



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
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
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

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" - Mt 18:15-16

Dear Parishioners,

As we announced last weekend, our Office of Christian Formation will be open after all Masses this weekend, September 6-7, to help facilitate the registration of your children for religion classes. Please take advantage of this opportunity or if you prefer you may stop by the Christian Formation Office during regular business hours. Parents are also invited to attend the Parent Orientation gathering on Monday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center.

Even though we are looking forward to a great year of faith formation, we are sad to announce that we will be losing our director, Mrs. Julie Cilano. Julie came on board two years ago after having worked in the Diocesan Office for Youth and Young Adults. In addition to directing our Christian Formation classes and sacramental preparation programs, she also reinvigorated youth ministry in our parish for both middle school and high school parishioners.

Julie was instrumental in booking Cooper Ray for our Lenten Mission last year, and for initiating the monthly Parish Pot-Luck Dinners. We will miss the energy, enthusiasm, and creativity that she brought to our parish community, and wish her all the best as she takes on a new challenge of working with college students. Julie was offered the opportunity to work in the related field of campus ministry, so we understand her reason for leaving even though we wish we could have kept her a while longer.

Unfortunately, this transition happened kind of fast so we were not able to organize a going away party for Julie other than congratulating her and thanking her at our recent Pot-Luck dinner. Julie plans to write a note for our parish bulletin once she gets settled and we look forward to hearing about her new position. I am in the process of advertising for a new Christian Formation Director and will let you know as soon as I have any news regarding a replacement for Julie.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge was fortunate to welcome four new seminarians this fall. *Deacon Eddie Martin* is one of our permanent deacons from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Prairieville. Deacon Eddie

lost his wife to cancer and eventually felt a call to enter the seminary and pursue a vocation to the priesthood. *Danny Roussel* is also a second career seminarian from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Vacherie. Deacon Eddie and Danny are both enrolled at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

The other two new seminarians are *David Albano* from Most Blessed Sacrament Parish and *Joseph Bergan* from St. Agnes Parish in Baton Rouge. David and Joseph are enrolled at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington to work on their philosophy studies before moving on to theology. Additionally, I believe that two young women from our Diocese have also entered religious life: Addie Burleigh from New Roads entered the Carmelite Community in Covington, and Elise Abshire from Baton Rouge entered the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matarra in Washington, DC. So please continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life!

In Christ,
Father Matt



CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!

Mondays:

- ◇ One 6th Grade Class

Tuesdays:

- ◇ One 1st Grade Class
- ◇ One 4th Grade Class

SUBSTITUTES BOTH DAYS—ALL GRADES

CHRSTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION

After all Masses this weekend
September 6th & 7th
In the Christian Formation Office

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
Monday, September 8—6:30pm
Registration will be held 5:45—6:30 pm
Activity Center—Classroom #1



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- ◇ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◇ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information please contact the parish office at 749-2189.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! SESSIONS BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd at 6:30 pm IN THE PARISH OFFICE. CALL 749-2189 TO REGISTER.



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014
6:00 pm—Classroom #5
Mandatory for Baptism
Baptisms will be celebrated on
Sunday, September 21st after
11:00 am Mass

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children and their parents. Baptized here last weekend were: Jett Cooper Fabre, son of Brad & Nicole Fabre; Kameron James Graves, son of Christopher & Erin Graves; Micah Thomas Latino, son of Anthony & Melissa Latino and Noah Matthew Pinkston, son of Joshua & Melissa Pinkston. **WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

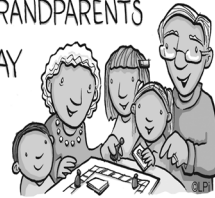
are extended to Victor Milazzo and family upon the death of his wife, Carolyn and to Mike Chustz & family upon the death of his father, Daniel "Dan" Chustz. Please keep them in your prayers.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA collection will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

A VOCATION VIEW

As a parish family, and in your individual families, pray that God will bless us with an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you think you may have such a call, contact Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.778, mdupre@diobr.org.

GRANDPARENTS DAY



Honor your grandparents! Make some special memories with them today. Be sure to call or visit and wish them a very Happy Grandparents Day.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Baton Rouge's third 40 Days for Life campaign last fall was very blessed with nineteen unborn babies saved and over 1300 people gathered from across south Louisiana to pray for an end to abortion. The 2014 fall campaign will run from September 25—November 2. The Marriage & Family Life Office is the sponsor of this year's campaign. Many varied talents are needed to make this event a success. Please consider helping with event planning, communications, outreach and site coordination. Come and hear how you can help save lives and change hearts For more information contact: 40daysforlifebr@gmail.com or Danielle Van Haute at (225) 242-0164.

This is an ecumenical, faith-based effort made up of three components:

- ◆ Prayer & Fasting
- ◆ Peaceful Vigil
- ◆ Community Outreach

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

With Military Focus

4 Days & 3 Nights in Washington D.C.

Sunday, November 9 thru Wednesday, November 12
Contact Donna Kirkland: donnakirkland@gmail.com or www.donnakirkland.com or (225) 803-6013 for more details.

Readings for the Week of September 7, 2014

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

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Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar
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"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Gossip has become a modern pastime. We publish magazines with the latest celebrity chatter, and create websites and blogs that reverberate with "opinions" about public and private personalities alike. Many people utilize social media to rant about the behavior of others, and the good old-fashioned coffee break still provides ample opportunity to reveal the offenses we have suffered or to dish out dirt about people who aren't present.

Although it can take many forms, at its core, gossip is about tarnishing people's reputations without giving them a chance to defend themselves. Today, Jesus recommends a different approach. He encourages us to deal directly with people, which in effect means to treat them with dignity and respect. Rather than making preconceived judgments about another's behavior, Jesus asks us to talk to the person involved ... first. Instead of running around venting our frustrations elsewhere, or even "tattling" on someone who has legitimately wronged us, we are called to address our concern head-on, with charity and compassion.

As Jesus suggests, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." In other words, by speaking directly to those who have offended us, we actually have the chance to resolve the situation before it grows out of proportion. Of course this doesn't always work; that's why Jesus mentions the other steps to take if necessary. But we will be the ones to blame for the continuation of the conflict unless we follow the Lord's advice and give peace a chance.