



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
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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

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." - Lk 23:35-37

Dear Parishioners,

Nearly all of the numbers have now been tabulated for this year's *Feast on the Levee* and our net income looks to be roughly \$60,000. Thank you very much for all that you did to contribute to our success through the sale of raffle tickets, the donation of auction items, and the preparation of food. Thanks once again to Mimi Clouatre and all who worked so hard to benefit our Church and community.

We normally apply about one half of the fair proceeds to our loan and deposit the other half into our regular parish savings. This year I would like to take the money normally deposited into savings and use it to replace the flooring in our parish activity center. The painted concrete has lasted very well but could use a little updating. However we will have to wait until May to have the work done due to all of the functions which take place in our activity center.

The "Rite of Acceptance" takes place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, for this year's five R.C.I.A. candidates who are inquiring into the Catholic faith. The Rite of Acceptance is the first of several thresholds that our inquirers cross as they discern entrance into the Catholic Church. From now until Easter, they will attend the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 a.m. Mass so as to be nourished by the Sacred Scriptures and supported by the prayers of this community.

Everyone is invited to attend Mass with us at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning. As in the past, you are also invited to bring a canned good with you to our Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit our food pantry. We will **not** have Mass or Adoration on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. I plan to visit my family at my brother's house in Mississippi on Thanksgiving Day and then watch the LSU - Texas A&M game that same evening. Please pray that the Tigers can close the regular season with a victory.

As I mentioned last week, our parish is registered to participate in the *#iGiveCatholic* campaign on "Giving Tuesday" which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. The campaign runs for 24 hours from 12:01 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

"Giving Tuesday" is especially popular with younger and middle-aged adults who now conduct much of their shopping, banking, and charitable giving online.

Our goal for the day is to collect enough donations to purchase a new funeral pall with matching chasuble (\$2,800), and to provide several scholarships for our youth to attend the 2017 March for Life in Washington, DC (\$150 per person). Parishioners, friends, and former parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church will be able to use their credit cards to help us achieve our goal. 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 #2,***

2016

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITY
CENTER**

Saturday, December 10, 2016 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 PM

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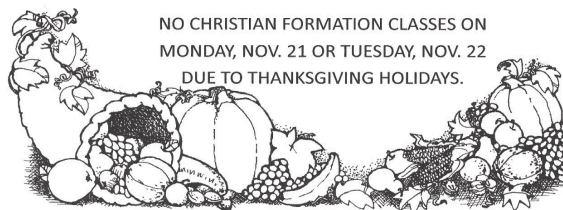
REGISTRATION FEE \$15 PER PERSON (Family Max \$40)

Food/Fun/Movie will be provided.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOV. 28

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

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



NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES ON
MONDAY, NOV. 21 OR TUESDAY, NOV. 22
DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS.

JOIN US IN
Celebration
MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STUDENTS K-8 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.



 **BAPTISM**

Congratulations to Olsen Ross Harsch, son of Richard & Lindsey Loreno Harsch and to Avery Claire Serio, daughter of Brian & Denise Serio. who were recently baptized here. Welcome into our faith community!

 *Christ the King*

“FLOODED WITH LOVE”

A Morning of Healing Prayer for Flood Survivors
Saturday, December 3, 2016
(9am—12noon)

St. Jean Vianney Church

16166 S. Harrell’s Ferry Rd., Baton Rouge

In the aftermath of the recent flood, the physical, emotional and spiritual scars focus on the healing ministry of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels, with a plea for His healing ministry in our own lives. The Gospels record 31 instances of Jesus healing various individuals. It is obvious from these healing accounts that Jesus’ unconditional love for us impels him to grant us whatever healing we need to draw closer to Him and to serve his disciples.

This Morning of Healing Prayer is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center and the Office of Marriage & Family Life of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. It will be lead by Fr. Doug Doussan, the resident chaplain for the Retreat Center. The event is free, but you are asked to call the Office of Marriage & Family Life at 242-0323 to reserve a seat.



2nd ANNUAL
Brusly & Lukeville Elementary
2016 JINGLE BELL JOG
Saturday, December 3rd—9:00 am
Alexander Park, Brusly

One Mile Fun Run for the Whole Family

Registration forms and t-shirt order forms have been placed on the bookcase in the back of church. \$5 per child and \$10 per adult. Race begins at 9am. All proceeds will go to playground funds for both schools.

A VOCATION VIEW

The King is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. The King is a servant-leader, who let go of His life for our sake. Who will follow the example of Jesus and renounce worldly power for the chance to serve all as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org. or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Merciful to a World in Need, We Serve Others Together

Through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, Bishop Robert Muench directs a unique Catholic effort, ensuring special projects and ministry programs receive essential funding, and extending the mercy of Jesus Christ to parishioners and parishes that need the Lord’s mercy most of all. As a diocese, we begin our fourth decade of ministry support, thankful for the many thousands of whose contributions have helped to fund vital work throughout the capital region over the years.

As we begin a new era of ministry support, this may be the year you decide to increase your gift. If so, we invite you to consider membership in the Crosier Society (for those whose gifts total \$500 or more), or the Bishop Stanley Joseph Ott Society (a tribute to the BAA’s visionary founder, for parishioners whose gifts total \$1,000 or more). We encourage you to Be Merciful. *“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36).*

Remember, the Lord blesses the Diocese of Baton Rouge through the BAA because of the shared commitment of every participant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift by donating online at www.baabr.org or responding to the recent mailing from Bishop Muench. Together, we can accomplish much, and that is the legacy of the BAA.



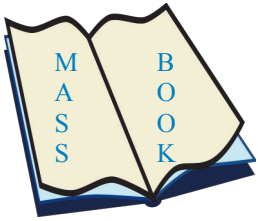
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Mass will be celebrated on
Thursday, November 24th at 8:00am
 Please bring something from your table to have blessed!

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY & FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24TH & 25TH FOR THIS HOLIDAY.

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2016

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/
 Lk 23:35-43
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/
 Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/
 Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/
 Mt 24:37-44



MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Intentions Book for 2017 is now open. Stop by the Office to schedule your intentions.

#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).

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016

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