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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
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

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome seminarian Danny Roussel to our parish this weekend. Danny is a native of Vacherie and a member of Our Lady of Peace Parish. He has completed three years of seminary studies with just three more to go, and will be helping out in our parish for about eight weeks in order to further his pastoral education.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held 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. 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 is now open 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.

Congratulations to Fathers Pat Broussard and Ryan Hallford who were ordained last Saturday and will be stationed at St. Thomas More and Holy Family Parishes respectively. We are especially excited to have one of the newly ordained stationed here on the west side of the River. I am sure Father Hallford will be a great asset to Holy Family Parish and School, as well as a great help to his neighboring parishes.

Our Diocese is also blessed to celebrate the ordination of seven men to the permanent diaconate next Saturday,

June 10, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Our new deacons have completed several years of preparation and are now ready to offer ministry in the parishes to which they are assigned. Some will also offer part time pastoral care at local prisons and nursing homes. Please say a prayer for them this week.

I mentioned last week that Deacon Sammy Collura recently exercised the option to retire from full time ministry. He has written a very nice letter which is enclosed with this week's bulletin. I once again thank Deacon Sammy for his devotion to the Church and for his generosity in serving our parish.

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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CATECHIST RETREAT—SUNDAY—JUNE 11TH

ALL CATECHISTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT 11:00 MASS

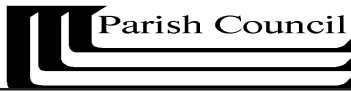
LUNCH IN ACTIVITY CENTER 12:00—12:45

RETREAT 1:00—4:30

PLEASE RSVP TO JUNE OR KAREN AT 225-749-3387 BY JUNE 5TH



Love. Grow. Serve.



The Parish Council will be holding its election at their meeting on June 14th. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on this committee, please pick up a nomination sheet from the shelf in the back of church and turn it in as soon as possible!

A VOCATION VIEW
 Come, Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Congratulations!

Baptized here last weekend were Rubi Leigh Moore, daughter of Joseph & Jenniffer Moore and Jaxson Paul Dicapo, son of Justin & Brittany Dicapo. We extend our congratulations to the children and their families and welcome them into our faith community!

Calling All Volunteers!!!

Do you sing in the choir? Serve in any liturgical ministries (altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, which includes ministers to the sick and homebound, or usher)? Are you a catechist (regular sessions or Vacation Bible or Sacramental Prep)? Work with the Zippers, Bereavement Committee, Altar Society, Food Pantry? Do you belong to the Catholic Daughters of America or Knights of Columbus or serve on the Cemetery Committee or Arts & Environment Committee, decorating the church for special occasions? Are you on a money counting team? Do you help with the Parish Fair or serve on the Parish Council?

Thank You

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families and friends of Paul Joe Gauthreaux and Pauline Cavaliere for their recent donations.



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ARE IN. PICK UP YOUR COPY AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

W.B.R. Museum

WATER TRAILS OF THE ATCHAFALAYA
 An exhibition at the W.B.R. Museum
 June 17—October 29, 2017

The museum is pleased to highlight Louisiana's rich natural diversity with an exhibit dedicated to the Atchafalaya Basin Swamp. Come celebrate Louisiana's greatest natural resource through the art and life-style it inspires!

The exhibit features photography by C.C. Lockwood, Greg Guirard, and others as well as original artwork by Louisiana native artists including Melissa Bonin, Shane Seneca, and Kenny Greig. Featured also will be cross sections of ancient cypress salvaged from the Basin. Visitors are encouraged to count the rings and guess their age.

You are invited to come and experience the beauty and diversity of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, America's Foreign Country.

Call 225-336-2422, Ext. 15 for more information.

The list is endless and we hope we didn't leave anyone out because we certainly appreciate everything that you do here at St. John the Baptist.

To show our appreciation we would like to honor you at the annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, June 24th in the Activity Center immediately following 4:30 pm Mass.

Please call the parish office (749-2189) to RSVP by Monday, June 19 so that we can let our caterers know how many to plan for. Benoit's will again be preparing the meal.

CERTAINLY HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

Readings for the Week of June 4, 2017

Sunday: Day	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/ Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/ Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/ Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/ Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8/ Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016-2017

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Pentecost Sunday

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Then, he said it again. And then, "he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" Jesus brings peace, and he brings the Holy Spirit. Peace, in fact, is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Today, on this feast of Pentecost, we remember the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came upon those first apostles and the peace that came along with it. But we do more than remember. We also celebrate the presence of this same Spirit in our midst.

Through the sacrament of baptism, every Christian receives the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in his or her soul. Thus, the gift of peace is already ours! The question is whether or not we have really begun to appreciate and utilize this most precious gift. Like the apostles who had locked themselves up "for fear of the Jews," we too are capable of imprisoning ourselves in our own anxieties. We fret and worry about the future, about our sufferings or our disappointments, and too often let these concerns stifle the true peace that Jesus offers us.

But the Church today urges us to rejoice and to step out in faith like the apostles who left their fears behind them. Peace not only alleviates our fears, it also frees us to live our faith to the fullest, to have the courage to take risks, and to leave our comfort zone for the sake of the Gospel. This is what we are called and, not only that, empowered to do. Anything less is a kind of spiritual poverty we bring upon ourselves. God has given us the gift of himself, present and available in every moment, every place, and every situation. May we recognize this most wonderful gift and give thanks with grateful hearts.