



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
 catholic church

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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

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
 Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
 June Hebert Director of Religious Education
 Pedro Hernandez Custodian
 Layne Mire Parish Secretary
 Celeste Veillon Music Director
 Lil Stutes Mothers' 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 – Please 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.

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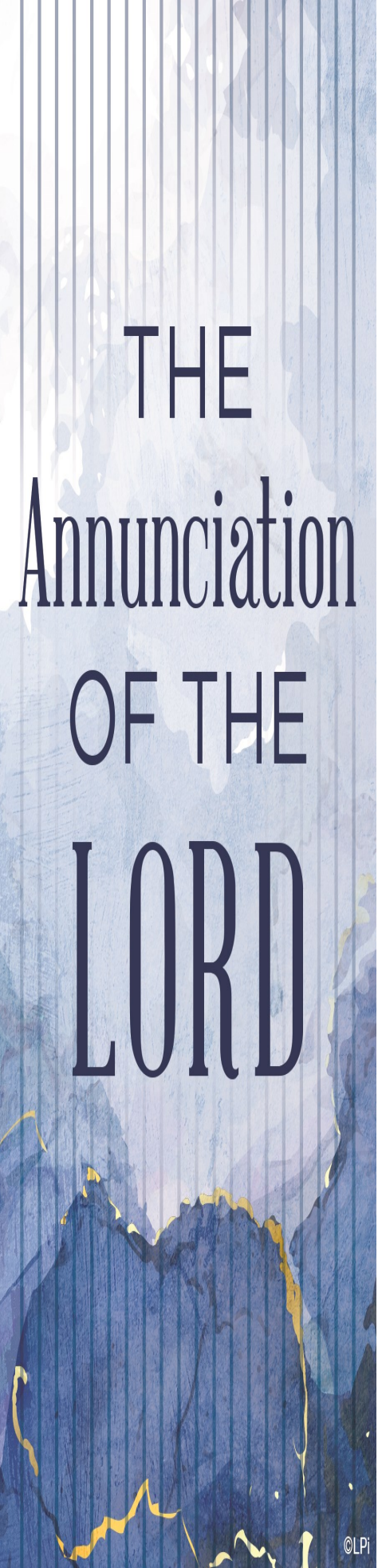
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
 For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.



THE
Annunciation
OF THE
LORD

Dear Parishioners,

I was invited to attend the installation Mass of Bishop Shelton Fabre as the new Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky, and so will be leaving next Sunday, March 27, in order to make the drive to Louisville. His installation is on Wednesday, March 30, so I will be out that whole week and plan to return sometime on the evening of Friday, April 1.

In my absence, Father Jon Koehler will celebrate the 7:30 Mass, and Father David Allen the 9:00 & 11:00 Masses, next Sunday, March 27. We will have Communion Services in place of the weekday Masses on Tuesday – Friday, March 29 – April 1.

Louisville was founded in 1778 by George Rogers Clark, and named in honor of King Louis XVI of France in gratitude for France’s assistance in the Revolutionary War. That was about 100 years after our own state of Louisiana was named for King Louis XIV by Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle in 1682. And by contrast, the city of St. Louis, Missouri, founded in 1764 by French traders, was not named for the current king of France but for the canonized St. Louis IX.

The first diocese in Kentucky was the Diocese of Bardstown, created in 1808 from the primal see of Baltimore. It included a huge territory much larger than the current state of Kentucky, and extended from the Allegheny Mountains to the Mississippi River. In 1841, the seat of the diocese was moved to Louisville which was experiencing significant growth due to the influx of German and Irish immigrants.

This Friday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, observed exactly nine months before the celebration of Christmas. In commenting on this solemnity, Father Leonard Foley, OFM, writes, Mary “is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become.”

We have a very nice tradition in Brusly of celebrating the Annunciation by reciting the *Angelus* prayer just before our weekday Masses. The *Angelus* concludes with the following prayer:
“Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.”

Our neighbors at Holy Family Parish and School have their annual “Bear Fair” on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, April 1, 2, & 3, 2022. 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 hours on Saturday are from 10:00 am – 11:00 pm, with live music beginning at 1:00 and again at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, the final day, the fair will run from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please help support this important fundraiser and community builder for the school.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Pictured with Fr. Matt Lorrain are the RCIA 2022 Candidates, Kevin Rubio, Madison Laprarie, Hope Zettlemoyer and Trace Trahan, who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 16th.



Organ Fundraiser Parties

After the church burned in 1907, our organist, Ms. Aurelie Levert, mounted a fundraiser for a new organ. To begin the fund, she donated the previous payments for her services.

As most of us will agree, a party is a great way to raise money. That was the second part of Aurelie's plan. She coordinated six parties to be held at various locations, most hosted in the homes of parishioners. Each had a theme with corresponding refreshments provided by the hosts. The proceeds of admission along with the sale of refreshments were donated to the organ fund.

