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The Most Holy Trinity
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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

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.

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:13-14

Dear Parishioners,

We rejoice that our local Church now has another young priest to celebrate Mass and the sacraments for the people of our Diocese. Father Joseph Hoang Vu, a parishioner of Sts. Anthony and Le Van Phung Parish, was ordained this weekend by Bishop Robert Muench. Father Joseph Vu, no relation to our vicar general, Father Than Vu, has been assigned to Christ the King Parish and Catholic Student Center on the campus of L.S.U. effective July 1.

Father Vu is 25 years old and inherits the mantle of youngest diocesan priest from Father Brent Maher who is 28 years old. The oldest priest is Msgr. William Greene, who is 87 years old and retired, but still celebrates daily Mass for the Sisters of St. Joseph at their Hundred Oaks convent.

The Baton Rouge Diocese currently has 53 active and 19 retired Diocesan priests. In addition, there are 29 religious order priests and 4 diocesan priests from other dioceses stationed in our Diocese. All of us together are responsible for providing pastoral care to 67 church parishes and numerous hospitals, schools, retreat houses, and prisons located throughout the Diocese.

As I mentioned two weeks ago, we are blessed to have a seminarian, Patrick Landaiche, live and work in our parish this summer. He moves in this week to begin an eight-week summer assignment during which time he will join us for prayer, service, spiritual formation, and hopefully a little recreation. Part of Patrick's job description is also to be a witness for vocations so that we can increase our prayers and activities in the hope that our parish will be the source of future vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.

The only priestly vocation from Brusly still serving as a priest is Father Joel LaBauve, who was ordained on January 31, 1970 at St. Joseph Cathedral, and celebrated his first Mass here at St. John the Baptist. (He recently told me that he remembered the weather being terrible on the day of his first Mass.) Our parish also produced Father Andrew Comeaux, who was ordained here at St. John the Baptist on May 24, 1974

and who served for many years in the Diocese before resigning from the priesthood. Andy is now married and serves as a counselor, hospital chaplain, and Episcopal minister in Shreveport, Louisiana.

So it is past time for a new crop of religious vocations to emerge from St. John the Baptist Parish. Ultimately, all vocations come from God, but I thank Julie Cilano and our catechists and parent volunteers on all of their work with the youth of our parish. There have been numerous advertisements in our bulletin for upcoming summer activities for the youth, and I know this will produce happy and committed young Catholics for our community. Please continue to support them with your prayers and encouragement.

Julie is also planning a few changes to the Christian Formation Program starting this fall. We have an information meeting scheduled this Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center to explain all of the changes. All parents are invited to attend. Thanks for your participation in our parish and have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

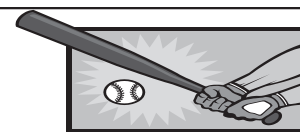
Come learn about the exciting transformations to our Religious Education Program for the 2013-2014 school year! Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm in the Activity Center.

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!



SUMMER SOFTBALL
Calling all High School Students!

Sign up for the Co-Ed summer Softball League! Mondays in June & July. Contact Julie Cilano at (225) 749-3387. Sign up by May 20th

Staubenville South
CHOSEN
 June 21-23, Alexandria, LA
 Open to High School Youth
 Youth Cost: \$225
*(First \$75 due by April 30; \$75 due by May 15th;
 Last \$75 due by June 13th)*
 Chaperone Cost: \$50
 Interested? Julie@sjbcc.brcxmail.com

**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!!!**



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY go out to **Kenny Rivet & Lisa Fenton and families** upon the death of their mother, **Marie Blouin Rivet**. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thanks!

“Spring has sprung, the flowers has ‘riz’, I wonder where the birdies is?”

