



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

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 at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

- Lk 15:6c-7

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, September 15, is designated as *Catechetical Sunday* for Catholic parishes and schools in the United States. It coincides with the start of Christian Formation classes in Parish Schools of Religion, as well as with RCIA sessions for those inquiring into the Catholic faith, and bible studies for adult Catholics interested in deepening their faith. We are blessed to have all of these opportunities available here at St. John the Baptist thanks to our many dedicated and talented catechists. Formation classes for our children start on Monday night so please say a prayer for all of our students and teachers.

We have so many different groups involved in faith formation that it is sometimes difficult to find a room to meet. It is sort of a good problem to have since it points to the vitality of our parish community. In recognition of the importance of Christian Formation, we recently painted all of the classrooms in our religious education building to provide a brighter learning environment for our children. The project began this summer through the efforts of Patrick Landaiche, our seminarian, and was completed thanks to the hard work of Wallace Thibodeaux, Richard Rabalais, and Larry Durbin.

In addition to the newly painted classrooms, we also have some new benches for our covered walkway which were designed and built by Gaven Devillier as an Eagle Scout project. They provide a nice place to sit and visit while waiting for friends or a ride home, and were even painted to match our building. They are also quite popular with the customers who visit the Zippers' Thrift Shop on Thursday mornings. Great job Gaven and congratulations on earning the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout!

Unfortunately I will have to miss the opening of our Christian Formation classes due to the Louisiana State Priests Convention taking place in New Orleans this week. This convention began about 20 years ago and is held every five years, always in New Orleans, and provides an opportunity for priests to continue our formation and grow in fraternity with one another. We also invite priests from Mississippi, Alabama, and east Texas to join us for a week of keynote addresses, breakout sessions, prayer liturgies, and socials.

The large group addresses will be given by Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta, Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, and Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans. The breakout session topics and presenters include "Preaching" by Father Peter Cameron, O.P., editor of *Magnificat*; "Evangelization Using Technology & Social Media" by Rocco Palmo, journalist of "Whispers in the Loggia;" "Parish Administration: Spiritual & Pastoral Leadership" by Father Bill Dickinson, director of Catholic Leadership Institute; "Clergy-to-Clergy Relationships across Generational Lines" by Msgr. Michael Jamail, Beaumont; and "Bioethics and End-of-Life Issues" by Father Tad Pacholczyk, director of education, National Catholic Bioethics.

Since all of the priests will be at the convention this week, we will have Communion Services in place of our 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses September 17-20. Sorry I have to miss the Parish Pot-Luck dinner this Thursday but enjoy the meal without me!

In Christ,
Father Matt

Religious Education

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

***Christian Formation Classes start this week!
September 16–17, 2013
Have you registered?***

**Catechists, Aides and Helpers are needed for the Christian Formation Program.
Come share your gifts with the young church.
Contact the Christian Formation Office
(749-3387) to learn more.**

**Catechists really needed for Children's Church
(especially during 11:00 am Mass.)
Please call 749-3387 if you can help!**

DIOCESAN JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT
Open to all current 6th—8th Graders
September 27—29—Cost \$150
Camp Abbey, Covington, LA
Call Julie (749-3387) to register!



PARISH POT LUCK—BARBEQUE!

Thursday, September 19, 2013
 6:30 pm in the Activity Center
 RSVP with your dish: 749-3387

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended
 to Jacob Crochet & family upon the
 death of his mother, Violet Crochet.
 Please keep them in your prayers.



FEAST ON THE LEVEE
Sunday, October 27, 2013

Be sure to call Pamela & Scot
 at 749-1915 or email

scotrhodes@cox.net or pamelabrhodes@cox.net
 To let them know what you want to do!
WE NEED YOU!

Cooks, Booth Workers, Children's Games
You are needed in any capacity you wish to serve.
Help us to make this the BEST FEAST EVER
You should receive your raffle tickets soon. Please
try to sell all of them as soon as possible!

SEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 3, 2013

REGULAR:

224 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,957.00
 Loose collection- - - - - 521.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$10,478.00

Catholic University—\$582.00

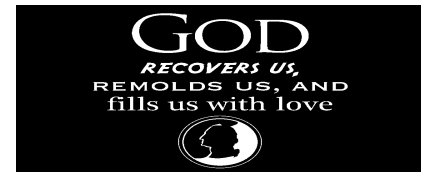
September 9, 2013

REGULAR:

249 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,524.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - \$ 608.97
 TOTAL- - - - - \$10,132.97

A VOCATION VIEW

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 Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
 BATON ROUGE

You are invited to participate in Baton Rouge's third annual 40 Days for Life campaign this fall from September 25 through November 3. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. A peaceful and prayerful vigil will be held outside of Delta abortion facility on Colonial Dr. in Baton Rouge between 7AM and 7PM on each of the 40 days. St. John the Baptist Church parish has adopted Sunday, September 29. Please consider joining us for one or more hours at the vigil. Sign-up sheets will be available after all Masses this weekend. For more information call Julie at 749-8260 or Mary at 324-5289.



Do you know someone hurting from Divorce or Divorcing?

Is that someone You?

There is hope after heartbreak, Healing after Hurt. It can be found in the word of God. A 6-Part Series for divorced and separated adults will begin on Sunday, September 22nd
At St. Aloysius in Baton Rouge
September 22—October 26, 2013
 Sundays 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Sessions 1—5)
 6th Session (Saturday, October 26 (9am—5pm)
 Cost: \$50 Limit: 35 Participants
 Call Angela Falgoust (343-6657 ext. 3031) for info or to register.

Readings for the Week of September 15, 2013

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/
 Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or
 16:10-13

You are Invited—

Fr. Charles Chukwuani

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

You are invite to join Rev. Charles Chukwuani in praise and Thanksgiving to almighty God for the privilege of 25 years of service in the Lord's vineyard.

The anniversary Mass will be held on
September 28, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

Claude Kirkpatrick Chapel

Baton Rouge Medical Center, Mid-City 1st Floor

3600 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA

Light refreshments will follow in

Conference rooms 1 and 2

RSVP 225) 588-3415 or email to:

fadacharleschukwuani@yahoo.com.

CARDS, ETC.



The Cards, Etc. Card party will be on
Monday, October 21 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Registration forms will be e-mailed on
September 3, 2013. If you don't have an e-mail
address or don't have a printer we will have

Registration Forms at the Parish Office and the
Senior Spirit Center. If you have any questions call Gale
at 749-3769 or 413-5809. All newcomers are welcome!!!

ST. JOSEPH SPIRITUALITY CENTER

*St. Joseph Academy Mother Alice Hall
3808 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge*

Presenter: Father Matt Linn

Healing from Fear in Anxious Times

Friday September 27, 2013 (7 –9 pm)

Fee: \$30

Healing Scripture for an Anxious World

Saturday, September 28, 2013 (9:00—Noon)

Fee: \$40

Enrichment Credit: Two for Friday and three
for Saturday.

For more information contact:

St. Joseph Spirituality Center

Phone: (225) 383-3349 www.stjocenter.org

Email: contact@stjocenter.org

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters' meeting will be this
Wednesday, September 18th in the Activity
Center. Meal with K.C.'s at 6:30 pm and meet-
ing at 7 pm. Please try to attend!!! We also in-
vite Catholic women 18 years of age and older,
to come to the meeting and learn more about
Catholic Daughters.