



# 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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
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  
Richard Rabalais..... Maintenance

### 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

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Dear Parishioners,

The "Feast on the Levee" is a mere four weeks away as evidenced by bulletin notices and the selling of raffle tickets. Yes, it's time to roll up our sleeves and give a little extra to the parish community and Church that we love so dearly. Your faithful contributions to the Sunday collection provides for all of our regular operating expenses, but the fair allows us to socialize together, pay down the debt, and also fund those special projects which add beauty to our church and grounds.

The chairperson for this year's *Feast* is Mimi Clouatre so please continue your kind offers of assistance.

Among other needs, we are still looking for someone to coordinate the Silent Auction/Parade of Prizes booth. Please think about how you might help and please continue to help us with your raffle tickets. Also, the annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 and includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin.

As I mentioned last week, the Diocese of Baton Rouge is also sponsoring its first annual *LifeFest* on Saturday, October 10, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. Admission is free and lunch is provided. The theme is "Created in God's Image: The Dignity of the Human Person," and the keynote speaker is Brian Butler of Dumb Ox Ministries. The day will conclude with the annual Bishop's Respect Life Mass celebrated at 4:00 p.m. Visit [www.MFLDIOBR.org](http://www.MFLDIOBR.org) to register or for more information.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, October 2 and 3, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters. 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.

Our Catholic Daughters Court 2079 recently developed a new website under the title [www.bruslycda.com](http://www.bruslycda.com). On one page of their site, I wrote that I am a big fan of organizations and

ministries within the Church which promote friendship, community, service, and spiritual growth. Much like a single-sex school or sports team or sorority, a CDA court provides an opportunity for women to gather together in service to Christ and for the betterment of the entire world. And in serving others we usually end up enriching our own lives of faith. Keep up the good work ladies.

Finally, please add Father Ruben Reynolds, the pastor of St. Mark Parish in Gonzales, to your prayers. He is the latest diocesan priest to be placed on injured reserve. Father Ruben broke his shoulder in a fall and had to have surgery to repair the break. He is expected to be out of action for about two months. In the meantime, Bishop Muench is rotating several players off of the bench to fill his position on the line. So please keep praying for vocations!

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**FEAST ON THE LEVEE**  
October 25, 2015  
Can you help???

**CALLING ALL COOKS!!!** We know that some of the best cooks in the state live in Brusly! Please call if you plan to help in this area this year. **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR BOOTH!**

**STUDENTS:** Get your service hours!

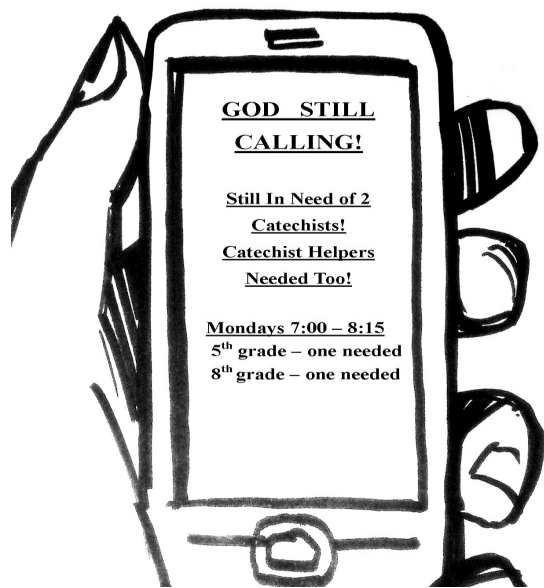
**SILENT AUCTION/PARADE OF PRIZES:** **WE REALLY NEED SOMEONE TO BE THE ORGANIZER!** I have some people who will help man the booth. Please call me at 603-8782 or Evelyn at 933-8924 or the church Office.

**BOOK BAZAAR:** We will be selling books again this year! If you have any books to donate, please call [Judycazes](mailto:Judycazes@bruslycda.com) at 749-3265

We really appreciate everyone stepping up to help with all the hard work it takes to put on the Feast. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. We can't do it without you, so—PLEASE VOLUNTEER. Call me at 603-8782, Evelyn at 933-8924 or the parish office.

