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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

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,

The repaving of the road in the rear of our cemetery is finally complete. We may have to add a little dirt here and there but the bulk of the project is now done. Please try to stay on the road as much as possible and make use of the new parking spaces when visiting that area. Unlike concrete, asphalt has no structural strength of its own, but rather receives its strength from the underlying limestone base. Therefore, the edge of the road is always vulnerable to cracking.

We also recently replaced the pump on the baptismal font in church. The original unit was making strange noises and could not be repaired, so we replaced it with a much better model. The repairman was also able to improve the circulation pattern to allow more water to pass through the filter. This should help to keep our baptismal font clean.

This Tuesday, November 1, is the *Solemnity of All Saints* and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on All Saints Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year's *Blessing of the Graves* will take place next Saturday, November 5, at 12:00 noon in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.

A "Book of Remembrance" will be placed in church beginning with the Feast of All Saints and remaining throughout the entire month of November. The book and accompanying candle serve as a visible reminder to offer prayers for our beloved dead and for all who have gone before us in faith. Feel free to once again write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be included in our prayers.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 4 & 5, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

November 6—12 is National Vocation Awareness Week for Catholics in the United States. Pope Francis wrote that "*Responding to God's call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security*

behind and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness." Please offer prayers that our parish may produce vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

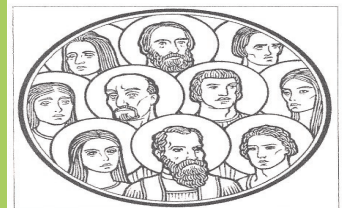
Next Sunday, November 6, is also the day when Daylight Saving Time ends and we return to Standard Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night so you can enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Finally, please say a prayer for Msgr. Bill Greene who passed away on October 17 at the age of 91. Ordained in 1950, he served 66 years as a priest and was the oldest priest in our Diocese.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Please Note!

THERE WILL BE
NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION CLASSES
On Monday, Oct. 31 or
Tuesday, Nov. 1 due to
All Saints Day.
The Parish Office will
Also be closed on
Tuesday, Nov. 1.



VETERAN'S DAY MASS
Saturday, November 5 (4:30 pm)
Please join us as we honor our veterans,
both past and present.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1
Masses: 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES
Saturday, November 5—12:00 noon

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones in the book which is located in church. They will be remembered in prayer throughout next year.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Saturday, November 6th. Set clocks
back 1 hour before retiring on
Saturday, November 5th.



**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

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
OUR ORGANIZATIONS**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, November 6

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

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Jocelyn Gauthreaux and her group for caring for the church during the month of October. Jackie Morain (337) 945-4773 is scheduled for November. Please give her a call if you want to help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of October. Chaircouple for November will be Harold and Beverly Babin (749-2027). Please give them a call with any concerns.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING
IN MEMORY OF
LENNY BERNARD AND LEE BELLUE

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 23 2016

168 Identified- - - - - \$5,754.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 687.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$6,441.00
World Mission Sunday—\$722.00



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. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



**Catholic
Community
Radio**

NOW, MORE THAN EVER, THEY NEED YOU!
Catholic Community Radio relies totally on donations from its listeners for all of its financial needs. The station will hold its summer Radiothon on November 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Listen for your favorite priests and other voices you know! If you like what you hear, and want to keep this station and its quality Catholic broadcasting on the air in our area, please make a monthly pledge or one-time donation at www.catholiccommunityradio.org, or call in your pledge or donation at 1-855-341-5199.



BAPTISM

The following children were baptized here last week. We send congratulations to them and their families. Emma Kate Aucoin, daughter of Matthew & Kayla Aucoin and Aiden Joseph Langlois, son of Jason & Stephanie Langlois.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

*“The Right to Life is the first among
Human Rights.”*

--Pope Francis

Readings for the Week of October 30, 2016

Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/ Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/ 2 Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016

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Children have such great expectations. They often show an eagerness that marvels adults. They can't wait to get at the Christmas gifts. They race off to explore new vistas. They dive into new things with an energy that seems beyond imagining. This exuberant curiosity that characterizes childhood gets channeled over time into an exploration of one's place in the world as teenagers or young adults discover their own selves and decide what they want to do with their lives. Sometimes, the intense eagerness of childhood is restrained by the reality of the adult world in which real limitations are made manifest. Not everything is a game to explore anymore.

In this weekend's Gospel, we have a story of a man who had to face his own limitations. Zacchaeus was a short guy. He couldn't see above the crowd. But he used his own ingenuity in his attempt to see Jesus. He climbed up a sycamore tree and sat in its branches because he wanted to catch a glimpse of this prophet who had come to Jericho. Jesus in turn stops at the sycamore and invites Zacchaeus to come down. Whatever limitations Zacchaeus had because of his height, it didn't seem to affect his business acumen, for the Gospel tells us that he was a wealthy man. The people of Jericho seem to think that not all of his wealth was acquired legitimately. But Zacchaeus stands his ground, promising to over-compensate anyone whom he may have harmed.

As we move on in life, we may find ourselves at the point of having lost some of the enthusiasm for what got us to where we are. Our day-to-day experiences can sometimes feel like a rut that consumes our energy. The story of Zacchaeus reminds us that there can be a renewal of grace that enlivens us once again. We might consider where Jesus is walking by in our life, and if we have the eagerness to see him.