



*June 18, 2017  
Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
Corpus Christi Sunday  
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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**

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

"Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58

Dear Parishioners,

I wrote a couple of weeks ago that long time employee Richard Rabalais is retiring for health reasons. Therefore, we now have a position open for a part-time employee to handle cleaning and light maintenance around the church and grounds. Richard was actually a full-time worker but in looking at the duties I think we can manage with someone available to work about 20-25 hours per week.

The duties include cleaning the church, office, and classrooms; vacuuming and mopping floors; emptying the trashcans; cleaning the bathrooms and restocking supplies; setting up the activity center for events and cleaning afterward; weeding the flower beds; and picking up paper on the church grounds. The ideal candidate would be someone who is reliable but does not need full-time employment.

We are somewhat flexible with the days and times, but would prefer to have someone here four or five days per week from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Interested persons should pick up an employment application from the church office. The hourly pay is negotiable depending upon experience.

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

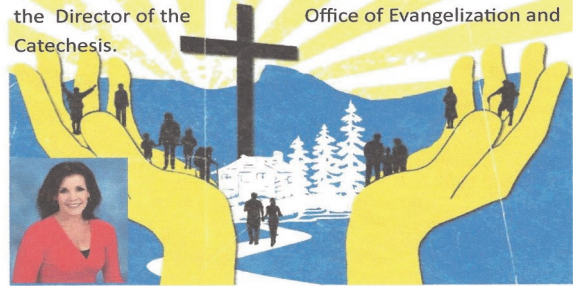
Our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner is this Saturday, June 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. The dinner is our way of thanking all of you who contribute to the vitality of our parish through serving in one of our various ministries. Please RSVP to the parish office so we will know how much food to prepare. By coincidence, June 24 is also the solemnity of the *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*, our patronal feast day.

Congratulations to the LSU Tigers baseball team on their return to the College World Series. Mississippi State head coach Andy Cannizaro has done a remarkable job in his first year as head coach, and defeating the Bulldogs in the Super Regional after sweeping them earlier in Starkville should give the Tigers some added momentum heading into the World Series. Let's hope for a successful trip to Omaha.

Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in our community!

In Christ,  
Father Matt

SJB Catechists had a wonderful retreat thanks to Dina Dow the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.



REFRESHED → CONNECTED → PURPOSED →

Thank You Dina Dow for an Awesome Catechist Retreat

VBS JULY 10 — 14 9am—12 noon  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE - JUNE 29, 2017

REGISTRATION FEE \$20 (FAMILY MAX \$60) GRADES K-5  
LATE REGISTRATION WILL INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL \$5 FEE PER FAMILY

#### SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH WILL OFFER FREE BREAKFAST TO ALL CHILDREN **JULY 17—JULY 20 FROM 8:30—9:30 IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER.** BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE A NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST FREE!





**PART-TIME CUSTODIAN  
& MAINTENANCE  
POSITION OPENING**

Presently seeking part-time (20-25 hrs./wk.) employee to handle cleaning and light maintenance around the church & grounds. Ideal candidate would be someone who is reliable but does not need full-time employment. Four or five days/week from 7:00 or 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Applications available in the parish office. Hourly pay is negotiable.



**A VOCATION VIEW**

By sharing the body and blood of Christ we are sealing our covenant with God. We are given the gift of life and asked to share it with others. If you feel God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

***Organizations***

**Knights of Columbus**

**Sunday, July 2**

- ⇒ Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass
- ⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

**MAY CALENDAR WINNERS**

Jeanne Acosta, Ronda Perrault, Betty Crochet, Kathy Stelly, Stephen Betters, Janet Richard, Jim & Edana Robnett, Blake LeBlanc, Gerald Robison, Dustin Bryant, Sydney Blanchard, Roger Dyer, Destine Simmons, Lynette Zeringue, Roger Morris, Erin Cordell, Joann Daigle, Lea White, Melinda Hunter, Amanda Register, KC Council #5352, Marvin L. Lyons, Sue Ellen Diamond, Phillip Deshotel, Wayne Mars, Angelique McGlothlin, Mark Devillier, Tommy Goodson, Briggs A. Richard, Patricia Hergruder, Angie & Brett Bergeron

**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Thanks to Joel & Janice Hebert for chairing the committee during the month of June. Chairperson for July will be Ruth Landry (749-3101/939-2007). Please give her a call with any concerns.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

Thanks to Opie Vidrine & her group for cleaning the church during the month of June. Patricia Lefeaux (749-3108) will be cleaning during the month of July. Please give her a call if you want to help.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**June 11, 2017**

**REGULAR:**

190 Identified- - - - - \$7,471.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 558.75  
**TOTAL- - - - - \$8,029.75**



***Congratulations!***

*Congratulations to Benjamin Joseph O'Brien and Alyssa Marie White who were married here last week!*

*Best wishes to Morris & Doris Bellelo who celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary on June 6, 2017.*



**STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN**

*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
**And so, He called it...DAD!**  
—Author Unknown*

**Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017**

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/  
1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58  
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6,  
16-18  
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/  
Mt 11:25-30  
Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/  
Pt 18-12/Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/  
Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/  
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016-2017**

Donna Badon  
John Begue  
Maria Bertrand  
Jamie Bourg, Secretary  
Chris Buckle, Chairman  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Jason Murphey  
Andrea Smicker  
Toni Tolar, Vice-Chairman  
John Windham



**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" From the beginning, the Eucharist has been a source of controversy. Some people have always found the teaching difficult to accept. But as Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament is at the heart of our worship and our spirituality; we go to Mass to share in the holy sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood, and we receive spiritual nourishment from partaking of this heavenly food. As Jesus himself tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

From this passage it is clear that Jesus intended the Eucharist to be a tremendous gift for us, for "whoever eats this bread will live forever." This of course is because the bread is Christ's "flesh for the life of the world." In other words, just as he gave his body on the cross to save us from our sins, so too this same flesh is given for us at every Mass to strengthen our weakness and unite us more deeply to our Savior.

Receiving Communion isn't like taking a magic pill, however. We must beware of reducing this sacrament to an empty ritual or a foolproof guarantee of heaven. No, it is quite possible to receive Communion unworthily and reject its spiritual efficacy. Just like the benefits of a healthy meal can be undone by a habit of binging on junk food, so too we can prevent holy Communion from having its full benefits when we crowd our souls with vices and sins. If, on the other hand, we wish to let this sacrament of divine grace flourish, we should receive it with a sincere spirit of gratitude and reverence, praying that we may be made worthy to receive such a gift.