—Mimi Clouatre





# Pray for Vocations



## A VOCATION VIEW

All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

# Organizations

## BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Scrap & Ella Dean Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of September. **Chair-couple for October will be Gerald & Sandra Fitzgerald (749-3294)**. Please give them a call with any concerns.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to **Lisa Beraud** and her team for cleaning the church during the month of September. **Jocelyn Gauthreaux** and her group will be cleaning for October. Give her a call at **687-6333** to offer a hand.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Sunday, October 4

- ◇ Communion Service for KC Members & their families—7:30 am Mass.
- ◇ Coffee & donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass

**Saturday, October 17**—Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00 pm in Church.

**Wednesday, October 21**—Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm followed by regular meeting at 7:15 pm—Activity Center.

## Readings for the Week of September 27, 2015

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/ Jn1:47-51
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

## CARDS, ETC.—OCTOBER 12, 2015 10:00 am—3:00 pm Activity Center



All proceeds from Cards, Etc. will benefit SJB Building Fund. Make sure to sign your group up to play NOW! \$25 donation includes Spaghetti & Meatballs Lunch. Call Terry (749-0514 or 413-5418) or Larry (749-2551 or 921-9700) for info or to register.



*Congratulations to Cameron Matthew Troxclair, son of Dustin & Jessica Troxclair and to Julianne Elise Mitchell, daughter of Taylor & Brandie Mitchell and their families. These children were baptized here last weekend. Welcome into our faith community!*

## KC CALENDAR WINNERS—AUGUST

Barbara Bovard, Bill Franklin, John Artigue, Maurice Brown, Jeanette Landry, Martha Lemoine, Nick Daigle, Marvin Cox, Georgiana Cox, Tommy Mathews, Emma Lee Blanchard, Jaye Guerin, Lois Deslattes, Frank L. Mayo, Daniel Melkild, Kirk Allain, Barbara Graham, Tanya Persick, Harvey Cavalier, Henry J. Daigle, Jr., Sarah Wade, Ryan Theriot, Jason Hebert, Mark Wells, Richard & Martha Dugas, Craig Aucoin, Larry Blanchard, Daisy Rivas, Christy Altazan, Daniel Daigle, Sarah W. Hoeschen

## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 20, 2015

### REGULAR:

202 Identified- - - - - \$8,125.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 540.22  
TOTAL- - - - - \$8,665.22  
Religious Education- - \$1,085.00

## BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

July—\$14,488.66  
August—\$13,092.51  
Balance on Loan—\$526,661.06

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015**

Donna Badon  
Maria Bertrand  
Jamie Bourg  
Chris Buckle, Chairman  
Deacon Sammy Collura  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Jason Murphey  
Andrea Smicker  
Toni Tolar, Vice-Chairman  
John Windham



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna." Jesus' listeners would have recognized this reference. Gehenna was in fact a deep ravine located outside of Jerusalem that had a sordid past. It had been the site of pagan rituals in which children were forced to walk through fire. Thus the spot had become known as a symbol for the fires of hell.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is making a dramatic contrast between "life" (heaven) and Gehenna (hell). He emphasizes that no sacrifice is too great to keep oneself out of the miseries of hell. His images are shocking. Cutting off hands and feet? Plucking out eyes? Ouch! Is hell really so bad that we'd rather go to heaven maimed than go to hell in one piece? Apparently so.

Some interpreters suggest that Jesus was using hyperbole to make his point. Perhaps. But whether it was literal or figurative, the point remains clear: we need to do whatever it takes to avoid sin and ultimately to avoid hell. The catechism defines this state of eternal misery as "definitive self-exclusion from communion with God" (§1033). Yes, self-exclusion. God doesn't "send" anyone to hell. Rather, someone chooses hell when he or she freely chooses something over God and won't repent.

The choice is ours: cut out the source of the sin--painful though it may be--or stubbornly march with our beloved sins straight into Gehenna. Realistically, what we choose "over" God are not so much our physical body parts as things like a high-paying job that isn't ethical, a favorite pastime that isn't morally upright, or a relationship that isn't chaste. Jesus tells us clearly today, whatever it is that "causes you to sin, cut it off." Period.