



*April 14, 2013  
Third Sunday of Easter  
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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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.

*Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.*

**Jn 21:12-13**

Dear Parishioners,

Spring is an especially nice time of year for cleaning, planting, and tackling a few maintenance projects around the house and yard. Maintaining a church is similar to maintaining a home, and we just completed a few projects around the church and office. We noticed that the windows and doors on the south side of the church were blistering and peeling, so we went ahead and had them repainted before the condition worsened. Although some of the work was covered by our warranty, the greater part was not, but thankfully we had funds on hand to cover the repair. Our next project in the church will be to address the hardwood floors where the finish has worn off from the constant movement of feet at Communion time.

We also recently replaced the telephone system at church in order to bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The old system did not allow callers to leave private voice messages for me or other members of our staff, nor did it identify or forward incoming calls, and it was time to replace it. Shortly thereafter, we realized that our copier was breaking down with greater frequency and so we ordered a new model that can communicate with our computers. Hopefully that will be the extent of our repair and replacement for a while.

You may have noticed that our bulletin cover now features a color photograph of our church and a new logo. The new logo was designed for our new letter-head and has the name of our church below a Celtic cross. The Celtic cross is blue in color with wavy lines representing water in honor of St. John the Baptist and the Mississippi River. The logo also reminds us of the gold Celtic cross on the top of our new steeple and the white Celtic cross over the main doorway to the church.

We naturally think of Ireland or the British Isles when we hear the word Celtic, but a similar type of cross is found in France where it is called a *croix nimbée*, or cross with nimbus. A nimbus is a cloud or circle drawn around the head of Jesus or a saint to indicate divine light or glory. This type of cross is frequently found atop churches, especially in Normandy, Brittany, and the Northwest region of France. Given the French heritage of the early settlers here, I suspect our

cross is technically a *croix nimbée* rather than a Celtic cross, but I suggest that we continue to refer to it as a Celtic cross unless we are speaking French.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, April 17, for a staff planning day. We will be working on the calendar for the 2013-2104 school year and reserve the dates for our major celebrations and activities. I also have a family wedding next Saturday, April 20, in Grand Coteau, so Father Matt Dupré will be here to celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass for us. Please welcome him back home. One week later, on Saturday, April 27, we are scheduled to host the Baton Rouge seminarians and Serra Club, so we may see Father Matt at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on that day as well. The Serra Club is a Catholic organization which supports vocations and they will be treating the seminarians to a crawfish boil after the Mass.

Finally, please remember to pray for our Second Graders who make their First Communion next Sunday, April 21, at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

*The following children were baptized here last week: Connor Michael Troxclair, son of Dustin & Jessica Troxclair; Bryson Andrew Zalfen, son of Andrew & Amanda Zalfen; Presli Paige-Marie Dyer, daughter of Daniel & Jody Dyer; and Alexander Robert Meekins, son of Gary & Jennifer Meekins.*

*Congratulations to all.*

*Welcome into our faith community!*



### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING**

The Catholic Daughters meeting will be this Wednesday, April 17 in the Activity Center. The semi-annual audit will begin at 5:45 pm and all officers and auditors should be present. All other members come join us for dinner with the K.C.'s at 6:30 pm or the meeting at 7 pm. Please remember to turn in your fiesta ticket money ASAP and try to attend this important meeting before our Jambalaya fundraiser.



### **PRAYERS & SYMPATHY**

*to Curtis Clouatre and his family upon the death of his mother, Mary Clouatre Stewart. Please keep them in your prayers.*



## FREE CONCERT!

Featuring Kelly Pease!  
 Sunday, April 21st, 5:00-8:00PM  
 St. Alphonsus Catholic Church  
 Open to all High School and  
 Junior High (5th-8th grade)  
 Contact Julie Cilano if you would  
 like to attend! 225-749-3387

## Confirmation Congratulations

The following young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past week. Congratulations to them and their families!

