



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
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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.

"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,

Last Tuesday was the birthday of Vincent Lombardi, the Hall of Fame football coach of the Green Bay Packers (1959-1967), and considered by most sports fans to be the greatest football coach of all time.

Coach Lombardi was born 100 years ago on June 11, 1913, and died from colon cancer on September 3, 1970. The Packers won five NFL championships under his leadership, including the first two Super Bowls.

ESPN ran a couple of specials in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth in which they interviewed former players and others to gain some perspective into what made Coach Lombardi so special. One of the players interviewed was Jerry Kramer, drafted in 1958 along with Jim Taylor and Ray Nitschke, who played 11 seasons for the Packers at right guard.

Jerry recalled something Vince Lombardi said to the players at their first meeting after he took over as their new head coach. "Men," Coach Lombardi said, "we are going to relentlessly chase perfection. We know we can never attain it, but in the process we will catch excellence."

That motivational speech might just as well sum up our mission as Catholics. We are trying to respond as best as we can to the call of Jesus to "be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) Our effort must be sincere and unwavering despite our awareness of our weakness and sinfulness, because in striving to be perfect we just might attain excellence, or in religious parlance, holiness.

One of the reasons for Coach Lombardi's great success as a coach was the time, energy, and devotion he put into his work. In some ways he was a better coach than he was a husband and father, and as a devout Catholic, I am sure this must have bothered his conscience. He attended daily Mass and frequent confession as a means to try to reconcile the competing loves in his life.

We cannot achieve holiness without prayer, moral support, and frequent reception of the sacraments. Football players train and practice until their execu-

tion during games becomes fluid and automatic. They analyze game film to perfect their technique and correct mistakes. We do the same: we practice our faith and learn from our mistakes so as to achieve a sense of harmony with our neighbor and unity with God.

We are blessed to have a superior "playbook" in the Bible and Catechism, and the greatest teacher of all time in Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Therefore, there is absolutely no reason why we cannot be successful in leading good and holy lives of faith. Plus we have a supportive community in which to pray and develop our gifts for service. Our best years are still ahead of us as long as we trust in Christ and allow his spirit to guide and nourish us.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

**REAL  
WORLD  
SERVICE  
IMMERSION  
CAMP**

A 5-day experience of learning and living the principles of Catholic Social Teaching  
**July 23-27**  
Cost: \$80  
Open to current 9th-12th graders  
Housing Location: St. Isidore, Baker LA  
Contact: Julie Cilano  
225-749-3387  
Register by May 16!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
July 8—12 (9am—12pm)  
Grades K—5th  
Registrations Open Now  
Cost is \$25/child  
Contact the Christian Formation Office (749-3387)

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

*Congratulations to Elizabeth Wallace, this year's recipient of the Court St. John the Baptist CDA Scholarship. Elizabeth is the daughter of Steven & Mary Wallace of Brusly. We are very proud of your accomplishment and wish you success in college! CDA members also congratulate all 2013 graduating seniors of the parish and wish them good luck with their future.*

**The Catholic Daughters will not have a meeting in June. Next meeting is Wednesday, July 17, 2013.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael David Quatrevingt who received the sacrament of Confirmation this Pentecost at St. Joseph's Cathedral along with other adults from our diocese.

**ATTENTION!  
ALL MINISTERS  
& VOLUNTEERS**



Join us for an  
**Evening of Fun**

Are you a volunteer?? Do you belong to any church organizations?? Are you involved in any ministries???

Thanks for generously giving your time! Now, come and let us honor you at our annual **Ministry Appreciation Dinner** which is set for **Saturday, June 29th** in the Activity Center immediately following 4:30 pm Mass.

Please give us a call (749-2189) by **June 15th** to let us know if you will be there. **WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND!!!**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS  
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY  
OF VIRGIE CURCIO.**

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to the families of Lytle Chustz & John Miller upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

**THANKS!**

The Bereavement Committee sends thanks to the family & friends of Bea Curcio for their recent donations.

**HEART 2 HEART**

**A Youth Mentoring Program of Catholic Charities**  
"I have this turmoil inside that won't let me just do nothing. I need to give back," said a man during his interview today to become a Heart 2 Heart youth mentor at Catholic Charities. Does this sound like you? Do you have the drive and compassion to change someone's life? If so, join Catholic Charities Heart 2 Heart youth mentoring program. In just a few hours a month, you can help create a remarkable lifetime of hope and promise. Call Kayla Moscona at 225-336-8700, ext. 404 or email [kmoscona@ccdiobr.org](mailto:kmoscona@ccdiobr.org) to get started.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

June 9, 2013

Regular:

196 Identified- - - - - \$8,026.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 454.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$8,480.00

**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).



**Happy  
Fathers  
Day**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

**HAPPILY MARRIED COUPLES:** Are you dieting, jogging, exercising, playing golf or tennis to stay in shape? What are you doing to keep your marriage in shape? Why not attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's the best proactive program to help married couples and has been voted the Best Marriage Workshop in the US for the 2nd year in a row by About.com's Reader's Choice Awards. For more information about taking a private time away, check out <http://wwme-section5.org> or call 800-586-5469. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in this diocese is July 26—28, 2013 at the Bishop Tracy Center on S. Acadian Thruway in Baton Rouge. To apply for your spot go to <http://wwme-section5.org/register.php> or call 800-586-5469.



*Like Nathan in today's first reading, we sin when we begin to feel entitled and act as if what we have is ours by right, when we forget that everything we have is an unmerited gift from God. But God is gracious and forgiving—even when we use His gifts wrongly or squander them thoughtlessly—if, like Nathan, we confess our guilt and ask His pardon.*

**Readings for the Week of June 16, 2013**

Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Gal 2:16, 19-21/  
Lk 7:36--8:3 or 7:36-50  
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15  
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34  
Next Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Gal 3:26-29/  
Lk 9:18-24

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A lot was made in the last election about the two parties' differing appeals to women voters. Since the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, women have had the right to vote in every election. No candidate can afford to ignore more than half the population. Often the press will cite certain issues as being of particular concern to women (things like health care, violence, workplace equality, food security) as opposed to topics that the media would label as of more concern to men (defense, terrorism, banking and finance law). While legislators may find themselves attuned at one time to one part of the population, and then the other, in the end, they must respond to all of their constituents and be concerned with the common good.

The Gospel this weekend gives us an insight into the band of believers who followed Jesus in his ministry. Luke paints a portrait of a mixed group of followers. There were the Twelve, that is the apostles, but there were also a number of women, some of whom were influential people. We know from the letters of St. Paul that in the early church men and women worked together to build up the kingdom of God by spreading the message of Christ.

In forgiving the sinful woman in the Gospel, Jesus outlines a path to be taken in achieving the common good, a path of forgiveness and healing. These are not easy virtues to exercise in the political world, which is often a cut-throat, winner-take-all type of endeavor. As Christians, it is our duty to influence our legislators on the issues that will promote the common good of all rather than the personal good of some. As Luke's writings in his Gospel and in Acts of the Apostles points out, Christianity is a religion of community. In both our private and our public lives we profess our faith in Christ and we care for our neighbor.