



# 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,

This Sunday, September 15, is designated as Catechetical Sunday in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Stay With Us." All of our parish catechists will be invited forward during Mass to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

In addition to teaching Catholic beliefs, good catechists also model and reinforce the importance of prayer. Our students will have already learned about prayer from their parents and grandparents but it doesn't hurt to build upon that foundation and further their experience. With this in mind, we are celebrating a Mass for all Christian Formation students in grades K-8 this Tuesday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m., and we especially invite the **grandparents** to attend with their grandchildren.

We cannot expect our children to grow in love and charity if we as adults are not also willing to grow spiritually. We cannot expect our children to practice forgiveness and perform works of mercy if we ourselves are not also committed to these virtuous practices. And finally, we cannot expect our children to be faithful to Sunday Mass and the sacraments if we do not model a good example for them. We are all called to be saints no matter our age or level of education, and we need the encouragement and good example of one another to achieve this goal.

Last week's bulletin contained a beautiful letter from our parishioner Joy Jason who entered the Carmelite Monastery in Morristown, New Jersey. Joy completed her first year as a postulant and now begins a two-year novitiate period of further growth in prayer and charity. Her religious name is Sister Abigail Perach of the Child Jesus, and she mentioned that she prays for all of us daily, and especially for the children in our Christian Formation program. Please pray for Sister Abigail as well as she pursues this special vocation as a contemplative religious sister.

Our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is now less than a month away and set for Monday, October 14, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 which includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Paige Currie and Stacy Gauthreaux. Chairperson for this year's *Feast on the Levee* is Natalie Palermo. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money as soon as you finish selling them.

Lastly, I wish to thank Margaret LeJeune and the Zippers for presenting the parish with another generous gift of \$10,000. Their donation is the fruit of many hours of time volunteering in our thrift shop, and we deposited their gift in our Building Fund savings account. Also, we recently decided to add a sign to the thrift shop recognizing Rita Babin for her many years of dedicated service to the Zippers. It retains the organizational name "Zippers" while adding the name "Rita's Closet."

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Ortle Charles, Jr., Donald Matherne and Chuck Brunner upon their deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.**

#### Readings for the week of September 15, 2019

Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**KC'S BRUSLY COUNCIL served red beans, sausage and rice lunch on September 5 to 275 LSU students at Christ the King Catholic Church. What a delicious meal to share!**



**CARD PARTY**



**CALL STACY GAUTHREUX 749-0519**

**GOOD NEWS:** GOD is the Father with open arms. Who will preach this Good News of Reconciliation? Consider service as a priest or deacon, brother or sister. If GOD is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8788, framerrick@gmail.com or visit www.diobr.org/vocations



**MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS**

**K-8: GRANDPARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND WITH GRANDCHILDREN**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

Please bring your Grandchild to the Activity Center, sign them in, and proceed to Church OR **DROP OFF** in Activity Center @ 5:15, **PICK UP** in CHURCH at 6:30pm.

**STUDENTS** without Grandparents **STAY** in the Activity Center with Catechists & proceed to **MASS** as a Class.

There will be **NO CLASS Monday, Sept. 16 or Wednesday, Sept. 18** due to this **MASS**

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES: September 1, 2019**

276 Identified- - - - - \$18,482.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 643.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$19,125.00

Catholic University \$696.00

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES: September 8, 2019**

Identified- - - - - \$6,949.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 724.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$7,673.00



**THANKS** to All our **CATECHISTS** who serve our Parish! **LEIGH GAUTHREUX** is the newest member of this great team! We honor All of You on **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY!!**



**WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS** to **EASTON VON WARD MATHIS** and his family upon his recent Baptism! He is the son of Michael & Brittany Mathis.

Love is patient,  
Love is kind.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN PREJEAN AND DARYN LEBLANC** who celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony **September 6**

**FEAST ON THE LEVEE OCTOBER 27**

**VOLUNTEER**

**GET INVOLVED!** Serve drinks..Hang Signs.. Help with Childrens' Activities..Cook..5K Fun Run.. **LEND A HAND!!!**



Call the Church Office 749-2189 or Email Natalie Palermo at [feast2019@cox.net](mailto:feast2019@cox.net)

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020**

John Begue  
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Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Edana Robnett  
Derek Scott  
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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT**  
**#2079 NEWS**



**CONGRATULATIONS to MICHELLE**  
**DENOVA**, this year's recipient of the St. John the Baptist Court #2079 CDA Scholarship, at their 46th Anniversary Banquet at Bayou Bistro on September 4, 2019. Michelle is the daughter of Don & Gaynell Denova of Port Allen and a graduate of Brusly High School. We are very proud of Michelle's accomplishments and wish her success at the University of New Orleans!

**CDA MEETING & DINNER SEPTEMBER 18**  
Rosary 6:00pm, 6:30pm Dinner & 7:00pm Meeting

**KC'S MEETING & DINNER, SEPTEMBER**  
**18TH** in the Activity Center; 6:00pm  
Officer's Meeting, 7:15pm Members' Meeting

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY, SEPTEMBER 21 @ 4:00**