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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
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.

"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

Dear Parishioners,

March 13 was the first anniversary of the election of Pope Francis as head and shepherd of the Catholic Church. The Pope's twitter message to all of the faithful on his anniversary was "Please pray for me." Since prayer is one of the pillars of our Lenten practice we should all make a commitment to include the Holy Father in our daily intercessions.

Although leadership comes with certain privileges, it also carries a heavy burden of responsibility. Political, military, business, education, and religious leaders all stand in need of our prayers for wisdom, integrity, and courage to make the right decisions for the well-being of their citizens, employees, students, and parishioners.

I pray for Pope Francis and Bishop Muench every day as part of my morning prayers. I also include Father Than Vu, our vicar general who is struggling with lung cancer and who assists Bishop Muench in the administration of our Diocese. I typically pray for my brother priests, my family, and of course for all of you my parishioners. Please pray for me as well that I may be a holy priest and a good pastor for our parish.

Being a former vocations director I also pray for vocations, our seminarians and seminary faculty, and Father Matt Dupre. Last week I mentioned that Father Matt is hosting another "Andrew Dinner" for prospective candidates and Bishop Muench on Sunday, April 6, 2014. In addition he is also promoting the next "Come and See" weekend at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington scheduled for April 11-13, 2014. It is open to high school juniors and seniors, and college age young men who are considering the priesthood. Since I printed a prayer for vocations in last week's bulletin, here is a prayer for Pope Francis:

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Francis, our Pope, and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our first ever St. John the Baptist "Senior Prom" is this Friday, March 28, from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Participants must be 50 years old or older in order to qualify for this special event with music provided by *Penalty Box*. We also have another Blood Drive next Sunday, March 30, so please donate if you are able.

I continue to remind you of our two-night Parish Mission this Lent led by Mr. Cooper Ray, former Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The theme of the mission is "The Call" and Cooper's talks will explore the Gospel call to holiness, relationship, and mission. Cooper will offer a few words of introduction at all of our Masses the weekend of April 5 & 6, before giving his main presentations at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6 and Monday, April 7. Please reserve the dates on your calendar and join us for two nights of prayer, witness, and song.

In Christ,
Father Matt

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

*He was scourged for us!
He was crowned with thorns for us!
He carried His heavy cross for us!*



Can we not spend one hour with Him?
Eucharistic Adoration offers us many hours to thank God for the suffering he endured for our sake.
All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, April 4th at 8pm thru Saturday, April 5th at 8 am.
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church.
Call Julie (749-8260) or Mary (324-5289) for more information.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday through Thursday—8:00 am

Friday Schedule:

Adoration: 2:30 pm
Confessions—5:00-5:30 pm
Benediction—5:40 pm
Mass— 6:00 pm
Way of the Cross—6:30 pm



LET'S GO TO THE HOP!

Grab your partner and come out and join in the fun.
SENIOR PROM
Ages 50+

Anyone younger than 50—Come out and see how the Seniors did it in their time!

AT THE HOP

Featuring the band: PENALTY BOX

Friday, March 28 (7—10 pm)

Wear your favorite 50's Outfit or Dressy Attire!

Come Vote for Prom King and Queen!

Tickets \$15/person

Please call ASAP so we'll know how many people to expect.



JUNIOR HIGH LOCK IN

Friday, April 11 (8pm—8am)

Cost: \$30 (covers food, activities and inflatable)

SJB Activity Center

Parents—If you are available to help please contact Julie.

SAVE THESE DATES

Parish Mission—April 6-7 (7:00 pm)

SJB Parish Mission Featuring Cooper Ray

Vacation Bible School (July 14—17, 2014)

St. John the Baptist/Holy Family

K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS—FEBRUARY

Brooke Daigle, Sydni & Brooks Alleman, Ricky Braud, Deenie Marquette, Travis Johns, Thomas & Susan Hue, Debbie Taylor, Roland Dartez, Jean Flurry, Will Barker, Shane Bercegeay, Dana Kimble, Ellie Rivet, Brody Soniat, Richard Dobson, Joseph Ducote, Bernard Carter, Sr., Kahne Wolverton, Isabella Pollet, Earl Richard, Heidi Rivet, Tony Bianca, Lionel Dugas, Jody Guillory, Morris Crochet, Natalie Kershaw, Dienna Landry, Susanne Hergruder.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 16, 2014

REGULAR:

249 Identified- - - - - \$8,707.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 832.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,539.33

A VOCATION VIEW

If we open ourselves to Jesus as did the Samaritan woman, then His grace will help us to know ourselves as He knows us and to follow His call—perhaps as a priest, brother or sister. If God is calling you, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



CDA SCHOLARSHIP 2014

CDA Court St. John the Baptist #2079 will award a \$500 undergraduate scholarship to a graduating female high school senior who is a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish in Brusly. The deadline for returning the scholarship form is Monday, April 7, 2014. For more info and forms, contact Laura Mayeux at 749-2144 or 278-3563 (texting available with this number.)



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Rosemary Babin & family upon the death of her husband, Walter Babin. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will be held on Wednesdays, March 26 and April 2 & 9 (6 pm—7pm) during Lent at the following churches:

- ⇒ St. Mary's in New Roads
- ⇒ Immaculate Heart of Mary—Maringouin
- ⇒ St. John the Baptist—Brusly
- ⇒ St. John the Evangelist—Plaquemine

Everyone is invited. This is a perfect opportunity for reconciliation during the Lenten Season.



The Sanctuary Candle is burning in thanksgiving for favors received and for a friend's full recovery.

Readings for the Week of March 2, 2014

- Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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3rd Sunday of Lent

"I am he, the one speaking with you." Jesus reveals his true identity to an anonymous woman, and a Samaritan at that. She speaks about the Messiah only to discover that she is speaking with the Messiah! How does this woman, this non-disciple and non-Jew, this perfect stranger earn the right to such a direct revelation? Why does Jesus choose her?

For the same reason he chooses us. Out of love. The "woman at the well" did not earn her place at the side of Christ. She did nothing to merit this life-changing encounter. In fact, the reading implies she was a sinful woman. Yet Jesus approached her first. He asked her for a drink, and then looked for an opportunity to offer her the "living water" that would quench her deepest thirst.

This is what Jesus has done for us. As Saint Paul says, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). He offers us the gift of salvation, the "spring of water welling up to eternal life." We don't earn this gift; Jesus paid for it on the cross. In other words, we get to drink without having to dig the well. As Jesus tells his disciples, "others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Of course, we must be willing to "drink" by accepting the gift Christ offers, orienting our lives around it. Like the woman who "left her water jar and went into the town" to testify, we are called to leave behind our old life of sin and selfishness once we accept our new life in Christ. Indeed, Lent is the season that prepares us for such a dramatic rebirth. We pray and fast and give alms, not to earn the joy of Easter, but to be ready to drink it in.