



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

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" - Mt 21:38-40

Dear Parishioners,

The last two weeks of September and the first week of October were quite busy for me. I had the Louisiana State Convention of Priests, followed by a group trip to London, and then attendance at our annual Priests Retreat. Hopefully things can slow down between now and the *Feast*.

The highlight of the State Priests Convention was the keynote address given by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York. He encouraged us to see our priesthood as the "pearl of great price" as described by Jesus in the gospels. And he challenged us to preserve the unity between Christ and his Church.

Cardinal Dolan noted that some individuals and groups wish to annul the spousal bond that exists between Christ and his Church. They preach spirituality as opposed to religion, faith without the faithful, and Jesus but not the Church.

Catholics on the other hand see the Church as a family. We are born into the Church and it's part of our DNA. And yet in some ways the Church is also a dysfunctional family. Since it is composed of people the Church also contains sins, imperfections, and flaws.

Dolan said that the Church is always "Christ crucified between two thieves." As the Body of Christ, we are a Church on a cross with wounds. The nails of Christ's cross hold the Church together. And just as the risen Christ showed his wounds to his disciples, so we show our wounds to the world so the other wounded can approach and be healed.

Bishop Muench has requested that all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion attend a refresher course designed to enhance one's appreciation of this important ministry. We have scheduled a 90 minute training session this Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m., and again next Sunday, October 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the church. It will be the same presentation on both nights, so new and continuing Eucharistic Ministers may choose either session to attend.

Please note that we will follow a special Mass schedule on October 28-29, the weekend of the "Feast on

the Levee." The 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and 7:30 a.m. Mass are unchanged, but we substitute a **special 10:00 a.m. Mass** in place of the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the food booths are scheduled to begin serving at 11:00 a.m., following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our 5K Race/1 Mile Run/Walk and Family Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, October 28th. Registration Forms are available in the back of church. You can either place your form in the collection basket or at the Church Office.

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 on the following Saturday, November 4, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation Update



WE WILL NOT HAVE
CLASS ON
Monday, Oct. 9th and
Tuesday, Oct. 10th
due to Columbus Day
holiday on Monday.



**MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STUDENTS K- 8
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.**



FEAST ON THE LEVEE

October 29, 2017

What Will You Do?

Our Feast on the Levee, biggest fundraiser in the year for our church!

We already have several cooks and booth workers, but are still needing more. **CAN YOU HELP???**

COOKS—Can you make a corn & shrimp soup, maybe red beans/sausage & rice? Anything you would like to contribute!

CASSEROLES: Please contact Ms. Tut Diez at 749-3976.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS
Need Hours? Contact June or Karen at 749-3387.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Keep those tickets coming in! If you sell all your tickets and need some more, you can pick up more at the Parish Office.

WE STILL NEED A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SILENT AUCTION—ONE OF OUR BIGGEST MONEYMAKERS!

We don't have a fair chairperson, so we are trying to get it organized through the parish office. If you wish to help and haven't been contacted, please give us a call!

We still need someone to chair the Silent Auction! This booth is one of the favorites of our guests.

THANK YOU FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN DO !

**DON'T FORGET THE 5K/FUN RUN/
1 MILE WALK/BIKE RIDE!!!**

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Young men in the 8th grade and their parents are invited to attend an Information Night at CHS on October 15th from 7-9 pm in the School Gym.

Young men in grades 6-8 and their parents are invited to the Open House at Catholic High on November 9. Tours begin at 4:30 p.m.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Who is the Author of Your Life?

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 (9am—2pm)

Cost: \$40 (includes lunch—Catholic Life Center)

Facilitated by Becky Eldredge & Stephanie Cloutre Davis

For more info and to register, visit

www.beckyeldredge.com

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 1 2017

REGULAR:

288 Identified- - - - - \$16,835.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 908.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$17,743.00

Hurricane Relief—\$4,868.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Today's readings encourage us to present our lives to God in the form of prayer and petitions that are full of gratitude. Let us therefore pray for an increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life. If you think you are being called by God, then call Fr Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

*Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal,
We can move mountains*

For more than thirty years, the Diocese of Baton Rouge has helped fund essential Catholic ministries through the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Ministry needs often exceed budgeted funds, so annual efforts address potential shortfalls. Even in the midst of recent storms, generous parishioners provided substantial support. A total of 67 members from St. John the Baptist Parish participated in this year's campaign, contributing a total of \$12,210.

Look for a packet from Bishop Robert Muench concerning this year's BAA in your mail this coming week. Please join others to move mountains. *Moved by faith, God's people can produce great good in Christ's name. "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)

The work of compassionate ministry continues. Please support the Bishop's Annual Appeal by visiting www.baabr.org.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
EDITH OWENS.**



Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the families of Roy Guidry and Jack Sarradet upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017

- Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/
Mt 21:33-43
- Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/
Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/
Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance."
The tenants in today's parable murdered because of their greed. They had no respect for either the servants or the son of their landlord. Motivated only by their desire to own the property they cultivated, they did whatever was necessary to further their cause. But they were fools. The only thing they inherited was a death sentence in return for their wickedness.

Greed can act like poison to an otherwise healthy mind. Instead of allowing one to think clearly, an obsession with having "more" can cloud a person's judgment. Certainly it won't always lead to murder, but more often than not it leads to using people for our own ends or dismissing those who cannot help us get what we want. Treating others this way is never acceptable. It is an offense to human dignity and to God who made us in his own image. Greed can also have a blinding influence, preventing us from seeing the blessings that surround us. When our focus is on what we want instead of what we have, the tendency is to forget that we have anything at all. The only thing we can see is that which we don't yet possess.

Ultimately, greed makes us miserable. It fosters discontent for our life and disrespect for the lives of others. It is certainly not a fruit of the kingdom of God. Belonging to this heavenly realm means living a life of generosity instead of greediness. It means looking for ways to share what we have to improve the lives of others instead of hoarding more to "improve" our own lives. Jesus tells us that his kingdom belongs to those who produce its fruit. May we root out the weed of greed and instead cultivate generosity in the vineyard of our hearts.