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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
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Wayne Delapasse..... 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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, ' He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

Dear Parishioners,

November 4-10 is National Vocation Awareness Week for Catholics in the United States. Please join me in offering prayers that our parish may produce more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.

Our "Book of Remembrance" will remain in church by the St. Joseph's altar for the entire month of November. The book and accompanying candle serve as a visible reminder to offer prayers for our beloved dead and for all who have gone before us in faith. Feel free to write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be remembered in our prayers.

In honor of the upcoming Veterans Day we are planning to honor all of our veterans at our 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, November 11, 2018. The ongoing conflicts around the world have served as a necessary reminder of the debt we owe to our service men and women who work to build peace and protect our country from terrorism. All veterans and their families are invited to attend the Mass so that we can offer our prayers and gratitude.

"Giving Tuesday," or the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, is dedicated to online charitable giving. This year the Diocese of Baton Rouge is once again partnering with other Dioceses in the region to promote #iGiveCatholic in support of our parishes and schools. This completely online fundraising drive will take place on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 12:01 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. On that day, friends and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church will be able to use their credit cards to help us raise funds to purchase new hymnals for our church. Please visit <https://igivecatholic.org/> for more information, and search for our parish under the Diocese of Baton Rouge listing.

We continue our search for a new custodian/maintenance director to succeed Wayne Delapasse upon his retirement. The duties include cleaning the church, office, and classrooms; vacuuming and mopping floors; emptying the trashcans; cleaning the bathrooms and restocking supplies; setting up the activity

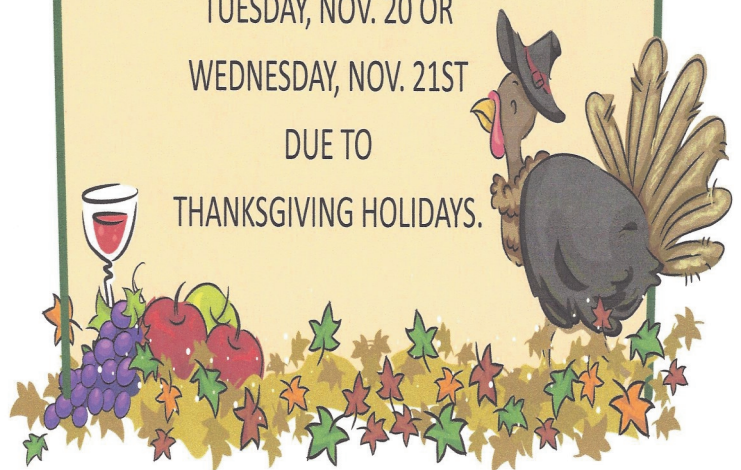
center for events and cleaning afterward; weeding the flower beds; and picking up paper on the church grounds. We are somewhat flexible with the days and times, but would prefer to have someone here four or five days per week from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons should pick up an employment application from the church office. The pay is negotiable depending upon experience.

Thank you very much for all that you contributed, whether in the form of prayers, donations, volunteer service, or attendance, to last Sunday's "Feast on the Levee." God provided some beautiful weather which made for a very enjoyable day and a further testament to the vitality of our parish community. I wish to especially thank our chairperson, Natalie Palermo, for her outstanding leadership in coordinating the day's activities. We will publish the financial report as soon as all of the numbers are tabulated.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION INFORMATION

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION
CLASSES ON MONDAY, NOV. 19,
TUESDAY, NOV. 20 OR
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21ST
DUE TO
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.





Thanks to Natalie Palermo, Fair Chairperson and to all the cooks, booth workers, auction workers, raffle tickets sales and purchasers, and especially to God for the beautiful day! Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our fair and made donations! We enjoyed another fun-filled, community day for our Feast! Listed below are the raffle ticket winners.

