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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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

He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned previously, we are now debt free, and I cannot thank you enough for your sacrificial giving which allowed for the restoration of the church and the repayment of the loan. I am continuing the monthly Building Fund collection on a purely voluntary basis so we can rebuild our savings to a healthy level.

You may have noticed that the gold candlesticks are missing from our high altar. They were in need of a good cleaning and polishing, and so I dropped them off to have that done. This is the type of smaller project that we can give attention to now that we are no longer burdened with a monthly loan payment.

A key component of our Confirmation Program is the annual Confirmation Retreat. A high school retreat can be an occasion to grow closer to God and to one another as classmates. It can also be a lot of fun. As such, the retreat is mandatory for all 11th graders, including those who attend Brusly High School, as well as those who attend a Catholic high school.

This year's retreat will again be a one-day retreat on Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Our 11th graders will have an opportunity to visit several sites on the prison grounds and hear talks given by the Catholic inmates. The retreat will then conclude with Mass at St. Augustine Chapel located on the prison grounds.

We will have a training session for new altar servers on Wednesday, June 20, at 5:00 p.m. Boys and girls entering the 5th grade and above are eligible to become altar servers so please speak to your child about serving. I am also planning to dedicate one 5th Grade Christian Formation class this fall to altar server training so that every 5th grader can receive a hands-on experience of this important ministry.

Please remember to mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held two weeks from now on Saturday, June 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. The dinner is our way of thanking all of you who contribute to the vitality of our parish through serving in one of our various ministries. Please RSVP to the parish office so we can plan the meal.

Registration continues for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 9-13, 2018. Forms are available in the back of church as well as on our parish website, and the deadline to register without incurring a late fee is June 29 so don't delay. VBS is open to children in grades K through 5th so sign up your kids for a week of fun, faith-filled activities. We need teachers and aides as well as participants and the forms for adult and youth volunteers are also located on our website. VBS is a joint effort of Holy Family and St. John the Baptist Parishes.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Catechists Needed for 2018-2019
Please Pray About Becoming A Catechist
THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM.
YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.

POPE FRANCIS

Registration and Volunteer forms are in the back of Church or online at www.sjb-brusly.com

Join us for
VBS 2018

July 9th - 18th



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any boy or girl who has completed the 4th grade and/or adults are eligible to serve! Please call the parish office (749-2189) if you are willing to serve.

A TRAINING SESSION HAS BEEN SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20th AT 5:00 PM IN THE CHURCH.

Knights of Columbus



Saturday, June 16, 2018

Pro-Life Rosary in Memory of the Unborn
4:00 pm in Church

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

PLEASE NOTE:

When logging on to the website to join the K.C.'s, you must know our local Council Number which is Council 10744.



DON'T FORGET THE FEAST!!

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Plans are in progress for this year's Feast on the Levee under the leadership of Natalie Palermo.

Please make plans to do whatever you can to help out! **WE NEED YOU!!**

Women's Silent Retreat "Following the Good Shepherd"

Saturday, June 30, 2018
10:30am-3pm
St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall
Plaquemine, La

You may register by calling St. John the Evangelist Church Office at 225.687.2402.

THE MOST SACRED *Heart of Jesus*

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 27, 2018

REGULAR:

173 Identified- - - - - \$5,874.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 843.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$6,717.00

Catholic Communications Campaign- - - - - \$452.00

June 3, 2018

REGULAR:

282 Identified- - - - - \$19,863.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 790.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$20,653.50

A VOCATION VIEW

"Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me. "What is God's will for you? Are you willing to do God's will? (Mark 3:20-35). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, frandrewmerrick@gmail.com or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the families of Mary Alexander Nickens, Bobbie Franklin and Joe Titone upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family & friends of Bobbie Franklin for their recent donations.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN
MEMORY OF
WAYNE KNOTTS.**

Congratulations

The following babies were baptized here last week-end: Congratulations to them and their families: Kaitlee Marie Courville, daughter of Dexter & Jillian Courville and Brynley Mae Simon, daughter of Brandon & Jessica Simon.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

Readings for the Week of June 10, 2018

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7bc]/
2 Cor 4:13--5:1/Mk 3:20-35
Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/
Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and
8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/
Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc,
13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf.
[cf 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever felt judged by your family? St. John Paul II noted that the family "is the cradle of life and love" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 40). Yet unmet expectations and divergent priorities can cause tension in even the most loving family situations. This is true for us, and it was true for Jesus!

In today's Gospel, Jesus has returned home to Nazareth. A large crowd gathered, and Jesus finds himself facing stiff opposition from his family. This was likely Jesus' large, extended family. The Semitic language has no specific words for extended relatives, so everyone is "brother" or "sister." The entire clan has gotten wind of Jesus' preaching, and they are not amused. "They set out to seize him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'" To make matters worse, the religious authorities even accuse Jesus of being possessed by a demon. It's a mess by any standards.

The family's perspective is perhaps understandable. In Jewish culture, teachers and scribes underwent intensive schooling and apprenticeships, none of which Jesus had done. The family knew Jesus the carpenter, not Jesus the rabbi. For them, Jesus' bold preaching threatened the reputation of their family!

Jesus' words to his family can seem controversial. "Who are my mother and my brothers?" Yet Jesus knows what he is about. He has always known he would be about the business of his Heavenly Father. And what is that business? It is the business of the new covenant and the Kingdom of God. In this Kingdom, we are all adopted sons and daughters of the King. Jesus begins, even now, to expand the perspective of his listeners. Being welcomed into this family does not depend on our families of birth or ethnic origin, but a wholehearted commitment to "do the will of God."