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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
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:16-17

Dear Parishioners,

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.

In the recent past, our retreat has been held at Rosaryville Retreat House near Ponchatoula, but this year we are trying something very different by traveling to the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. The Confirmation Retreat will be a one-day retreat scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2017.

At first glance a prison might seem like a strange place for a high school confirmation retreat. Entering the foreboding gates and passing through security can be scary and slightly unnerving. But the payoff for our discomfort will be the opportunity to hear talks on the beauty and importance of the Catholic faith from men who previously took that faith for granted. Please encourage your children or grandchildren who are entering the 11th grade to look forward to this retreat with open minds and hearts.

Registration continues for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held July 10-14, 2017. 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 30 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.

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held two weeks from now on Saturday, June 24, 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 will know how much food to prepare.

I will be out of town this Thursday afternoon through Friday morning, so we will have a Communion Service in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, June 16. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place as usual from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Congratulations to the LSU Tigers baseball team who are playing in the Super Regional this weekend. Their season has been a little bit up and down but I am still hoping they can finish strong and return to the College World Series. Congratulations also to the LSU Tigers softball team who made it to the Women's College World Series but unfortunately went 1-2 and were eliminated. They finished the year with a 48-22 record.

In Christ,
Father Matt



2017 VBS REGISTRATION



St. John the Baptist/Holy Family VBS - July 10—14 2017 - 9am—12 noon

MAKER FUN FACTORY— "Created by God built for a Purpose"

Registration and Volunteer Forms available at the Back of Church, in the Church Office, the Christian Formation Office and on-line at <http://www.sjb-brusly.com/> on the home page.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

JUNE 29, 2017

REGISTRATION FEE \$20 (FAMILY MAX \$60) GRADES K-5

LATE REGISTRATION WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$5 FEE PER FAMILY

for additional information contact

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Congratulations to Justin Randall Hughes, Davis Michael Richard & Morgan Hannah Richard all of our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral on Pentecost last Sunday.

Knights of Columbus

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, June 17—4:00 pm In Church

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, June 21—Activity Center

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

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Brusly:

I am thanking all of you in advance for welcoming me to your church parish. I am very excited to meet all of you and know this will be a great eight weeks in your parish. I already know a few people from Brusly, and for years I have heard all great things about the parish. In May I finished my third year in seminary at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. I am in the six-year program, so I am half way through. I am considered a second vocation guy because I entered seminary after having worked for twenty years. Seventeen of the working years were with PepsiCo. I was the Quality Control Manager of the production facility in Reserve, LA. It was a great job, however, when the corporate office decided on ceasing production at the facility I chose to leave the company instead of moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma where I was offered a relocation. In the next year while I was receiving a severance package I prayed and told God that I would do whatever He wanted me to do. I started meeting with my Pastor and my home Parish of Our Lady of Peace in Vacherie. After a few months of spiritual direction I gathered up enough courage to call Father Matt Dupre', my vocations director and start the application process. Time goes so fast that it is hard to believe that was all three years ago. Choosing to follow God and not looking back has been the best decision I have ever made! When I told friends and family about me entering seminary no one was shocked because although I had a career I was very involved in my church parish as a Knights of Columbus, Lector, Committed Adorer in our Perpetual Adoration chapel, and was Co-leader of our Contemporary Choir along with singing and playing acoustic guitar at Mass and for other liturgies including weddings and funerals. My mom and step-dad still live in Vacherie, and I have one older brother who is married and lives in Gretna with my niece and nephew. I graduated from Edward Douglas White Catholic High quite a few years ago. Being in a parish again will feel just like home and I again am thankful and grateful to you all and Father Matt Lorrain for opening your doors and heart to me this summer. May God bless us all today and always!!!

—Danny

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Married Life can be hectic and overwhelming. There never seems to be enough time. We are caught up taking care of everyone and everything except each other. You think, where can we find the time to talk and if we do, how can we really, fully understand and reach one another? There is an answer: Learn a new way to re-discover one another by using a unique communication that will bring new life to your relationship. Sign up today for a **World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It will be one of the most important and significant decisions you make **LAMS-wwwme.org** or call Jack & Angel Labate at 470-297-8569 or jackandangel@bellsouth.net. The next weekends are **July 14-16 and October 20-22, 2017 at the Bishop Robert Tracy Center in Baton Rouge.**

A VOCATION VIEW

God the Father, Creator. God the Son, Redeemer. God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we "go out to make disciples of all nations" we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest or religious? Call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Congratulations!

The following children were recently baptized here. We congratulate them and their families and welcome them into our faith community. Madison Katherine Lopez, daughter of Mathew & Jessica Lopez.; and James Robert Owens, III, son of Patrick & Annalane Owens.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF ALINE SONGY, SISSY PARSONS & KENNY GALLOWAY

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 28, 2017

173 Identified- - - - - \$5,964.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 634.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,598.00

Catholic Communications Campaign- - \$482.00

June 5, 2017

295 Identified- - - - - \$18,111.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 602.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$18,713.00

ROSARYVILLE RETREAT CENTER

Centering Prayer Workshop

June 29, 2017 (6:30—9:00 pm)

Have you wondered what Centering prayer was about? If so, this workshop is for you. You are invited to come and learn this way of prayer.

Contact Rosaryville at 225-294-5039 or email at sdavis@oppeace.org to register.

Readings for the Week of June 11, 2017

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/
2Cor 13:11-13/n 3:16-18

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/
Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/
1Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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The Most Holy Trinity

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." God wants us to be saved. To be saved from sin and the pain, misery, and despair that come with it. But God wants to do more than save us "from" bad things. God also wants to save us "for" good things. To save us for heaven, for holiness, for the happiness that doesn't fade away. God wants what's best for us.

That's why he sent his Son. He didn't send a servant or a slave. He didn't send a messenger or a minion. He sent part of himself, his own Son, the second person of the Trinity. This was obviously a mission of great love.

As we hear in today's reading, God gave his only Son, Jesus, "so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." To believe in Jesus is to accept two radical claims of Christianity. First, that God is the Trinity, three-persons-in-one-God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And second, that God loved us enough to become One of us through his incarnation. We refer to these things as "mysteries of the faith" because they aren't easy to explain or understand. But through faith, we can accept them and live according to them.

In this day and age, we are often discouraged from being people of faith. We are expected to accept scientific facts and figures, but when it comes to spiritual mysteries like the Incarnation or the Trinity, our culture tends to be skeptical. As Christians, we are called to bear witness to this culture. Through our faith, we can encourage others to accept that these mysteries are not fantasies. God has really sent his Son to save the world! Let us do our part to help "the world" to believe it's true.