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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
Donna Badon Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
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 the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

The German Catholic philosopher Dietrich von Hildebrand (1889-1977) was an outspoken critic of Adolph Hitler and Nazism. His commitment to the truth and to a Catholic worldview forced him to flee to Austria in 1933, and then to the United States in 1940, just ahead of the German army. He taught philosophy at Fordham University until his retirement in 1960. His writings on marriage and Christian philosophy were especially influential.

David Mills, a Catholic columnist and former editor of First Things, wrote an article last year summarizing some of von Hildebrand's insights on patriotism, which are especially timely given today's political climate. One of his most important insights was to distinguish between patriotism and nationalism.

Patriotism is a "well-ordered love" for one's country. It includes a sense of belonging and also a sense of gratitude for everything one receives from one's country. Nationalism on the other hand, ultimately commits "idolatry toward a nation" by placing the nation above "larger communities of people or mankind as a whole."

Von Hildebrand writes, "Nationalists never see the true values of their nation. All they see is its power, its glory, its political influence." We can readily see why Hitler was so outraged by his writing and ordered that he be arrested and executed.

Lastly, von Hildebrand wrote that real patriotism does not separate people by race or religion. "Every man, whatever his race, is created by God and after His image. Every man has an immortal soul destined for eternal communion with God. Race, according to Catholic doctrine, is a quite secondary and accidental biological factor, having no effect upon the possibility of man's attaining his eternal end...Men as such are all equal before God: all are fallen in Adam, all are redeemed in Christ."

The 10th Annual *Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship Benefit Jambalaya* will take place next Sunday, September 8, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Hall in Port Allen. The dinners are \$8 each and the proceeds are used to provide tuition scholarships to Holy Family School.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 6 & 7, 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.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in recognition of Labor Day and to allow our hard-working staff a day of rest. As much as we enjoy days off and vacation, studies show that most Americans also derive a great deal of pleasure from their work. There may be aspects of work that we don't enjoy or co-workers who aggravate us, but by and large we enjoy what we do. I certainly enjoy being a priest and I pray you enjoy your work also as we celebrate this Labor Day.

In Christ,
Father Matt

The graphic features the words "LABOR DAY" in a bold, blocky font. The letters are filled with the colors of the American flag: blue with white stars for the 'L', 'A', 'B', 'O', 'R', and 'D', and red and white stripes for the 'A', 'B', 'O', 'R', and 'A', 'Y'. The letters are outlined in blue.

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd , TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3rd AND WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 4th due to LABOR DAY
HOLIDAY

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 2**

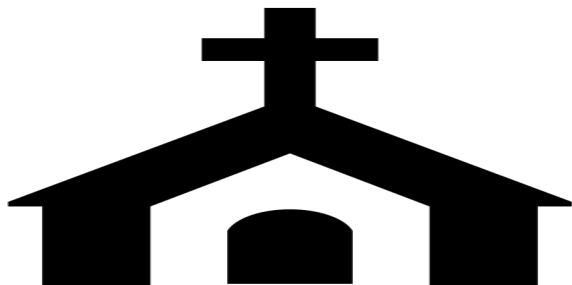
"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited...and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place." - Lk 14:8bc, 9

Readings for the week of September 1, 2019

Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

A VOCATION FOR YOU?

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. Please call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or framerrick@gmail.com



MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS

K-8

GRANDPARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND WITH GRANDCHILDREN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH. DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15 PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH OR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 25, 2019

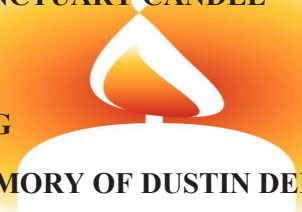
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Loose Collection- - - - - 1,035.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,349.00

