



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
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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,

Next Saturday, June 14, seminarians Brad Doyle, Reuben Dykes, and Matthew Graham will be ordained deacons for the Baton Rouge Diocese. They are beginning their final year of seminary training and are set to serve a five month parish internship before returning to the classroom in October. Their ordination will take place at 10:00 a.m. at St. Aloysius Church in Baton Rouge due to construction at St. Joseph Cathedral. Brad has been assigned to St. Alphonsus Parish, Reuben to Sacred Heart Parish, and Matthew to Our Lady of Mercy Parish for their respective internships.

On the home front, our 11th graders are soon to begin their immediate preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation has usually been held during the Easter season in our parish but Bishop Muench has asked some parishes to celebrate it earlier so that he can fit all of us into his schedule. So this year's Confirmation will be held earlier than usual on the evening of Thursday, January 15, 2015. 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 28-30, 2014, 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.

As someone who attended public schools for most of my life, I did not have an opportunity to make a retreat until I was in college. I signed up for an Awakening Retreat sponsored by the Catholic Student Center and it changed the course of my life. I later attended a silent retreat at Manresa and it furthered the development of both my faith and prayer life, so I encourage all of you to make a retreat at some point if

you have not already done so. We are fortunate to have retreats for men, women, married couples, young adults, and teenagers all located within driving distance of our parish. Don't be afraid to try one in order to reignite or deepen your faith.

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held three weeks from now on Saturday, June 28, 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.

Congratulations to Father Joshua Johnson who was ordained last Saturday and will be stationed at Christ the King Parish for his first parish assignment. Congratulations also to the LSU baseball team for a great run even though they did not advance in the NCAA Tournament. Good luck to the ULL Ragin' Cajuns in the Super Regional!

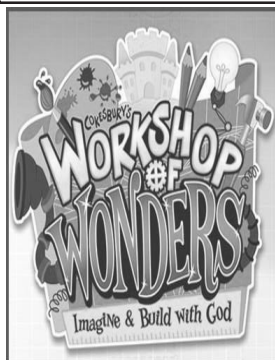
In Christ,
Father Matt

Attention Youth

REAL WORLD SERVICE CAMP

Join other youth from around the Diocese at the Real World Service Camp and the Change graduate program. Teens will be housed at St. Isidore Catholic Church, and serve in Baton Rouge and New Orleans area from July 22-26. It is open to 9th grade and above. Cost is \$100.

For more information and to register, visit www.realworldservicecamp.com or contact Julie at julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com.



VACATION BIBLESCHOOL

July 14–17

Grades K–5 \$25/child

Registration is now open!

Come to the

Christian Formation Office or

download from our

website, sjb-brusly.com

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

Our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 28th in the Activity Center immediately following 4:30 pm Mass. If you serve in our parish in any ministry we invite you to join us for a relaxing evening of food and fellowship. COME & LET US SERVE YOU! Please call the Parish Office by Monday, June 23rd to RSVP. Hope you can join us!

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

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Imelda "Poopie" LeJeune & family upon the death of her brother, Harry Joseph Hernandez, to Corinne Daigle & family upon the death of her brother, James Courtade and to the family of M.J. Tullier upon his recent death.. Please keep them in your prayers.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Aniston Kate David, daughter of Joshua & Kathryn David; Mary Ellis Haydel, daughter of Martin & Annie Beth Haydel; Mollie Simone Moore, daughter of Joseph & Jennifer Moore

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 25, 2014

Regular:

197 Identified- - - - - \$6,769.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 475.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,244.00

June 1, 2014

Regular:

277 Identified- - - - - \$12,316.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 428.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$12,744.00

Catholic Communications Campaign—\$552.00
Building Fund (May) - \$12,192.08

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. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 or email to mdupre@diobr.org.

Bereavement Ministry

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Started in September 2004, we are now blessed to have over 180 members of the Bereavement Committee who assist with preparing and serving food after funerals at St. John the Baptist Church. The Monthly Group Leaders and the pastor meet as needed to review the guidelines and make improvements.

1. A full meal is offered to parishioners and members of their household. (Household members will be defined as mother, father spouse or children.)
2. A meal may also be offered after the funeral of a non-Catholic spouse or child of a registered parishioner.
3. In cases where the family wishes to gather at a private home or a place other than the parish activity center following the burial, then food will be delivered, but committee members are not obligated to stay and serve.
4. In cases of former parishioners who return home to SJB for their funeral Mass and burial in our church and cemetery, a sandwich tray will be given to the family following the funeral.
5. A meal will be provided after the funeral of any priest who is buried here.
6. Committee members are asked to say grace at the start of the serving of the meal.

Readings for the Week of June 8, 2014

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 20:19-23
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

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Pentecost Sunday

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" What did the disciples think at this moment? They had witnessed a lot of astonishing things in their time with Christ: healing the sick, multiplying the loaves and fishes, turning water into wine, walking on water, and now the Lord's resurrection from the dead, among other things. But Jesus had never breathed on them before. And in this case, nothing dramatic seemed to take place. Perhaps the disciples wondered if anything had actually happened. Jesus spoke about the Holy Spirit, but other than the breeze from his breath, they didn't experience anything unusual.

Until Pentecost. Then, the wind changed. "Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind," the first reading tells us. Now the drama unfolded as the Holy Spirit was revealed in "tongues as of fire," and the once fearful disciples began to proclaim the Gospel with courage and conviction. Clearly, something had happened when Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. But they didn't really put the gift to use until later, "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled."

What gifts have we received that we haven't put to use? What graces lay dormant in our souls? At baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit and at confirmation, the gifts and fruits of the Spirit are given to us in their fullness. These sacraments are like receiving the breath of Christ. But have we experienced our own personal Pentecost? Have we allowed these supernatural gifts to rise to the surface of our lives? On this anniversary of the Holy Spirit's arrival, may we follow St. Paul's advice and "stir into flame the gift of God that you have" (2 Tm 1:6).