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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

"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - Lk 21:16-19

Dear Parishioners,

I am staffing an Engaged Encounter November 11-13, so please welcome Father Joel LaBauve who is celebrating our Masses this weekend. Engaged Encounter is an expansion and improvement of the old Pre-Cana weekends that Catholic couples attended in years past. In addition to meetings with their priest, today's couples benefit from listening to talks given by married couples and then writing in their notebooks prior to one-on-one discussions with their fiancé.

In addition to attending the weekend, engaged couples from our parish also complete an online survey entitled *Prepare/Enrich* and then meet with a sponsor couple from our parish to discuss the various topics and results. We now have nine married couples trained as sponsor couples to assist engaged couples with their preparations for the sacrament of marriage. The engaged couples have enjoyed meeting with the sponsor couples and both couples benefit from the time spent together.

The new liturgical year begins two weeks from now on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. The lectionary readings switch to cycle "A" which means we will be following the Gospel of Matthew for the next 12 months. St. Matthew's Gospel is the most Jewish and the most Palestinian of all the Gospels. It was written for a Jewish Christian audience and cites the Old Testament more frequently than the other Gospels.

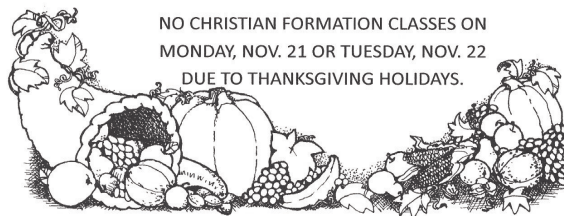
A central theme of the Gospel of Matthew is "the Kingdom of Heaven." The *Sermon on the Mount* (Matt 5-7) might be described as a manifesto for the kingdom in that it outlines the moral code for all of the kingdom's subjects. The *Sermon* is read from the Fourth to the Ninth Sundays in Ordinary Time during Cycle A. St. Matthew is also the only one of the four Gospels to use the word "church."

Most people are familiar with the designations "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" to refer to the busy shopping days which follow Thanksgiving. Perhaps not as well-known is the designation "Giving Tuesday" for the Tuesday after Thanksgiving which in recent years has become a day dedicated to online charitable Giving. This year the Diocese of Baton Rouge is partnering with other Dioceses in the region to promote

#iGiveCatholic in support of our parishes and schools.

This completely online fundraising drive will take place on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 12:01 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. On that day, friends and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church will be able to use their credit cards to help us raise funds for a new funeral chasuble and matching pall for our parish, and to support our youth who wish to attend the 2017 March for Life in Washington, DC. Please visit <https://igivecatholic.org/> for more information, and search for our parish under the Diocese of Baton Rouge listing.

In Christ,
Father Matt



FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC.

Drop and Shop Day #1,
2016

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITY
CENTER**

Friday, November 25, 2016 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

GRADES Pre K - 5TH

REGISTRATION FEE \$15 PER PERSON (Family Max \$40)

Food/Fun/Movie will be provided.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 11

**REGISTRATION FORMS
AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF
CHURCH, IN THE CHRISTIAN
FORMATION OFFICE OR ON
THE CHURCH WEBSITE.**

Contact: June (749-3387) or Mary Benoit (324-5289) with any questions. Or email: june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com or maryben69@gmail.com



A VOCATION VIEW

By patient endurance you will win your life. Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org. or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY MORAIN *Knights of Columbus*

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Officers' Meeting—6:00 pm
Regular Meeting—7:15 pm
In the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary
Saturday, November 19—4:00 pm in Church

Check This Out...

FAITH, SCIENCE, AND MEDICINE:

Unravelling the Myth of Conflict

Presented by Fr. Bill Blazek, S.J. & M.D.

Thursday, November 17—6:00 pm

Our Lady of the Lake Biological Learning

Research Bldg.—5222 Brittany Dr., Suite B, Baton Rouge

Fr. Blazek will address: How is a Christian

approach to health care different? What is the nature of Catholic health care? How does the Catholic worldview interplay between faith and reason/science? What are the common attacks of scientism/atheism on that position? How can we as health care providers respond best to that critique?

Fr. Blazek has taught at Georgetown University, served as an advisor to the US Secretary of Defense on the Defense Health Board, and directed the Integritas Institute for Ethics. His most recent assignment is as Retreat Director at the Manresa Jesuit House of Retreats in Convent, LA.

—Sponsored by the OLOL College Campus Ministry



We are presently collecting Christmas Cards to be distributed to prison inmates. If you have any you would like to donate, please turn them in to the office before December 2nd.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week's collection for the CCHD needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the U.S. by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD collection. Place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 6, 2016

REGULAR:

287 Identified- - - - - \$17,273.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 571.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$17,844.50

All Saints Day—\$1,577.00



Lectors' Workbooks for 2017 are in. Please pick up your copy in the Vesting Sacristy in Church.

#iGIVECATHOLIC
November 29, 2016



To celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic is a giving day created to rally the Catholic community on #GivingTuesday, November 29th - a global day of giving. It is a call to share of our blessings with our Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries.

HOW

Visit <http://iGiveCatholic.org>, select our diocese under "Browse Arch/Dioceses" and search for:

St. John the Baptist Church, Brusly

#GivingTuesday, November 29th
(Advanced giving begins Nov. 18th)

WHEN

WHY

To raise funds to purchase a new funeral chasuble and matching pall (\$2,800); and to help youth from our parish attend the 2017 March for Life in Washington, DC (\$150 per person).

Readings for the Week of November 13, 2016

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131/Lk 19:45-48
Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/
Mt 14:22-33
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43



The BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE has been placed in church. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones who will be remembered in prayer throughout the year.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016

Donna Badon
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Stacy Gauthreaux
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
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John Windham

Bishop's Annual Appeal

In this year's BAA, we celebrate the mercy of God, knowing we have been called to extend Christ's mercy to others just as the Lord shows compassion to us. Jesus taught, "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful*" (Lk 6:36). A picture of your commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and your regard for others, parishioners from **St. John the Baptist Parish** have prayerfully made the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority, and that support is a great encouragement to your neighbors and friends.

Through your generosity, Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers minister to thousands of your neighbors, the Sanctuary for Life provides a home and care for young expectant mothers, and deserving young people experience a quality Catholic education—all because you give to support these deserving ministries and more.

Please pray about your participation in the BAA this year as we strive to *Be Merciful*. Last week, Bishop Muench mailed each parishioner and family a packet of information inviting them to be a part of that effort by choosing to contribute to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you did not receive a packet, please contact the Office of Stewardship at (225) 336-8790 or via email at stewardship@diobr.org. To give online, visit baabr.org.