



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
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.

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." - Lk 19:5-7

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you very much for all that you contributed, whether in the form of prayers, donations, volunteer service, or attendance, to last Sunday's "Feast on the Levee." It was a very enjoyable day and another testament to the vitality of our parish community. I wish to especially thank our chairpersons Scot and Pamela Rhodes for their outstanding leadership in coordinating the day's activities. It was a true team effort which reflected the wonderful spirit here at St. John the Baptist Parish.

The day was a little overcast and we even experienced a brief period of "stiff, wind-driven dew," as L.S.U. football coach Les Miles would say. But overall God blessed us with comfortable weather, delicious food, enjoyable music, and good company. I appreciated our summer seminarian, Patrick Landaiche, making the drive over from Covington to lend his support to our festival. My parents also joined us for the 10:00 Mass and lunch, and were very impressed with the faith life of our community. We will publish the financial figures as soon as they are available.

Monday, November 11, is Veterans Day when we honor and offer gratitude for all of our veterans. West Baton Rouge Parish is hosting a parade on Sunday, November 10, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in downtown Port Allen. Here at St. John the Baptist we will recognize our veterans at our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, November 9, 2013. The Mass will include patriotic hymns and special prayers in honor of their service. All veterans and their families are invited to attend.

Each January, close to 500 teens from the Baton Rouge Diocese make a bus pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to participate in the national *March for Life*. They are chaperoned by some of our young priests, seminarians, religious sisters, and youth ministers—thus the bus ride to and from Washington provides an opportunity to reflect on vocations as well as our Church's belief in the sacredness of life. About nine teens and several adult chaperones from our parish are making the pilgrimage this year.

In preparation for the above mentioned *Louisiana*

Youth Pilgrimage to Washington, the organizers host a benefit dinner and silent auction to underwrite the travel expenses for the priests, seminarians, religious, and teens. This year's *Pro Vita* dinner and silent auction will be held on Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Baton Rouge. Our parish is sponsoring a table for eight people at the dinner so let me or one of our secretaries know if you would like to attend. The guest speakers include Angela Thomas, CEO of Woman's New Life Center, and Father Andrew Merrick, pastor of St. Elizabeth and St. Jules Parishes.

We are without an L.S.U. game this weekend but we will hopefully enjoy watching the New Orleans Saints school the New York Jets on the finer points of professional football. *Geaux Saints!*

In Christ,
Father Matt



MP3 High School Youth Event!

Sunday, November 10, 2013

2:00–8:00 pm

St. Michael's High School

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP by Thursday, November 7th

COME FLY WITH US!

New Orleans Pelicans Basketball Game

SATURDAY, November 16th

5:00—11:00 pm

Cost \$27 (includes ticket and bus ride)
Open to Junior High Youth and Families

RSVP By Thursday, November 7th

Sponsored by the Diocese of Baton Rouge



Feast on the Levee

It was a wonderful day for FUN , FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING! Thanks to our Fair Chaircouple, Scot & Pamela Rhodes, all the cooks, booth workers, bakers, servers and everyone who helped in any way. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the day with us.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Super Raffle:

\$4,000—Sonya Boudreaux/Brent Watts
 \$1,000—Vicki & Brady Mouch
 \$ 500—Peanut & Irma LeRay

Regular Raffle:

\$1,000 Best Buy Card—Sue White
 \$ 500 Visa Card—Chad & Maggie Prejean
 \$ 250 Hubbens/Benedettos Card—Lycia Doucet
 \$ 250 Hubbens/Benedettos Card—Diane Campo
 \$ 100 Rita Babin

Baking Contest:

1st Place—Lana Prejean
 Orange Pumpkin Spice Cake
 2nd Place—Wanda Magee
 Italian Crème Cake
 3rd Place—Maria Bertrand
 Chocolate Italian Crème Cake

Thanks!

CARDS, ETC.

Gale wishes to thank everyone for the Cards, Etc. day! Thanks to the cooks & helpers/servers, the bakers, the Zippers and to all who came and played! The day was a huge success with a profit of \$7,647.50 with proceeds going towards the Building Fund. Since its beginning, the Card Party has earned \$29,081.00. GOOD WORK!

ALTAR SOCIETY

Jocelyn Gauthreaux wishes to thank Pat Blanchard, Faye Hebert, and Mary Ann David for helping to clean the church last month. We also would like to thank Cindi Breaux, Betty Kane, Virgie Hanna, Andrea Smicker and Josie & Eldon Delaune for cleaning all during the year.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 27, 2013

REGULAR:

163 Identified- - - - - \$4,737.00
 Loose- - - - - 592.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$5,329.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me?
 Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters?
 Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org. or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY MARTIN

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

are extended to Steve Wallace & family upon the death of his father, Sam Wallace; Al Soulier & family upon the death of his wife, Geneva Soulier; Eric Creel & family upon the death of his dad, Troy Creel; Warren Hebert & family upon the death of his aunt, Eula Mae Diamond and cousin, Karen Ann Diamond; Ryan Robicheaux & family upon the death of his brother, Steven Robicheaux; and to Pat Durbin & Janet Hebert upon the death of their sister, Louise Wilson. Please keep them in your prayers.



VETERANS DAY LITURGY

The 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, November 9th will honor veterans. We especially invite those who have served in the military to attend this liturgy and encourage parishioners to join us in expressing gratitude for all who have served.

We will be collecting Christmas Cards again this year for prisoners to send to their families. If you have any to donate, please send them to us before November 30th. THANKS!



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 pm—Classroom #5 of the Catechetical Building

Mandatory for parents to attend before baptism.

Readings for the Week of November 3, 2013

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/
 Lk 19:1-10
 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11,
 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16--3:5/
 Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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SIDEWALK COUNSELING TRAINING

Saturday, November 9 (12:00 pm—3:00 pm)
Bishop Tracy Center—Room 103

If you are feeling called to the ministry of sidewalk counseling or just interested in learning more about it, you are invited to this training session presented by Yvette Fouchi, LA Right to Life Sidewalk Counseling Ministry Coordinator. A few of the topics covered will be how to begin the dialogue with an abortion minded woman, how to offer assistance to a post-abortive woman or man, how to maintain a peaceful & non-threatening atmosphere. Training is free. Please RSVP for planning purposes to Danielle Van Haute at dvanhaute@diobr.org or 225-242-0164. Sponsored by the Marriage and Family Life Office of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Court Isabella's annual Christmas bingo will be held on Sunday, November 10th at St. Ann Parish Hall in Morganza from 2:00 til 5:00 pm. Lots of Christmas themed prizes will be given away and refreshments will be sold. Mark your calendar now and join them for an afternoon of fun!

ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL

As a ministry of the Catholic Church, St John High School offers a college-preparatory curriculum in a disciplined, nurturing environment. You are invited to visit the campus during their Open House to learn how they live out their mission every day. The Open House will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm in St. Clement Chapel. It is open to 7th—12th graders and their parents. For more information call the school at (225) 687-3056 or visit the website www.stjohnschool.org.