The parties commenced on the first Sunday of Lent and proceeded as follows:

- Dr. and Mrs. Mark W. Levert home: Iceland (Ices): Refreshments included ice cream, cookies and sandwiches. The Mark Levert home is a large Victorian house still standing on East St. Francis Street.
- Mr. and Mrs. Olga Mary home: Holland (A Dutch Beer Party) – Refreshments included beer, sandwiches and other appropriate food.
- Mr. and Mrs. August Levert, Jr. home: Japan – Refreshments included tea, rice cakes, sandwiches and sweets. The Levert home was the St. Delphine mansion south of Addis.
- Mr. and Mrs. Emile Gassie home: Unknown – The party was cancelled due to inclement weather. This home is better known to us today as Sandbar Plantation.
- Palm Sunday – Mr. and Mrs. William Gassie, Sr.'s home: Italy – A spaghetti meal was served to attendees. This home was a 2 ½ story mansion formerly located near the intersection of Hwy 1 and East Main Street.
- Easter Sunday – The St. Francis Catholic School auditorium: United States Themed Ball – The auditorium was decorated with bunting and American flags. St. Francis was a private school operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph and located on St. Matthew Street.

We have Mrs. Mary Olga Gassie Landry to thank for recording the party fundraisers in her books about the William Gassie home and St. Delphine.

History provided by Brian Falcon.

CHRISTIAN FOMATION

5th & 6th Grade:

These students **MUST** attend the Stations of the Cross and Reconciliation from 6:30-7:00pm on Wednesday, April 6th. Please meet in the Activity Center at 6:15pm and proceed to Church. These students **DO NOT** have class on March 30th.

First Eucharist Sacramental Prep:

All 2nd Grade Students from Religion Classes & Catholic Schools **MUST** attend Sacramental Prep Classes on April 11th or 12th from 5:30-6:30pm in the Activity Center.

First Eucharist Retreat:

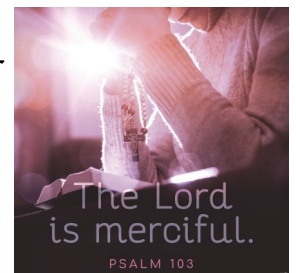
All 2nd Grade Students from Religion Classes & Catholic Schools and **ONE** Parent **MUST** attend the Retreat on April 30th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center.

First Eucharist

Sunday, May 1st at 2:00pm in Church

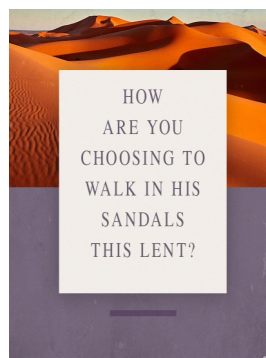


*The Sanctuary
Candle burns in memory of
Diana Bouvier,
Mr. & Mrs. Rickie Bouvier,
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Adams,
and Mr. & Mrs. Moise Vegas.*



**Prayers and Sympathy
are extended to the
families of
L.J. LeBlanc
&
Joyce Mauffray Allday
upon their deaths.**

The Altar Society needs your help this month to clean the Church. If you can lend a hand, please call Carolyn Bourgeois, 776-3325.



Will you follow Jesus as a priest, brother, sister or deacon?

**If you are seeking a religious vocation, please contact
Father Josh Johnson,
225-336-8778,
jjohnson@diobr.org
or visit: www.diobr.org/
vocations**

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

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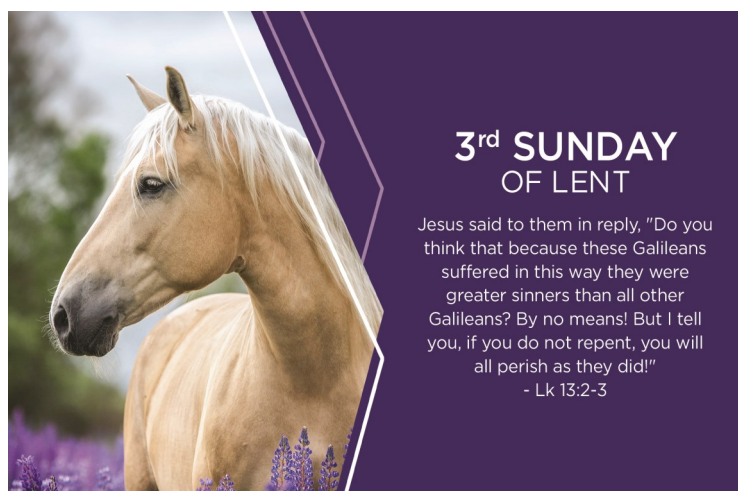
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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"
- Lk 13:2-3

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

- Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next 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

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.