SUPER RAFFLE

First Prize (\$4,000) Mike Borruano
 Second Prize (\$1,000) Bill Garlington
 Third Prize (\$500) Pat Durbin

REGULAR RAFFLE

First Prize (\$1,000) Darren Stein
 Second Prize (\$500) Luther Hunt
 Third Prize (\$250 Groceries) Tricia Manola
 Fourth Prize (\$250 Groceries) John Breaux
 Fifth Prize (\$100) Keith "Kicka" Guedry

Thanks to all who participated in the 5K/Fun Run/Bike Ride on the Saturday before the feast. Was a beautiful day to be out on our lovely levee trail with friends and family! Listed below are the winners:

5K RUN—Female

First Place Female—Deanna Jason
 Second Place Female—Amber Delapasse

5K RUN—Male

First Place—Joey Bourgoyne
 Second Place—Larry Martinez

1 MILE FUN RUN

Male—First Place—Evan Prejean
 Female—First Place—Lilly Prejean

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS, THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR K.C.'s & CDA's HAS BEEN MOVED FROM NOVEMBER 21 TO NOVEMBER 14, 2018—6:30 PM ACTIVITY CENTER

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 28, 2018

REGULAR:

156 Identified- - - - - \$6,079.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 500.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$6,579.00

A VOCATION VIEW

We are called to love God with all our heart, with all our thoughts, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as our self. This is best accomplished when we seek to know and to live what the LORD has in mind for us in our lives. If you feel God could be calling you to His priesthood or religious life, then call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com or visit, www.diobr/vocations.

BAPTISM



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018
 6:00 pm—Classroom #5**

Christian Formation Building

This class is mandatory for parents if you are wanting to baptize your child. Call the Office for registration forms.



COLLECTING GREETING CARDS

Do you have any Christmas cards or other greeting cards that you won't be using? We are presently collecting cards to send to the prisons so that inmates can keep in touch with their families and others. Please drop them off at the parish office before the end of November.



"THIS SHALL BE FOR MUSIC"

In Concert: Celeste Angelle Veillon & Elise Galleano

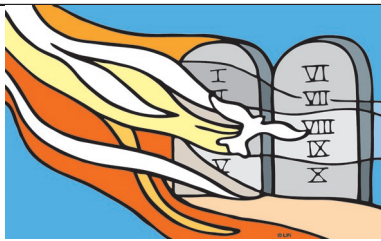
*Sunday, November 4, 2018 (2 pm) FREE!
 Donations will be accepted to benefit the St. John the Baptist Music Ministry Fund.*

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
 [2] Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
 Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 3'-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 [1a Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 [3b] Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and
 9 Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
 Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or
 12:41-44

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In 1 Samuel, God advises the prophet Samuel not to observe as men see but as God sees. He tells him to "look to the heart." This is the movement of this Sunday's Gospel reading. "Beware the scribes," Jesus advises. He points out their public greetings and "seats of honor," which stands in sharp contrast to their private greed. For the Jewish people of Jesus' day, honor resides at the top. Power and prestige created a high profile back then as it still does today. After his warning, Jesus turns his disciples' attention elsewhere: a poor widow.

"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had." While the scribes donated large sums to the temple, they did so "from their surplus wealth." This woman -- in her faith and devotion -- offers "her whole livelihood." Jesus invited his disciples to see with God's eyes, to recognize a holy life in people the world overlooks. Here -- in the poor, the vulnerable, the marginalized -- God waits hidden. Today's Gospel begs a few questions. What do we see? Whom do we value? Are we impressed by the pomp and circumstance of modern day Pharisees? Do we ignore their self-righteousness because it looks impressive, even seems somewhat helpful? The point isn't to judge the scribes, of course. God can see their hearts as well, and those assessments are firmly his responsibility. The point is to turn our eyes from the typically honored to the rarely respected. Are we disinterested in the poverty of the modern day widows? Do we ignore their faith because we forget to look for it? This Sunday, consider the widows in your own life. Who can you see with God's eyes?