



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
 Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
 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
 Richard Rabalais..... Maintenance

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

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. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." **Mk 14:23-25**

Dear Parishioners,

This Monday, June 8, is June Hebert's first day on the job as our new Director of Christian Formation. We are fortunate to have her on our staff and I know she will continue to build upon the good foundation laid by those who came before her. Please support her with your prayers and other offers of assistance so we can help our children to grow in their knowledge and love of God.

Our new 11th graders are soon to begin their immediate preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. As I mentioned last year, Confirmation has usually been held during the Easter season in our parish but Bishop Muench asked some parishes to celebrate it earlier so that he can fit all of us into his schedule. So this year's Confirmation will once again be held earlier than usual on the evening of Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Confirmation completes the sacraments of initiation and qualifies the newly confirmed to serve as godparents at baptisms.

A key component of the immediate preparation for Confirmation is the Confirmation Retreat scheduled for Monday–Wednesday, July 27-29, 2015, at Rosaryville Retreat Center near Ponchatoula. A high school retreat can be a lot of fun and also an occasion to grow closer to God and to one another as classmates. This retreat is mandatory for all 11th graders including those who attend Brusly High School as well as those who attend a Catholic high school. It's a great opportunity to deepen one's faith so please encourage your children or grandchildren who are entering the 11th grade to reserve these important dates on their calendars.

Mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held on Saturday, June 27, 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 will know how much food to order.

We will have a training session for new altar servers on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 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. Current altar servers are also welcome to attend if they wish to review the procedures for serving at Mass.

Congratulations to Fathers Brad Doyle, Reuben Dykes, and Matthew Graham who were ordained last Saturday and will be stationed at St. George, Holy Family, and Christ the King parishes respectively. We are especially excited to have one of the newly ordained stationed here on the west side of the River. Congratulations also to the LSU and ULL baseball teams who are competing against one another in the Super Regional this weekend. It is a shame one of them has to lose but what a great accomplishment for both programs to have advanced this far.

In Christ,
Father Matt



MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER

Your presence and participation are what makes St. John the Baptist such a wonderful place to worship. Please come and let us show our appreciation at our Annual Ministry Appreciation Meal on **Saturday, June 27th** in the Activity Center immediately following 4:30 pm Mass.

Please call the Parish Office to RSVP no later than Friday, June 19th so that we can have a count for the caterer.

We look forward to an evening of fellowship and fun!



ALTAR SERVER PRACTICES

Practices have been scheduled for Altar Servers as follows:

NEW SERVERS:

Sunday, June 14 (2—3:30 pm)

PRESENT SERVERS:

Sunday, June 28 (2—3:00 pm)

Both sessions will be held in church.

Please make every effort to attend!

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!



NEEDED!!!

**Children's Church Catechist
for 11:00 am Masses.
Please call Karen (749-3387)
for more information.**



**Vacation Bible School 2015
St. John the Baptist/Holy Family
"Exploring Mt. Everest,
With God Everything is Possible"**

**July 13—17, 2015 (9 am—12 Noon)
Grades K—5**

Registration Fee \$20 (\$60 family max)

**Pick up registration forms in the parish office or in the back
of church. You can also download applications from our
website: sjb-brusly.com**

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 30, 2015

NEEDED!!!

**Adult & Youth Volunteers (Forms available in the Parish
Office and in the back of church).**

Call Jennifer LeJeune: 336-4463

Karen Lemoine: 749-3387 or June Hebert: 749-3387



***Prayers & Sympathy** are extended to
Evelyn Clouatre & family upon the death of
her brother, Bill Tullier and to Dane Dupuy
& family upon the death of his mother, Gwen
Dupuy. Please keep them in your prayers.*



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 24, 2015

REGLAR:

192 Identified- - - - - \$6,973.00

Loose Collection- - - - 699.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,672.00

May 31, 2015

REGULAR:

189 Identified- - - - - \$6,975.00

Loose Collection- - - - 582.38

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,557.38

Building Fund—April—\$13,645.32

Balance on Principal of Loan—\$565,597.71

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 Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org. or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Thank You!

The family of Bill Tullier would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food and visits at the time of Bill's death and funeral. A special thanks to the Bereavement Committee for their generosity and kindness in providing and serving the food following the funeral. The love of this community is so appreciated!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the families and friends of Leona Mayeux and Bill Tullier for their recent donations.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE OFFICE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

"Married and in Love...Most of the Time!"

Enrichment Day

Saturday, July 18, 2015

All married couples are invited to spend a day learning and laughing together to strengthen their marriages.

This one-day marriage enrichment program will cover such topics as: "Talking in the Safe Zone" or how to have "Affection All Day" or how to "confront so Everyone wins". The program is a great opportunity to look at the positive side of your marriage and learn new techniques for deepening your connection to one another and to God. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and the Office of Marriage and Family Life.

The cost for the day is \$40, which includes lunch and all materials. Complimentary child care provided.

Readings for the Week of June 7, 2015

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16

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

Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/
Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37

Immac. Heart: Is 61:9-11/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.'" Celebrating the Passover meal was nothing new for the disciples. They shared bread and wine with their families and friends at this special ritual meal every year as a part of their Jewish heritage. But when they were making preparations for this particular sacred supper, they did not know how different this meal was going to be.

On this night, Jesus changed the formula. Instead of hearing only the ancient words of the Passover prayers that his followers probably knew by heart, they heard these new, unexpected, and, frankly, quite dramatic words: "This is my body ... This is my blood." Nobody had ever made such an unusual claim before. But this was more than a statement. It was a command. Not only did Jesus enlighten his disciples about the miracle taking place as the bread and wine became his body and blood, but he also ordered them to "take it." Being passive observers was not enough. Jesus wanted his followers to be personally involved in accepting and receiving his body and blood.

The gift of the Eucharist that Jesus instituted for all believers at that Last Supper is not just a sign or a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice. It is something that we are called to participate in. He has given us the instruction to take the eucharistic bread--his body hidden within it--and to make it part of ourselves. Through this great sacrament, which we celebrate on today's feast of Corpus Christi, we are able to be united, in a deeply mystical yet truly physical way, to our Lord and Savior. This union brings about the promise in today's Alleluia from John's Gospel: "Whoever eats this bread will live forever."