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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
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
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

"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

Dear Parishioners,

Our prayers go out to so many of our relatives, friends, and co-workers who lost homes or property during the catastrophic flooding in our state. The storm may have been nameless but the individuals and families who suffered so many losses are not. Please continue to provide as much support as you can over the next few weeks and months.

I am very thankful that our local neighborhoods and West Baton Rouge Parish as a whole were largely spared from the flooding. A map of the Louisiana parishes declared disaster areas looks like a sea of red surrounding the small white "island" of West Baton Rouge Parish. Being so blessed is even more encouragement to reach out and help our less fortunate neighbors.

It is very edifying to realize that so many good Samaritans were helping others even though they had also suffered loss. I think of the fire, police, and EMS personnel; but also school administrators and teachers; nurses and other health professionals; and also volunteers from so many walks of life who made up the "Cajun Navy."

I hope you won't think that I am abandoning ship during this time of trial, but the LSU Tigers play the Wisconsin Badgers next Saturday, September 3, 2016, at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and I am flying up to attend the game along with my priest friends Father David Allen and Father Paul Counce. Thanks in advance to Father Jon Koehler who has kindly agreed to cover all of our Masses next weekend, September 3-4, so I can make the trip.

If you remember, these two teams also played in 2014 at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas, and LSU was fortunate to overcome a slow start and beat Wisconsin 28-24. Now we are playing on Wisconsin's home turf and it would be extra satisfying to beat them again in front of so many of their fans. We will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, September 2, Saturday, September 3, and Tuesday, September 6, while I am away.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 2 and 3, 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 an 8:00 a.m. Communion Service 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.

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, we will honor all law enforcement personnel at a "Blue Mass" to be held here at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 25, 2016. The date was chosen for its proximity to September 29, the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police. The K.C.'s have graciously agreed to help sponsor the Mass and our cub scouts will provide the color guard. All are invited to attend.

In Christ,
Father Matt



CATECHISTS NEEDED

We have been blessed by so many volunteers to share our faith with the youth of our parish! **THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR SERVICE!** However, we still need:

Mondays

5:30—6:15 pm: 1 Needed

Childrens' Church

1 Needed for 11:00 am on Sundays

Please call Karen or June (749-3387) to volunteer!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
*God has a detailed plan for your life.
Do you know His plan for you?
Ask Him!!!*

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, September 2nd at 8pm thru Saturday, September 3rd at 8 am.

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of Church
For more info, contact Julie @ 749-8260 or
Mary @ 324-5289.

Take advantage of sales to buy small toothpastes, soaps, shampoos, socks & feminine products/ toiletries; make gift bags and have them ready to hand out wherever they are needed.

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, September 4

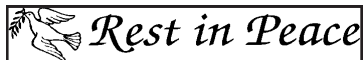
- Monthly Communion Service for K.C. Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.
- Coffee & donuts will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Lucille Bouquet & her team for cleaning the church during the month of August. Cleaning for September will be done by Lisa Beraud (749-3170) and her team. Please give her a call if you can help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Geri & Bill Schneider for chairing the committee during the month of August. Chairing for the month of September will be Scrap & Ella Dean Thibodeaux (937-1998). Please call them with any concerns.



Rest in Peace

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Josie Delaune & family upon the death of her sister, Rosalie Sammartino. Please keep them in your prayers.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in our parish has been ongoing for thirty (30) years. This beautiful devotion was started on September 5, 1986.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance each Friday morning following the 8:00 am Mass until 11:30 am. All parishioners and visitors are invited to come pray with us during those hours.

Many thanks to those who regularly come to spend an hour with our Lord and to all who make this devotion so successful.

On Thursday, September 1st the Mass Intention is for the living and deceased Eucharistic adorers.

GOD BLESS YOU!

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

This collection will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 14, 2016

227 Identified- - - - - \$ 9,802.83
 Loose Collection- - - - - 655.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$10,457.83

August 21, 2016

198 Identified- - - - - \$ 7,175.00
 Loose Collection- - - - - 710.25
 TOTAL- - - - - \$7,885.25



A VOCATION VIEW

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. If God is offering you the gift of priesthood or religious life, and you wish to respond trusting in God, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.



HAVE A GOOD MARRIAGE?

Want to step up to a great, Exciting & Romantic One? Why settle for merely a good marriage when you can have the exciting and romantic relationship you both dreamed about just a few years ago? Now is the time to reach out for more and attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is October 14-15, 2016 at the Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center in Baton Rouge. You can get more information or register online at LAMS-wwme.org or by calling 470-297-8560.

LIFE FEST & RESPECT LIFE MASS

The 2nd Annual Diocesan Life Fest will be held at 10am on Saturday, October 1, 2016, in the Tracy Center Ballroom of the Catholic Life Center. The theme for this year is "Called to Compassion: Living Mercy". The keynote presenter will be Fr. Andrew Merrick, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge and Spiritual Director for the March for Life Pilgrimage. Breakout session topics include: Mercy at the End of Life, Prison Ministry, Artificial Reproductive Technologies & Infertility, and Living out Every Day Mercy. This FREE event will also feature Adoration, Kids Track for ages 5-11, music by Greg & Lizzy, various exhibitors and the Annual Respect Life Mass at 4 pm. For more info, contact the Marriage & Family Life Office (225-242-0323).

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2016

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
 Monday: 1Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Mk 6:17-29
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk
 Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10,
 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without expecting repayment. At least, without expecting to be repaid in THIS life. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. Really, what better investment could there possibly be?

It can be tempting to think of our money as purely our own. We work hard to earn it. Or we receive it from others who wanted US to have it. Or luck came our way (and too bad for you that it didn't come your way). We thus feel possessive of our money and often struggle with the idea of giving it away or lending it without hope of being paid back (with interest!). But today's Gospel challenges us with a different perspective. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. As difficult as this request may be, it's important to remember that Jesus honors the sacrifice! This is why he promises repayment in heaven. He understands that it "costs" us a great deal to part with the security of using our money for ourselves alone. He understands that in caring for the poor, we risk putting ourselves in their company.

But God's ways are not the ways of the world. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises.