



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
Pedro Garcia 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 the Parish Office

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten Mission is this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 1-3, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. Our retreat director is Father Whitney Miller of the Diocese of Lake Charles, and the theme for this year's mission is "Living the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love." All Christian Formation classes are cancelled this week in favor of the Mission, so I hope you will be able to join us for one or more nights of the Mission.

Bishop Michael Duca invites everyone to join him this Friday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral for a special Way of the Cross in Reparation for the sin of sexual abuse within the Church, and for the graced healing of body, mind, and spirit for those betrayed by that great sin. All are welcome to attend, or to join the Bishop in prayer from your own home on Friday.

Our monthly 12 hour period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 p.m. this Friday, April 5, and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, April 6. All are invited to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration during the night or early morning. You are free to sit or kneel in silent prayer, or pray the rosary, or engage in spiritual reading and meditation while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Family Parish and School have their annual "Bear Fair" this Friday & Saturday, April 5 & 6, 2019. The fair opens at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and will include food, rides, and musical entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m. The silent auction opens Friday and ends at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and is followed by a live auction beginning at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Lastly, barbecue chicken plates will be sold on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please help support this important fundraiser and community builder for the school.

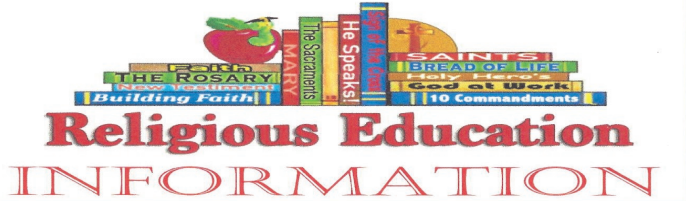
Our Catholic Daughters are holding their annual Jambalaya dinner fundraiser on Sunday, April 14, so please support them and their good work by purchasing a dinner or two. Jambalaya tickets are available from CDA members and will also be sold after all Masses this weekend and next.

Also, we have placed the "Fill a Prescription for the Needy" container in the rear of church to benefit the

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy. This is an annual fundraiser which helps to provide free prescriptions to those with limited incomes. To donate, you simply place your money in an empty prescription bottle and drop it in the container. Bottles are provided for your donation or you may bring one from home.

We recently met with the contractor who is building our new mausoleum and he informed us that he is ready to begin construction sometime in the middle of April. The project should take about six months to complete depending on the weather. We will also have him do a little repair work on the south side of the old mausoleum while he is here. We noticed that some of the brackets which hold the granite covers in place need attention.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Religious Education INFORMATION

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
MONDAY, APRIL 1ST, TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND
AND WEDNESDAY APRIL 3RD
DUE TO LENTEN MISSION





LAST CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS WILL BE A MASS
TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH—MASS K-8—**EXCEPT 5TH GRADE**
10TH GRADE LAST CLASS, TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED CATECHISTS WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH HERE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 9—12 IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER

FIRST COMMUNION
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH— 2:00 P.M. IN CHURCH
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN ACTIVITY CENTER

5TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY—NO MASS ON TUESDAY
The 5th grade students **WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY ON Wednesday, APRIL 10TH** from 6:30—7:30 p.m. to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will meet in the Activity Center at 6:15 to check roll and then proceed to church.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR THEM TO BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP.



TABERNACLE – PART ONE

The place of Eucharistic reservation is an important feature of our Catholic worship spaces. It is called a tabernacle and means “tent”. It refers to the tent/sanctuary that was the primary place of worship of the Israelites prior to the construction of the Temple. Consecrated hosts are reserved in the tabernacle for distribution to the sick, adoration, devotion outside of Mass and if needed during Mass. St. John the Baptist has three tabernacles—one each in the altars dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph and the primary tabernacle in the Sacred Heart reredos (to which was once attached the main altar table).

The primary tabernacle is metal and fitted with a lockable curved sliding door. The door frame is ornamented with a design of carved vines and foliage. The door is designed with three angels with their hands clasped in reverence and wings outstretched upward. Typically two are shown on the door or placed on each side of the structure in reference to the cherubim affixed to the Ark of the Covenant or worked into the design of Temple veil. Our tabernacle is somewhat unique in its depiction of three angels.

Just above the tabernacle in the wood columns flanking it are seemingly incongruent holes. These were for a rod which held a veil. The veil shielded the interior when the priest opened the door. This related directly back to our Jewish roots and the veil separating the Holy of Holies from the remainder of the Temple. The parting of the veil during Mass recalled scripture when the Temple veil was torn from top to bottom at Jesus’ death and the institution of the new covenant between God and His people.

—Submitted by *Brian Falcon & Fr. Matt*

A VOCATION VIEW

Like the father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If He is challenging you, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Our RCIA Candidates are *Madisen Allain, Deborah Ansley, Melanie Chauvin, Mattie Cutrer, Michael Hebert and Carol O’Pry.*

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments at Easter.

FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THE NEEDY!

Containers are on the shelf in the back of church. Take a bottle from the small container, place your donation in it and put the bottle in the large container.



NOTICE!

Our Church Parish is looking forward to hosting a parish-wide Supper and Substance event for married couples. We are currently in need of married couples to help plan and coordinate the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kayla Reggio at 225-405-9207 or kreggio1812@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This weekend the Knight of Columbus are celebrating their 137th Founder’s Day. On March 29, 1882, the State of Connecticut recognized a group of Catholic men, led by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, as a new organization dedicated to living the ideal of charity and to helping people in need. The Brusly Council #10744 joins in this international birthday celebration honoring all past and present members who have carried on the traditions of Charity, Service, Faith, Community, Family and Life.

Catholic Daughters

Benefit Catholic Daughters of the Americas
COURT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST No. 2079
Annual Jambalaya Dinner
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ACTIVITY CENTER
Sunday, April 14, 2019
Serving 11 AM to 1 PM
Take Out or Eat In
DONATION.....\$7.00
Tickets donated by BUSINESS FIRST BANK

CDA members will be selling tickets before and after Masses this weekend and next weekend. Please help support this fundraiser

Our SJB CDA Court #2079 announces the \$500 annual scholarship given to a graduating, confirmed, female parishioner. Applications are available by emailing Laura Mayeux at lmyu2084@gmail.com or picking them up from Mrs. June in the parish office. All applications forms are due by Tuesday, April 9, 2019. A letter has also been sent to all 2018 lady confirmands’ parents. An application has been included with these mailings.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

March 24, 2019

REGULAR:

203 Identified- - - - - \$6,390.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 929.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,319.00

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/
Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and
23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!