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Landon Andre      | Wyatt LeJeune         |
| Matthew Begue     | Blake Manola          |
| Taylor Boudreaux  | Emily Marks           |
| Jeffrey Budd      | Keeley Martin         |
| Lance Budd        | Austin Melancon       |
| Rachel Cazes      | Kyle Panepinto        |
| McKay Chauvin     | Benjamin Poirrier     |
| Hannah Chustz     | Dillon Prejean        |
| Corey Clouatre    | Bria Rivet            |
| Carlie Comeaux    | Kember Rivet          |
| Jake Daigle       | Kulin Robertson       |
| Nicole Delaney    | Amber Elise Robillard |
| Matthew Dupuy     | Alexis Safford        |
| Beatriz Garcia    | Baret Sanchez         |
| Kaylee Gaudin     | Leah Smicker          |
| John Goodwin, III | Danielle Spath        |
| Aaron Kimble      | Lucas Stelly          |
| Luke LeBlanc      | Kylie Tolar           |
| Morgan LeBlanc    | Jacob Veillon         |
| Blade LeJeune     | Shelby Willis         |

Louis Witty, IV

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Lakeland, LA

Invites You to Their Annual Fair

Saturday & Sunday, April 20th & 21st, 2013

Across from Chanal Cemetery

Hwy. 414—Jarreau, LA

Lots of Food & Fun!!!

### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 7, 2013

REGULAR:

289 Identified- - - - - \$12,560.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 851.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$13,411.00

### A VOCATION VIEW

Peter's faith and trust is rewarded with the miraculous catch of fishes. If you want to be fisher of men as a priest or religious, if God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

April 21, 2013

Do you believe that God calls all people to spread the Good News? How are you responding to the call? Do you want some help? Next week is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Come, join with the parish in prayer for special blessings that each person will be strengthened in their vocation.

### ST. JOSEPH SIZZLING SUMMER

St. Joseph's Academy presents Sizzling Summer 2013. They offer enrichment programs, performing arts and athletic camps for girls. Plus, girls and boys can enjoy four weeks of SJA Day Camp (full and half-day camps available). Register now for fun and excitement in a safe environment. Visit [www.sjaconnections.org/sizzlingsummer2013](http://www.sjaconnections.org/sizzlingsummer2013) or contact Jaime Young at 388-2225 or [young@sjabr.org](mailto:young@sjabr.org).

### CAMP ABBEY

Camp Abbey is an overnight, Catholic summer camp for children completing 2nd thru 8th grades and is sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Boys' sessions are June 9-15, June 16-22 and June 23-29. Girls' sessions are July 7-13, July 14-20, and July 21-27. Cost is \$395 per week and partial scholarships are available. Early registration and multi-week discounts are available. Camp includes prayer opportunities, Mass, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration as well as activities such as volleyball, basketball, softball, flag football, arts & crafts, archery, swimming boating, etc. etc. Contact Camp Abbey at [www.campabbey.org](http://www.campabbey.org) or [campabbey@archno.org](mailto:campabbey@archno.org) or (985) 327-7240 for more information and to register.

### Readings for the Week of April 14, 2013

- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/  
 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/  
 Jn 10:27-30

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

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Jerry Deshotel  
Stacy Gauthreaux  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Wendy Parrish  
Katie Roettger  
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Gerard "Jerry" Zimmerman



3rd Sunday of Easter

States and provinces regulate fishing seasons within their own boundaries. For some species, the fishing season is open all year long. For others, there is only a brief time that the fish can be legally taken. The season for sturgeon spearing in the upper Midwest can last just a couple of days depending on where the spearing takes place and when the limit imposed by regulation is reached. According to data collected in 2011 by the US Census Bureau, over thirty-three million Americans go fishing. In that year they spent nearly \$42 billion on fishing activities including trips, equipment, and licenses. The number of people going fishing jumped by eleven percent from 2006, making it one of the most popular outdoor activities.

Peter's fishing trip in this weekend's Gospel is not quite as involved as some trips that modern day fishermen might take. Since he was a fisherman by trade, he likely walked out of his house, grabbed a few of his buddies, and went out in the boat for the night hoping to make a good catch. While there was always preparation to be done (mending the nets, repairing the boat, etc.), from the Gospel story it seems that Peter's decision to go fishing was pretty spontaneous. It was near dawn when Jesus showed up and they caught a tremendous amount of fish.

Any avid fisherman is always ready to go out and fish. Once you're out there, it could be just the right moment to pull in a lot of fish. Like a fisherman, we never quite know when the moment may come to "catch" someone for Christ. As Christians, we always have to be prepared to tell the story of who Jesus is for us, not in any kind of "preachy" way, but by living our lives as kind and loving people. The witness that we give by our example is the only kind of net we need to attract others to the Lord.