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

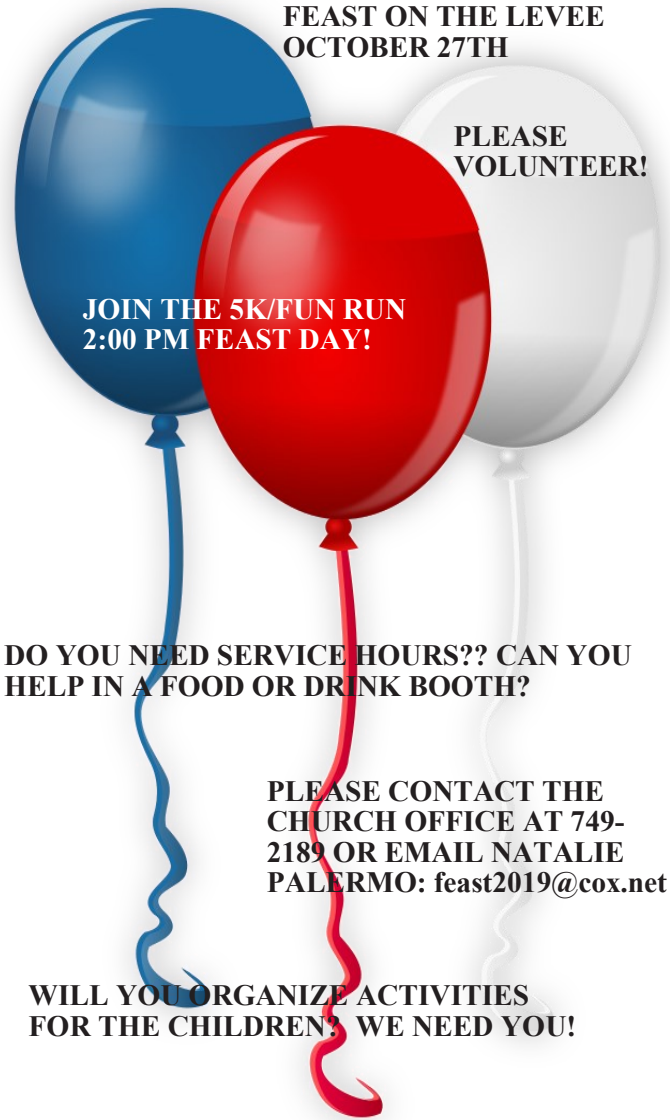
IS NOW BURNING



IN MEMORY OF DUSTIN DELAPASSE

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of GAYLE ELLWOOD BYRD upon her death. Please keep them in your prayers.

**FEAST ON THE LEVEE
OCTOBER 27TH**



**JOIN THE 5K/FUN RUN
2:00 PM FEAST DAY!**

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS?? CAN YOU HELP IN A FOOD OR DRINK BOOTH?

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 749-2189 OR EMAIL NATALIE PALERMO: feast2019@cox.net

WILL YOU ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN? WE NEED YOU!

JOIN IN THE FUN! A DAY OF CARDS FROM 10am TO 3pm OCTOBER 14TH IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER! LUNCH WILL BE SERVED! CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018-2019

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AVA AND JACOB SAUCIER BENEFIT ON
September 8, 10:30am-1:00pm in the Holy Family
Parish Hall. PLEASE enjoy this event!

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 8:00AM MASS
ADORATION OF THE MOST
BLESSED SACRAMENT



Mass will be offered for the Living and
Deceased Eucharistic Adorers

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT in our parish has been ongoing for 33 years. This beautiful devotion began September 5, 1986. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance each Friday morning following the 8:00am Mass until 11:30am. All are invited to PRAY with us! Many thanks to those who visit regularly and spend an hour with our Lord and to all who make this devotion so successful!

A RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND is planned for September 6-8 at the Bishop Tracy Center. Please contact Bill or Missie Curth @ 985-232-5963 to attend.

THANKS to All of YOU for your cards and prayers for my speedy recovery from surgery. Sister Angela Ashbey, SLW

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH has a CHILD CARE CENTER DIRECTOR OPENING. Please send your resume to rcuevas@staloyusparish.com