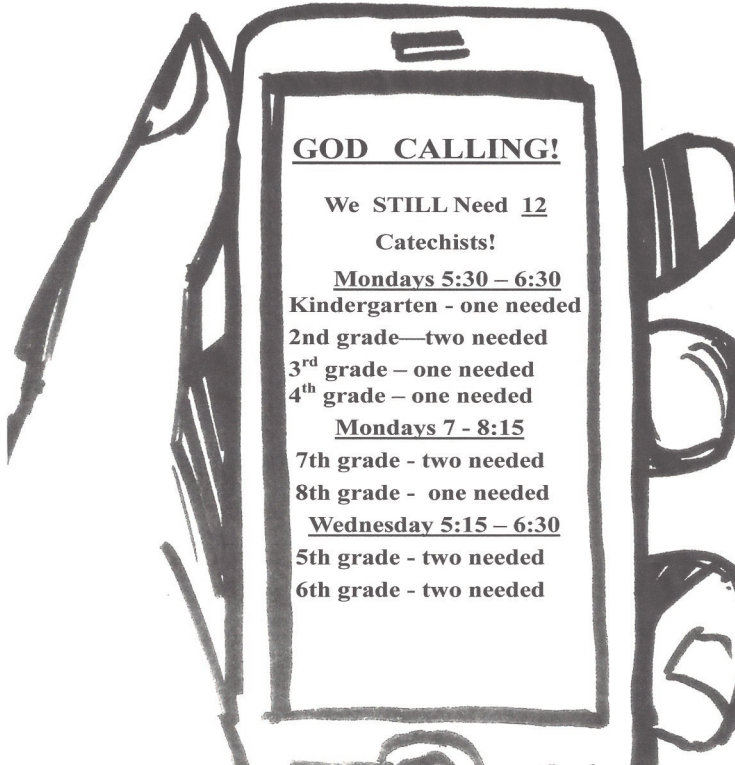
I am in Quebec City this weekend so I thank Father Jon Koehler and Father Matt Dupré for celebrating our Masses. I will return on Wednesday afternoon and should be back in the office on Thursday.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

#### Calling ALL catechists!!

If you are currently a catechist and **HAVE NOT CONTACTED June or Karen ABOUT RETURNING FOR THE 2018-2019 YEAR PLEASE DO SO SOON SO WE CAN SEE HOW MANY CATECHISTS WE WILL NEED.** If you think God may be calling you to be a catechist please contact us as well. There will be a Catechist Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16th at 6:30 P.M. in the Activity Center. 749—3387





### A VOCATION VIEW

In the gospel many people hunger for a small amount of food. In our day there are too many people for the small number of priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons. We too must trust in the Lord by praying for vocations and responding if we feel God is calling us to a Church vocation. If so, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday, August 4, 2018  
5:30 pm in Church



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to Lana Sarradet and family upon the death of her father, Louis Francois, Sr. Please keep them in your prayers.

### JUNE KC CALENDAR WINNERS

Darlene Hughes, Fay Hebert, Bobby Palermo, Grant Gauthreaux, Devin Lemoine, Paula Combs, Ashley Cavalier, Ernest Ritchie, Jacob Barbier, Mae Broussard, Cole Bourgeois, Van Junot, Antoine Lee, Tyler Landry, Catherine Miller, Elaine & Van Michel, Matthew Johnson, Dolores Guillot, Paul M. Levert, Loretta Blanchard, Leroy Plaisance, Maureen Mabile, Nancy Ritzmann, Bonna Micelli, Charles Jarreau, Margo Rivet, Rhett Frioux, Gary Russell, Mark Zeringue, Wallace Thibodeaux



*Congratulations to the following children who were baptized here last weekend and to their families: Brie Marie Ankeny, daughter of Joshua & Tracy Ankeny; Drake Patrick LeMoine, son of Zachary & Erin LeMoine, Corbin John Rills, son of Trey & Nicole R. Rills, and Bryson Robert Prejean, son of Chad & Meagan Prejean. WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!*

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### **Readings for the Week of July 29, 2018**

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 [17d]/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles - the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ.

In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the gods' own power. Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events, but they played little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples.

First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test him." Jesus has seen the crowds and "he himself knew what he was going to do," but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over." In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance.

In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honors our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption, just as we are.