Did you notice the recent ‘sprucing up’ of our grounds and flower beds? Many thanks to **Fr. Matt, Richard Rabalais, Ken Lemoine, Wallace Thibodeaux, Bill Schneider, Jerry Deshotel, Gene Bertrand, Mark Loreno, Bob Bewick and Larry Durbin** for the hard work put into cleaning up and beautifying our church grounds. **THANKS GUYS!**



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Wednesday, May 29, 2013
6:30 pm—Classroom #5
NEXT BAPTISMS
Sunday, June 9, 2013
after 11:00 am Mass

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES
 May 19, 2013

Regular:	
197 Identified-	-----\$5,910.00
Loose Collection-	----- 550.00
TOTAL-	----- \$6,460.00
April 2013 Building Fund Collections—	\$19,571.47

A VOCATION VIEW
 “We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.” How do you hope to share in God’s glory...as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? May some of our parishioners choose to serve you by becoming priests, brothers and sisters. If you feel God may be calling you to this ministry call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 27th** in observance of Memorial Day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Sunday, June 2
 => **Monthly Communion Service** for K.C. Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.
 => **Coffee & Donuts** will be served in the Activity Center after 7:30 am Mass.

April Calendar Winners: Justin Browning, Oliver Crockett, Glynn Millard, Walt Gauthreaux, Josephine St. Germain, Roxanne Dupuy, Mary Navarre, Paul Landry, Arthur Barrilleaux, Dwain Stutes, Linda O’Neil, KC Council 5352, Jordy Soniat, Roland Dartez, Isabella Pollet, Prentiss Passantino, Janet Abernathy, Jim Cox, Will Barker, Mike Little, Jerry Dellucci, Jene Vannorden, KC Council 5352, Daniel Jones, Candace Williams, Gaetano Passantino, Betty Bouchereau, Louis Deculus, Jr., KC Council 5352, Lee Moreau

ALTAR SOCIETY
 Thanks to **Joyce Caffarel & her group** for cleaning the church during the month of May. Cleaning will be done by **Gwen Dupuy (749-2593)** during the month of June. Please give her a call to offer your help.

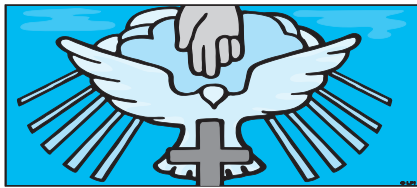
BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE
 Thanks to **Beverly & Harold Babin** for chairing the committee during the month of May. Chairperson for June is **Mary Anita Tullier (749-3459)**. Please give her a call with any concerns. *Thanks to everyone who signed up for the committee during the recent ministry sign-up. Thanks also to everyone who has served so faithfully over the years!*

Readings for the Week of May 26, 2013

Sunday:	Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Monday:	Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Lk 9:11b-17

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

Donna Badon
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Chustz, Vice-chairman
Deacon Sammy Collura
David Couvillon
Jerry Deshotel
Stacy Gauthreaux
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Wendy Parrish
Katie Roettger
Toni Tolar
David Toups, Chairman



The Most Holy Trinity

In the run-up to this Memorial Day weekend you've probably seen veterans out and about holding donation canisters and sporting little paper reproductions of poppies. It was Canadian Lt. Col. John McCrae's famous World War I memorial poem, "In Flanders Fields," which inspired the remembrance poppy that is seen at this time of year. While McCrae popularized the red poppy that grew in the cemeteries of France, another man used a different plant to help people remember. Patrick, Apostle to Ireland, used a shamrock, a three-petal leaf to offer a visual explanation of the Holy Trinity, a theological concept that can be difficult to comprehend. Since the leaf is really one, even though it has three lobes, it was a perfect example of the triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons in one God.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus illuminates the mystery of the Trinity by telling his disciples that the Holy Spirit will guide them to the truth. Jesus indicates that the Holy Spirit shares what is his and he shares what is the Father's. Through centuries of reflection and theological discussion, the church slowly came to perceive the mystery of the Trinity as three persons in one God. While the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father, all are God.

Patrick's shamrock was his attempt to help people gain an insight into what is essentially a mystery beyond our understanding. What we do believe is that this God who is three persons is also pure and undivided love. On this weekend when we honor those who gave the full measure of their devotion by wearing red poppies, we also celebrate the One whose love and devotion to his people is undivided and unending. That One is God, the eternal loving Father, the Son who gave his life for us, and the Spirit that is poured into our hearts.