



# 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 you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair? So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love." - Lk 7:44b, 47a

Dear Parishioners,

I am in San Antonio this weekend so I thank Father Steve Rodrigues, O.F.M.Cap., for celebrating our Masses while making an appeal on behalf of his religious community, the *Capuchin Franciscans*, and their work with the poor and disadvantaged in India. I will return on Wednesday evening and be back in the office on Thursday.

As you may have read in the paper or watched on the news, St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College near Covington suffered major damage to its campus due to unprecedented flooding on March 11 of this year. A three minute video of the flood and the Abbey's response can be found on their website at <http://www.saintjosephabbey.com/abbey-flood-response>.

The Abbey church is scheduled to reopen next month and the seminary college is working hard to prepare for the arrival of 158 seminarians in August. Many of the church parishes in our diocese took up a second collection for the seminary last April when I was on vacation. We will take a second collection here in our parish on the weekend of July 2-3. This will allow us to forward our monetary offering to the monks in time for their celebration of the Feast of St. Benedict on July 11. Please keep them in your prayers and please be generous.

St. Joseph Seminary College, also known as St. Ben's, is where the young men of our region go to begin their formation for the priesthood. It offers coursework in philosophy and religious studies leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. It also offers a pre-theology program of studies for young men who enter after having already earned an undergraduate degree in a different discipline. So it's a four year program of studies for those who enter after high school, or a two year program for those who enter after college.

The seminarians at St. Ben's are greatly influenced by the witness of the Benedictine monks and their consistent pattern of prayer and work. The monastery is a stabilizing presence in a volatile and unpredictable world. It reminds us that we are all working for eternal goods rather than temporary happiness.

After graduating from St. Ben's, seminarians next enroll in Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans or one of the several other graduate seminaries to begin their graduate work in theology leading to a Master of Divinity Degree. However remember, seminary formation does not focus solely on academic learning but also on prayer and spiritual development, as well as pastoral training and overall human development. The Church not only needs learned priests but also men of prayer and communion who possess the maturity to be effective pastors.

Remember to mark your calendars for our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner to be held two weeks from now on Saturday, June 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the parish activity center. The dinner is our way of thanking all of you who contribute to the vitality of our parish through serving in one of our various ministries. Please RSVP to the parish office so we will know how much food to prepare.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

 You are Invited —

**CALLING ALL MINISTERS!!!!**

**Mark Your Calendars for  
Saturday, June 25th**

**Annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner  
After 4:30 pm Mass—Activity Center**

*If you are involved in any ministry (Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Catechists, Choir, R.C.I.A. Money Counters, Bereavement, K.C.'s, Catholic Daughters, Zippers, Environment)*

*and any others we may fail to mention:*

**COME & LET US HONOR YOU AT THIS  
SPECIAL EVENT.**

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO  
R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN MONDAY,  
JUNE 20th**



**THANKS TO OUR LOCAL  
VETERANS FOR THE NEW  
FLAG NOW FLYING OVER  
OUR CHURCH PLAZA!**





St. John the Baptist/Holy Family VBS  
 “Cave Quest—Following Jesus The Light of the World”  
 July 11—15, 2016

REGISTER NOW! Forms are available in the back of church, the Parish Office & the Christian Formation Office and on-line at <http://www.sjb-brusly.com>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 30, 2016

Fee: \$20 (Family max \$60) Grades K—5  
 Late Registration Charge—\$5.00 per family.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

⇒ Monthly Meeting Wednesday, June 15

Officers’ Meeting—6:00 pm

Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

Activity Center

⇒ Pro-Life Rosary Saturday, June 18—4:00 pm  
 In Church

*You're invited!*

### SUPPER & SUBSTANCE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

You are invited to an evening of fun and spiritual nourishment at the first diocesan-wide Supper & Substance event for married couples! It will take place on Saturday, July 30th from 7—10pm at Premier Lanes in Gonzales (1414 N. Airline Hwy). \$65 per couple includes food, a live band, and open bowling lanes. There will be a witness by David and Kate Dawson. A cash bar will be included. Arcade and bumper car packages are also available. Register online at [www.MFLDiobr.org](http://www.MFLDiobr.org). If you have any questions, please contact Jason and Emily Froeba at 225-620-5291 or [emilyfroeba@yahoo.com](mailto:emilyfroeba@yahoo.com).

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### STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 29, 2016

REGULAR:

172 Identified- - - - - \$6,747.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 582.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,329.00

June 5, 2016

REGULAR:

304 Identified- - - - - \$18,510.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 800.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$19,310.50



### A VOCATION VIEW

“I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” Is Christ inviting you to let Him live in you through single-hearted service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

**Thank You!**

*“We would like to express our gratitude and love to this faith-filled church parish of St. John the Baptist. Your many acts of love, kindness and support to us through phone calls, visits, food and prayer will never be forgotten and certainly are appreciated!”*

**In loving memory of Louis Spragio, Sr.  
 by his family**

**We remain in God’s peace. Thank You!”**

The Bereavement Committee would like to thank the family & friends of Mr. Louis Spragio, Sr. for their recent donations.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF DUSTIN  
 DELAPASSE & ALLEN DAVID

### RECENTLY BAPTIZED

*The following babies were baptized here and we send our congratulations to them and their families!  
 Everly Grey Burnett, daughter of Ryan & Erica Brewer  
 Burnett and Evan Michael Prejean, son of Chad & Megan Prejean. Welcome into our faith community.*

### BE MERCIFUL!

*Offer to read to someone who is feeling ill or is just feeling blue.*

### Readings for the Week of June 12, 2016

Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11/  
 Gal2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3  
 or 7:36-50

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16/  
 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-21, 24/  
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11-14, 17-18/  
 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/  
 Gal 3:26-29/Lk 9:18-24

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016**

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears." This woman gave everything she had to Jesus in her courageous display of public repentance.

The flask of ointment, for starters, was undoubtedly very expensive. To anoint Jesus in this way was to pamper him with a luxury. Thus she honored Jesus with the best gift she could give. But more than this external offering, the woman also "gave" Jesus her tears. She wept for her sins, for the hope of forgiveness, and for the love of Christ. She literally poured herself out before Jesus as she revealed the depths of her soul. Also, to wipe his feet with her hair was to give the gift of her humility. Cleaning someone's feet is a lowly task to begin with; but to use her own hair for the job revealed that she did not think of herself as "too good." Simon the Pharisee, on the other hand, had exactly that problem.

Jesus used the opportunity to distinguish between those who love much, and those who love little. The self-righteous, like Simon, have little room in their hearts for love of others because they are so full of the love of themselves. They feel they have nothing to repent for. This woman, however, acknowledged her weakness humbly and was all the more ready and willing to love.

We, of course, are challenged to be as generous, courageous, and humble as this sinful woman. We are called not to compare our sins to others' that are "worse" than ours, but rather to honestly recognize where we have failed. Then, like this woman, we can show great love to Christ by giving him the very best of what we have.