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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

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.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:25-27

Dear Parishioners,

The Office of Vocations publishes a monthly online newsletter to keep everyone informed of various retreats and activities related to vocations and seminarians. If you would like to read it simply go to our diocesan website (<http://diobr.org/>) and click on the "Office of Vocations" business card icon located near the bottom of the home page, and finally click on "Newsletters." A link to the monthly newsletter is also posted on the "Baton Rouge Vocations" Facebook page.

In the August edition of the Vocations Newsletter, Father Matt Dupré announced that eight new men are entering the seminary this fall which brings our total number of seminarians to nineteen. That is fantastic news for our Church and our Diocese so please continue your prayers for Father Matt and for the good work he is doing in the area of vocations. While the number of seminarians is not nearly as important as the quality of the seminarians, I am still praying that we exceed twenty seminarians next year.

Two of the new seminarians are from Our Lady of Mercy Parish, one is from St. Anthony Parish in Baton Rouge, another is from St. Isidore Parish in Baker, one is from St. Margaret Parish in Albany, one is from St. Joseph Parish in Paulina, and the last two are from St. Mary Parish in New Roads. It is heartening to see that they represent all regions of our Diocese and range in age from 18 – 29.

Father Matt has been doing a great job directing vocations but needs extra prayers since he was asked on August 1 to temporarily serve as administrator of St. Theresa Parish in Gonzales. The pastor of St. Theresa, Father Gary Belsome, requested a leave of absence from active ministry and the Bishop felt that the best person to take his place was Father Matt Dupré. We know Father Matt will enjoy taking care of a parish again even if it does mean wearing two hats since he still has his vocation director assignment. Please keep him in your prayers.

Fewer priests may eventually require us to return to a style of ministry more similar to that practiced by the early missionaries in our state. Priests were responsi-

ble for larger geographical areas and focused on celebrating the sacraments and strengthening the faith rather than on other administrative and pastoral tasks. When I was ordained there were seventeen priests serving our Northwest Deanery (comprising the civil parishes of Iberville, West Baton Rouge, and Pointe Coupee). We now have just ten priests serving the same area and I am sure other areas of the Diocese reflect similar changes.

This changing landscape invites us to embrace a more flexible attitude regarding parish boundaries and sacramental celebrations. For example, we did not have a vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption but we did have an evening Mass on the feast day. Holy Family and St. John the Evangelist both had vigil Masses but did not have evening Masses. We all advertised each other's schedule and Catholics traveled to whichever Mass they could attend even if it was in a neighboring parish. It was a small but beautiful example of cooperation.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Religious Education

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION BEGINS
NEXT WEEK!!!!**

Are you Registered??????

Come over to the office during business hours to sign up !

WE NEED YOU!

**Catechists, Aides and Helpers are needed for
the Christian Formation Program.**

Come share your gifts with the young church.

**Contact the Christian Formation Office
(749-3387) to learn more.**

**Catechists really needed for Children's Church
(especially during 11:00 am Mass.)
Please call 749-3387 if you can help!**



Baptismal Seminar

Wednesday, September 11th -6:30 pm

Classroom #5—Catechetical Building

Mandatory for parents

DIOCESAN JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT
Open to all current 6th—8th Graders
September 27—29—Cost \$150
Camp Abbey, Covington, LA
Call Julie (749-3387) to register!



PARISH POT LUCK—BARBEQUE!

Thursday, September 19, 2013
 6:30 pm in the Activity Center
 RSVP with your dish: 749-3387

Congratulations!

The following babies were baptized here last week-end: Elise Catherine & Jase Paul Latiolais, children of Jack Latiolais and Ashleigh Cazes and Logan Catherine Bourque, daughter of Russ & Stephanie Bourque. Congratulations to them and their families and we welcome them into our faith community!

Thank You!

“A very special thank you to priests, family, friends and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for your prayers, care and concern, visits, phone calls, cards, food, flowers and other special gifts following my recent surgery. It is wonderful to live in such a loving, caring community like St. John the Baptist. God continues to answer all of our prayers.

—Beverly Babin

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family and friends of Randy Tranchina for their recent donations.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Tana Comeaux and family upon the death of her mother, Hazel Rome. Please keep them in your prayers.



Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

A VOCATION VIEW

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled to overflowing by God. Can you let go? 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 LOVING MEMORY OF DUSTIN DELAPASSE BY HIS FAMILY

CARDS, ETC.



The Cards, Etc. Card party will be on Monday, October 21 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Registration forms will be e-mailed on September 3, 2013. If you don't have an e-mail address or don't have a printer we will have Registration Forms at the Parish Office and the Senior Spirit Center. If you have any questions call Gale at 749-3769 or 413-5809. All newcomers are welcome!!!

Come to the Festival!

FEAST ON THE LEVEE
 Sunday, October 27, 2013

Be sure to call Pamela & Scot
 At 749-1915 or email
 scotrhomdes@cox.net or
 pamelabrhomdes@cox.net

To let them know what you want to do!
WE NEED YOU!
 Cooks, Booth Workers, Children's Games
 You are needed in any capacity you wish to serve.
 Help us to make this the **BEST FEAST EVER**

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Readings for the Week of September 8, 2013

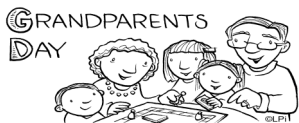
- Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/
Lk 14:25-33
- Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17
/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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You are invited to participate in Baton Rouge's third annual 40 Days for Life campaign this fall from September 25 through November 3. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide pro-life campaign that consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil for an end to abortion. A peaceful and prayerful vigil will be held outside of Delta abortion facility on Colonial Dr. in Baton Rouge between 7AM and 7PM on each of the 40 days. St. John the Baptist Church parish has adopted [Sunday, September 29.](#) Please consider joining us for one or more hours at the vigil. Sign-up sheets will be available after all Masses next weekend. For more information call Julie at 749-8260 or Mary at 324-5289.



This Sunday
September 8th

Happy 40th Anniversary!

On September 5, 1973, Court St. John the Baptist was instituted as the 2,079th Court into the largest organization of Catholic women in the world,

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Our court has been blessed with the opportunity to serve God, Church, Country and Community for forty years and we pray that we can continue for many years to come.

Catholic women, 18 years of age and older, who love and support the church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities, are welcomed and invited to join. Our Court meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Activity Center. Join us at our next meeting on September 18th at 6:30 pm.

