



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*June 3, 2018*  
*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*  
*Corpus Christi*  
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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

*While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:22-24*

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, formerly known as Corpus Christi. The feast began in the 13<sup>th</sup> century as a result of the devotion and visions of St. Juliana of Liège. Within the very short time frame of just 35 years, Pope Urban IV added the feast to the Church's universal calendar in 1264.

A feast celebrating Christ's gift of the Eucharist naturally calls to mind the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. However the mood is quite different since Holy Thursday also anticipates the suffering of Christ on Good Friday. By contrast, today's feast falls in the afterglow of the Easter season and the corresponding emphasis on the Risen Christ. How blessed we are to be nourished by the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

As I mentioned last week, I was ordained on Saturday, May 31, 1986, on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I then celebrated my first Mass on Sunday, June 1, 1986, which just happened to be the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ that year. I have celebrated Mass thousands of times since then, but I still have a special attachment to this feast day which was the occasion of my very first Mass.

This Friday, June 8, is the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast is celebrated each year on the third Friday after Pentecost. Devotions on this Friday originally focused on the wounds of Christ. Catholics of the Middle Ages drew strength through meditating on the suffering of Christ. Over time the focus shifted to the love of Christ as symbolized by his sacred heart. The statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus above our main altar is a beautiful reminder of Jesus' unconditional love for his Church.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held 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. This includes liturgical ministries such as choir, décor, ushers, altar servers,

lectors, and Eucharistic ministers; Christian formation catechists and Sacramental preparation leaders; Feast workers; Bereavement Committee volunteers; Homebound and hospital visitation; Zippers; Food Bank; K.C.'s, Catholic Daughters; Altar Society; Cemetery Committee; and any others I may have missed. 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 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.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



### **ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Any boy or girl who has completed the 4th grade and/or adults are eligible to serve! We will be scheduling a training session soon. 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



## ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

*Men: Are You Ready to Accept the challenge?*

Our community needs strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values.

For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us and strengthening our parishes and families.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process.

As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including thousands of members in Louisiana, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus) to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



*Congratulations to the following children upon their baptism here last weekend. Tate Paul Guidry, son of Colt & Megan Guidry; Clarke Paul Spring, son of Davin & Jennifer Spring; Lyla Grace Ramagos, daughter of Michael & Blair Ramagos and Allie James Broussard,, daughter of Chad & Kori Broussard.*

**WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**



## CONGRATULATIONS!!

### JUST MARRIED:

*Sean Michael Forestier  
& Peyton Elizabeth Rhodes  
and*

*Caleb Joseph Wilson  
& Madison Casey Grimes*

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 27, 2018

### BUILDING FUND

February 2018—\$12,335.00

March 2018—\$11,837.00

April 2018—\$16,847.52

Loan Balance—April 2018—Paid in Full

## 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 calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framerrick@gmail.com](mailto:framerrick@gmail.com), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## Homebound/Hospitalized

We cannot get information anymore from hospitals concerning our parishioners due to the Privacy Act. If you know of someone who is in the hospital, please give us a call so that our ministers can visit.

Also, if you know anyone who is homebound and not able to attend Mass, please give us a call. We are presently updating our Friday and Sunday lists and would like to know as soon as possible if we need to add someone or take someone off the list.



*The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family of Donald "Duck" Hebert for their recent donations.*

**Our Social Responsibility & Catholic Daughters send thanks to Harry Landry and Troy Benoit for their help with preparing and serving the Graduates' meal last month!**



## Readings for the Week of June 3, 2018

Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/ Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday:	2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 [cf 2b]/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3. 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/ Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Lk 2:41-51
Next 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

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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

In our modern times, symbol can seem to have lost its value. The most recognizable "signs" are ones we see on the road or the branding in advertisements. The logos for major companies don't do much more than perk our interest or disdain. They surely don't deliver on their promises for our lives to be happier, healthier, and easier.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we hear the account of the Last Supper. This was Passover, an ancient sign of the covenant of Moses. The Hebrew people celebrated God's providential care for His people. To the listening disciples, Jesus makes a very bold claim. "This is my blood of the covenant." At the time of the first Passover -- the redemption of the Hebrew people from slavery to the Egyptians -- the blood of the sacrificial lamb was spread on the lintels of the doorpost. Tomorrow, some of the disciples would witness the blood of the new covenant spread across the wood of the cross.

Christ's Body and Blood are more than a sign. They are a sacrament. In the sacrament, the sign makes real what it signifies. More than ritual, a sacrament enacts truth of the covenantal love of God and His promise of fidelity. It's a promise God keeps. The same bread and wine of that first Holy Thursday liturgy becomes -- throughout the centuries and until the end of time -- the very Body and Blood of Christ. On this feast, we celebrate the unfailing covenantal love of our God. As you partake in the Eucharist today, and next Sunday, and the Sunday after that, remember that you receive neither a meaningless sign nor an empty offer. You receive God Himself, as He fulfills His promise to remain with us always.