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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

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11

Dear Parishioners,

As work continues in the cemetery, we are also addressing a few maintenance issues around the church. The exterior of the rectory was recently washed and we are reviewing bids to have the exterior of the church, office, and activity center cleaned. In addition, we hope to have the iron hand rails at the church entrances repainted in the near future. These are the type of maintenance items that are normally addressed over the summer but which often get delayed until the fall.

This Sunday, September 18, is designated as Catechetical Sunday in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." All of our parish catechists are invited forward during Mass to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Our "Blue Mass" to honor all law enforcement personnel is next Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. The date was chosen for its proximity to September 29, the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of police. Many thanks to the K.C.'s for sponsoring the Mass and the cub scouts for providing the color guard. All are invited to attend.

The Baton Rouge area observance of the annual "40 Days for Life" campaign, set to run from September 28 to November 6, has been **cancelled** this year. The local leaders decided that it was best to concentrate on the flood recovery efforts currently underway. Please continue to support our local pregnancy resource centers and please continue to pray for an end to abortion.

As noted elsewhere in the bulletin, the Diocese of Baton Rouge is sponsoring its second annual *Life Fest* and Respect Life Mass on Saturday, October 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. The theme is "Called to Compassion: Living Mercy," and the keynote speaker is Father Andrew Merrick, our Director of Vocations. The Respect Life Mass takes place at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.MFLDIOBR.org for more information.

Our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is now less than a month away and set for Monday, October 10, 2016

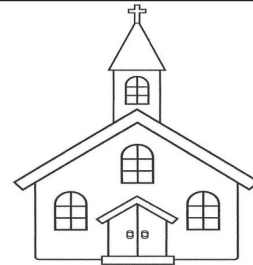
from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 which includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin. Chairperson for this year's *Feast on the Levee* to be held October 30 is Mimi Clouatre. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money as soon as you finish selling them.

I will be out of the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week attending a priest gathering in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Therefore, we will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. Masses this Tuesday and Wednesday. Have a good week.

In Christ,
Father Matt

WE NEED YOU!

We Still Need 1 Childrens' Church
Catechist—11:00 am Sundays
Call Karen or June at 749-3387 if you can help.



**MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STUDENTS K-8
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.**

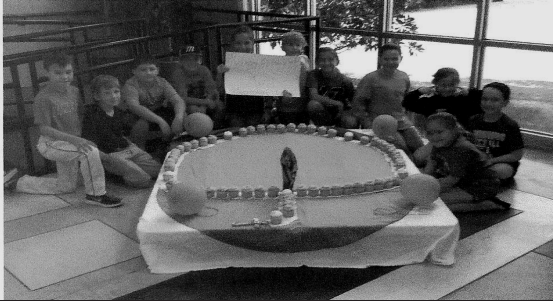
 *Rest in Peace*

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Curtis Dupuy upon his recent death, to Jim Thibodeaux & family upon the death of his wife, Helen, and to Bernadette Purnell & family upon the death of her brother, Charles Domingue. Please keep them in your prayers.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF
MARSHALL VINCE

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**
* MARY *



Christian Formation Classes celebrated Mary's Birthday which was September 8th with a cupcake Rosary and singing Happy Birthday.

 **BAPTISM**

The following children were baptized here last week. Congratulations to them and their families:
Annie Gayle Doucet, daughter of Jacob & Lauren Doucet and Maci Lynn Hebert, daughter of Matthew Hebert & Amy Barbier.

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

GENTLE HANDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jer1:5
An afternoon memorial service for families that have suffered the loss of a child.

Sunday, October 2, 2016—3:30 pm
St. Aloysius Catholic Church

You are invited to arrive early to sit in the garden and pray or reflect near the Gentle Hands Sculpture.

Gentle Hands is a ministry of St. Aloysius Parish supporting families that have suffered the death of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant loss or other tragedies.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 4, 2016

270 Identified- - - - - \$15,273.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 668.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$15,941.50
Catholic University- - - - - \$894.00

September 11, 2016

211 Identified- - - - - \$ 8,476.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 998.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$ 9,474.00



A VOCATION VIEW

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org., or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Knights of Columbus

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, September 21—Activity Center
Officers—6:00 pm; Regular—7:15 pm

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

- Rebecca Cazes, Scott Rills, Michael Wall, Penny A. Aucoin, Jon & Debra Bordelon, Dillon Soniat, Eli St. German, Pamela Rhodes, Jesse McClelland, Cedrick Lewis, Garrett Miller, Diane Zimmer, Warren Hebert, Brooke Broom, Beverly LaBauve, Linda Levert, Anissa & Brook Benoit, Cary Breaux, Rhonda Robertson, Devin Hymel, Charlene Palermo, Gary Russell, Trey Reeves, James G. Vidrine, Magdalen Gibson, Paula Huckley, Bruce Capone, Gary & Alice Tullier, Mike Cazes, June Pinsonat, Emma Ryland

BLESSED FATHER SEELOS

Healing Mass

Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm

St. Mary's Assumption Church

(Corner of Josephine & Constance Sts.)

New Orleans, LA

Celebrant: Very Rev. Stephen T. Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

- ⇒ Confessions Before Mass
- ⇒ Sacrament of Anointing
- ⇒ Veneration of the Relic Missionary Crucifix of Bl. Seelos

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2016

- Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk16:1-13 or 16:10-13
- Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30,
34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/
Lk9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

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"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of. And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend --sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something RIGHT and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.