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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
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor
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

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

Dear Parishioners,

November 5-11 is National Vocation Awareness Week for Catholics in the United States. In a recent letter, Pope Francis wrote, *"I ask parish communities, associations and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest. May he give us priests enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love."* Please offer prayers that our parish may produce vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge welcomed six new seminarians this fall, giving us a total of 17 seminarians studying for the diocesan priesthood. The new seminarians are: Albert Blount from Christ the King Parish, Joseph Bresowar from St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Jeremy Lopez from Christ the King Parish, Joseph St. Cyr from St. Jude Parish, Austin Young from St. Jude Parish, and Jesse Barrow from St. Thomas More Parish. They are all beginning a six year or more process of formation and discernment, so please support them with your prayers.

In honor of the upcoming Veterans Day we are planning to honor all of our veterans at our 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, November 12, 2017. 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.

Most people are familiar with the designations "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" to refer to the busy shopping days which follow Thanksgiving. Perhaps not as well-known is the designation "Giving Tuesday" for the Tuesday after Thanksgiving which in recent years has become a day 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 28, 2017 from 12:01 am

– 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 playground equipment for our new Mother's Day Out program. Please visit <https://igivecatholic.org/> for more information, and search for our parish under the Diocese of Baton Rouge listing.

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 parish office staff and other key volunteers for handling all of the functions normally overseen by the chairperson. Hopefully one of you will step forward to fill this role for next year's fair. We will publish the financial report as soon as all of the numbers are tabulated.

In Christ,
Father Matt



**THANKS TO GOD FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DAY
AND ALL VOLUNTEERS AND EVERYONE
WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR
2017 FEAST ON THE LEVEE!!!**

The Feast was a great success this year and we appreciate everything everyone did to help!

Here's a list of some of our winners:

SUPER RAFFLE

- 1st Prize—\$4,000.00—Becky Cavanaugh
- 2nd Prize—\$1,000.00—Denise Brown
- 3rd Prize—\$500.00—Adrian Genre

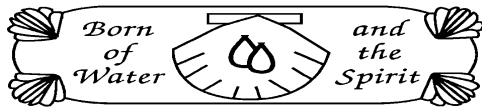
REGULAR RAFFLE

- 1st Prize— \$1,000.00—Amy Gosnell
- 2nd Prize—\$500.00—Wayne Dupuy
- 3rd Prize—\$250 Grocery Certificate—Rita Babin
- 4th Prize—\$250 Grocery Certificate—Vera Lucas
- 5th Prize—\$100—Rae Tullier

5K RACE

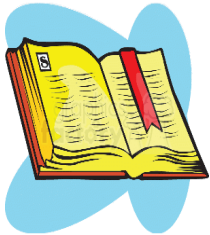
- Overall Men's—Jason Murphey (23:40)
- Overall Women's—Maggie Prejean (26.40)

More Feast News in upcoming bulletins!



The following children were recently baptized:
 Adalyn Wade Henson, daughter of Lori & Jeremy Vaughn; Benjamin Joseph Bordelon, son of Joshua & Lauren Bordelon; Emersyn Blayke Coupel, son of Ricky & Jade Coupel; Carson James Breaux, son of Robert & Kelly Breaux; Ariana Grace Hughes, daughter of Thomas & Jeri Hughes; and Kate Elizabeth and Allie Grace Vincent, daughters of Brandon & Kayla Vincent.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE CHURCH AND WILL REMAIN THERE FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE ENTER THE NAMES OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

Be Merciful: Have Masses said for the living: friends and family members, even strangers you read/hear about, who are having a hard time.

✓ Check This Out...

CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM INTRODUCTORY SESSION

- ⇒ If you are looking to avoid pregnancy in a natural way without contraceptives this system is for you!
- ⇒ If you suffer from infertility, low fertility, or recurrent miscarriage and are trying to achieve pregnancy this system is for you!
- ⇒ If you are single, but would like to monitor your reproductive health as well as identify abnormalities and seek healing this system is for you!

There will be a \$40 Introductory session for those interested in learning more about this system on November 8 and November 20 at 6pm. If you are interested, but cannot make this session, let me know and I can inform you of upcoming sessions.

Let me know if you're interested. Send me an email at katieroettger.crms@gmail.com or give me a call at (225) 955-2748.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 29, 2017

136 Identified- - - - - \$4,765.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 411.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$5,176.00



A VOCATION VIEW

"In You, Lord, I have found my peace!" Is the Lord calling you to be a peacemaker as a sister, brother or priest? If so, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF ALFRED CHUSTZ

Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Gervy & Gertie Smith upon the death of their son, Grady Smith and to Josie LeJeune & family upon the death of her sister, Julia Calvaruso Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank You

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for donations in memory of Roy Guidry.



Congratulations!

The following couples were married here last week.

We send our best wishes out to them both:

Nathan Paul Black & Chelsea Lynn Clouatre
 Doyle Ray Derbes, Jr. & Megan Elizabeth Jones



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to set your clocks **back** 1 hour this weekend!

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/
 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
 Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/
 Lk 14:15--24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/
 Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/
 Lk 16:9-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or
 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

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**“13 REASONS WHY NOT:
A Forum on Youth & Suicide”**

November 14, 2017 (6:30—8:00 pm)

Catholic Life Center, 1800 S. Acadian Thruway

The Diocesan Offices of Marriage & Family Life and Young Adult Ministry are hosting the evening. The program will feature presentations by Dr. Donna Fargason, a local child and adolescent psychiatrist in private practice at Family Focus & Associates in Baton Rouge, and Staci Gulino, A Family Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioner, specializing in the integration of faith and mental health. The evening will address concerns over the popular and controversial TV Series, “13 Reasons Why” including the underlying causes of the series popularity, the mental health issue of depression, the warning signs of suicide, and what those concerned can do in response. This forum is directed towards parents, adults involved in youth ministry as well as those who work with youth and young adults in other capacities, either professionally or as volunteers. For more info contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 225-242-0323 or dvanhaute@diobr.org. No pre-registration is required.



REMEMBER OUR VETS!
Saturday, November 11th
A special choral presentation will be offered by our choir at 9:00 am Mass
On Sunday, November 12th.

Veterans Day Prayer

Dear God,

You have called your people to many walks of life.
Some like St. Francis were called to a life of peace
and others to the life of a soldier and warrior.
David, the Maccabees, Sts. Joan, George and Martin
all were called by you to take up arms
in the service and protection of their citizens.
On this day,
bless those who have given their time, talents,
and in some cases their lives,
to protect our freedoms.
Guide them in their tours of duty.
Comfort the wounded and their families.
Remind us to appreciate their sacrifices. Amen.