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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

One of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:35-37

Dear Parishioners,

The New Orleans Saints are on a four game winning streak and play the Chicago Bears at 12:00 noon today (Sunday) so we will have to monitor the game even as we enjoy our "Feast on the Levee." LSU is on an equally impressive three game winning streak, all against SEC opponents, and are off this week as they prepare for Alabama next Saturday in Tuscaloosa.

This Wednesday, November 1, is the *Solemnity of All Saints* and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on All Saints Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year's *Blessing of the Graves* will take place next Saturday, November 4, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.

We will once again place a "Book of Remembrance" in church beginning with the Feast of All Saints and remaining throughout 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 once again write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be included in our prayers.

The great majority of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion recently attended a refresher course developed by the Diocese to enhance one's appreciation of this ministry. Since a few ministers were not able to attend the training session we have scheduled a makeup session this Thursday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m., in the church. All current and new Eucharistic Ministers who did not attend an earlier session are asked to please attend this one.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 3 & 4, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

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.

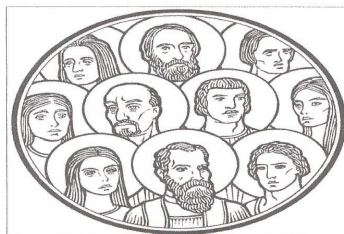
Next Sunday, November 5, is also the day when Daylight Saving Time ends and we return to Standard Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night so you can enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Lastly, thanks for all of your good work and enjoy the music, food, and fellowship at the "Feast on the Levee!"

In Christ,
Father Matt



**NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES
ON MONDAY, OCT. 30TH
OR TUESDAY, OCT. 31ST
DUE TO FEAST ON THE
LEVEE AND HALLOWEEN.
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1ST
FOR ALL SAINTS DAY!**





WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
TAKE DOWN FROM FEAST IS
Monday, October 30th!
Please come out & help!!!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Your Support of the BAA Meets Needs throughout the Diocese

A picture of your commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and your regard for others, parishioners from St. John the Baptist have prayerfully made the BAA a priority, and that support is a great encouragement of your fellow parishioners, neighbors and friends. Our ability to address formidable challenges is possible because we serve as part of the great kingdom of God. *"I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Mt 17:20b).*

Moved by Faith, please pray about your participation in the BAA this year. Last week, Bishop Muench mailed a packet that includes helpful information concerning this year's campaign. In it, we celebrate your generosity during a challenging year for the diocese, and ask how God might bless our Catholic community going forward. Please be a part.

If you didn't receive a packet, please contact the Office of Stewardship at (225) 336-8790, or stewardship@diobr.org.



When going to bed next Saturday, remember to set your clocks back one hour for the end of Daylight Savings Time.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, November 5

Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.

Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Jocelyn Gauthreaux and her group (Carolyn Bourgeois, Pat Blanchard, Mary Ann David, Faye Hebert & Betty Jean Landry) for cleaning the church during the month of October. Cleaning for November will be Jackie Morain (337) 945-4773. Give her a call if you can help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Gerald & Sandra Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of October. Chaircouple for November will be Beverly & Harold Babin (749-2027). Give them a call with any concerns.

Priesthood SUNDAY

National Vocation Awareness Week

We all have a call to further the kingdom of God, whether that is as a priest or deacon or for that matter and married or a single person. Each has a call from God and the community to live out our lives in service to another. What is your call?

In Latin, the word "vocare" means to call, to name, or to invoke. As Catholic Christians, we believe that God through the community calls each of us into work for the kingdom of God. We all remember being taught the priests and nuns have a calling. However, since Vatican II the Church has made it clear that we are all called in some way. This week the Church celebrates "National Vocation Awareness Week" (www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm). What will you do to support and sustain your call to the mission of Christ and the call of others?

Catholic Daughters

33 Days to Morning Glory,

A Consecration to Jesus through Mary Weekly Retreat

This is a 6-week retreat as we consecrate ourselves to our Lady. The first meeting, an introduction/informational session, will be Thursday, November 2nd from 6:30 pm—8 pm. The consecration will start on Thursday, November 9 and run through December 14, ending with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. The cost for the retreat is \$20 and will include the book. For more information, please contact Mary Benoit at (225) 324-5289 or email at maryben69@gmail.com. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of Church. **Deadline to sign-up is November 2nd.**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 22, 2017

REGULAR:

187 Identified- - - - - \$6,921.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 787.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,708.00

World Mission Sunday- - - - - \$664.00

Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/
1 Thes 1-5c/10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or
Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a,
14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." The law of love. That's what Jesus came to establish. In a religious milieu that was often marked by legalism and scrupulosity, Jesus brought a kind of freedom. He reminded us that the laws of religion are made to serve the ultimate goal of love: love for God and love for neighbor.

Think about the Ten Commandments. This classical summary of God's rules for us can be divided into two types of laws. First come the laws about loving God: have no strange gods; don't take the Lord's name in vain; honor the Sabbath. Then come the laws about loving our neighbor: honor your parents; don't kill; don't commit adultery; don't steal; be honest; and don't covet your neighbor's spouse or property. When we follow the law of love that Jesus preaches today, all of this is taken care of.

If we loved God with our whole heart, mind, and soul, for example, there would be no room left for false gods. There would be no bitterness or apathy leading us to disrespect God's name or to fail to worship him as he has asked. Similarly, if we loved our neighbors as ourselves by following the Golden Rule, then we would naturally respect them instead of lying, killing, coveting, or the like.

Ultimately, all the dos and don'ts of the law are just specific guidelines describing what love looks like. This is very helpful for those times when love doesn't come so easily to us. When we struggle with having our heart in the right place, the Ten Commandments give us direction. But as Jesus instructs us today, the goal is to grow in the kind of love that naturally leads us to want to do what's best.