



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST
 catholic church

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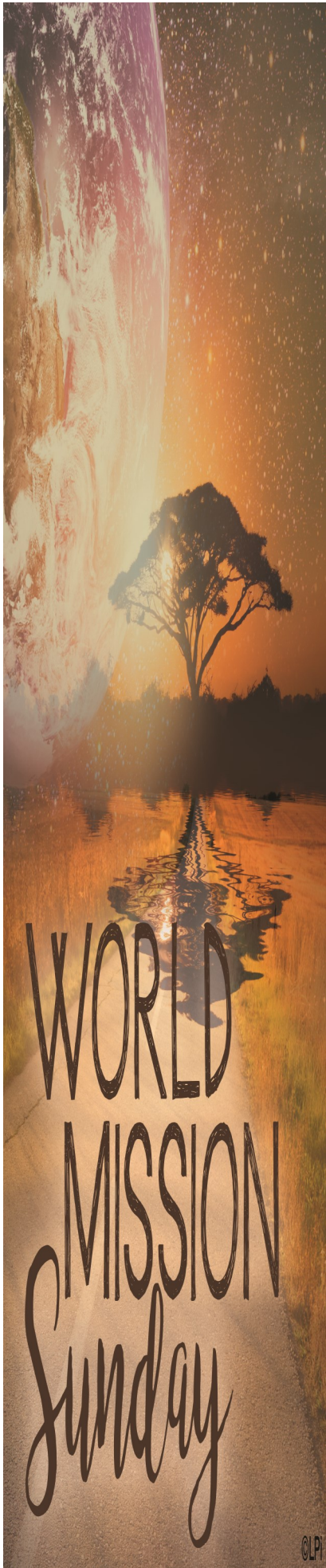
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

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.



Dear Parishioners,

National Vocation Awareness Week is November 7-13, 2021. Now, more than ever, we need to pray for more dedicated and holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May many of our young adults hear God's call and be inspired by Jesus Christ, and supported by our faith community, to respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

The second reading at Mass this weekend is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 5:1-6, which develops the theme of Jesus as our Great High Priest. Years ago, this was a popular passage to include on holy cards celebrating the ordination of a priest:

“Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.”

Priestly vocations come from the community—from ordinary families like ours. Priests must be gentle with the unlearned and wandering, for priests share the same human weakness. They offer prayers and gifts for themselves as well as for the people they serve. The call and election always come from God rather than from the candidate himself.

As mentioned last week, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday this year and so I have scheduled the *Blessing of the Graves* for next Saturday, October 30, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend. Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass whenever All Saints falls on a Monday or Saturday, as is the case this year.

We have 36 small memorial crosses hanging near the votive candles in church, representing the 36 members of our community who died since All Saints last year. I will present those crosses to the surviving family members at our Masses next weekend, October 30-31. Families may choose any of the four Masses, or the Blessing of the Graves, at which to receive the crosses.

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.

We are holding the drawings for our two raffles at the conclusion of our Masses this weekend, October 23-24, so congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!

In Christ,
Father Matt



Baptism

Please welcome these newly baptized baby girls to our faith community:

Maynette Marie Cain

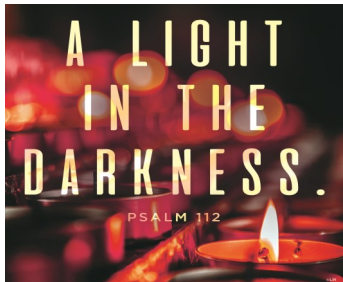
daughter of Austin & Jonette Fitzgerald Cain

Scarlet Seline Ame' Aubrey

daughter of Stetson Aubrey & Krystal Purnell

Leni Marie Suire

daughter of Jason & Kelsie Ricker Suire



The Sanctuary Candle is burning in memory of Maggie Brown.



When we are in prayer and ask God to show us His Will for our lives, we must ask for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a Church vocation, please contact **Father Josh Johnson** 225-336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations

Please pray for these vocations.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Blessing of the Graves, October 30th @ 12:00pm in the Church Cemetery

Ascension of Our Lord Save the Tombs Cemetery Tour, October 30th after 4:00pm Mass, 716 Mississippi Street, Donaldsonville; contact Margaret Canella: chicknft@cox.net for more information.

K.C. Calendar Sales for 2022

Please contact a K.C. Member or Jerry Eagan 939-1673 to purchase a 2022 calendar for \$20.

Washington, D.C. Trip: May 26-29, 2022, Please contact Donna Kirkland 803-6013 or donnakirkland@gmail.com



Christian Formation
There will be **NO** religion classes on **October 25, 26 or 27.**



Prayers and Sympathy are extended to these families upon the deaths of their loved ones:

John Henry Bres

Layne Morales

Milton Andrew Naquin

Beverly Ready



There will be a **Baptism Seminar at 6:00pm on November 10th.** Please call the Church Office to register.

Stewardship of Finances

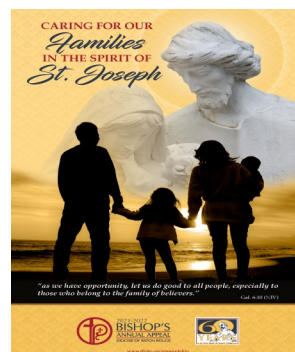
October 10, 2021

159 Identified:	\$10,515.00
Loose Collection:	+514.00
Total Collections:	\$11,029.00

Building Fund-August:	\$8,636.00
Building Fund-September:	\$8,163.00

October 17, 2021

147 Identified:	\$10,460.33
Loose Collection:	+701.00
Total Collections:	\$11,161.33



Please give generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal that provides financial help to those in need in our Church parish. Last year 74 donors from our Church contributed \$15,308. Let's care for others in the Spirit of St. Joseph.

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2020-2021

Bob Bewick

Audy Bourgeois

Christie Chapman, Secretary

Justin Clouatre

Wayne Delapasse

Paige Fitzgerald

Janice Hebert

Fr. Matt Lorrain

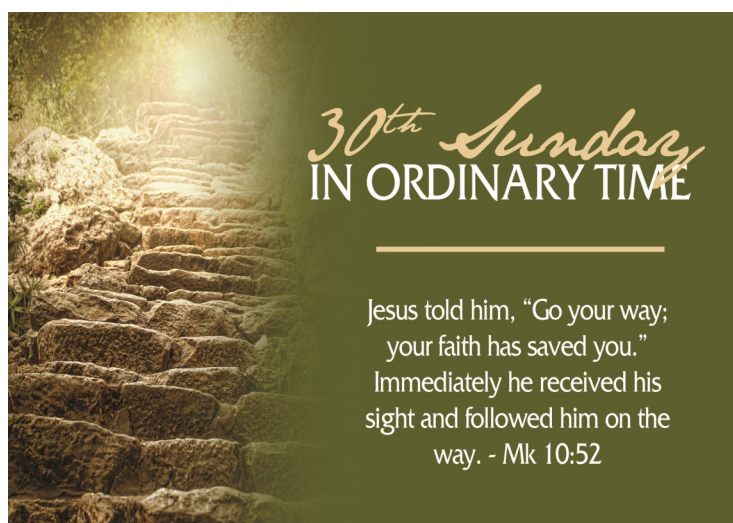
Mary Claire Meyer, Chairman

Joey Normand

Edana Robnett

Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/
Mk 10:46-52
- Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/
Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/
Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6
- Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15,
17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34

