



# 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  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance  
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

### 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

*Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." - Jn 6:53-55*

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Michael Gerard Duca will be installed as the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Baton Rouge this Friday, August 24, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Each parish was allowed to invite three or four parishioners due to the limited seating in the Cathedral, and so June Hebert, Jayne Jason, Katie Roettger, and Celeste Veillon will represent us at the Mass. I am sure the Mass will also be televised.

Bishop Duca is also presiding at an Evening Prayer service on the eve of his installation. This service will be held at St. George Church this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. The priests were able to meet our new Bishop earlier this month at a dinner hosted by St. Thomas More Parish and he made a very favorable impression. He is not as outgoing as Bishop Muench but he is very genuine and promises to be an excellent shepherd for our Diocese.

I am happy to announce that Bishop Duca will visit our parish the day after his installation to celebrate a "Back to School" Mass for all of our seminarians. This is an annual Mass that rotates among the parishes and since I am currently serving as Director of Seminarians, I volunteered St. John the Baptist Parish. Bishop Duca will preside at our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, August 25, assisted by me and Father Andrew Merrick, Director of Vocations. The choir also volunteered to sing at the Vigil Mass rather than the 9:00 Mass next weekend.

This Mass provides an opportunity for our graphic designer to photograph all of our seminarians in preparation for the annual poster that we produce to help promote vocations. After the Mass, Bishop Duca and the seminarians will adjourn to our activity center for a meal prepared by Benoit's Catering. This will give the Bishop a chance to meet the seminarians and encourage them in their pursuit of the priesthood.

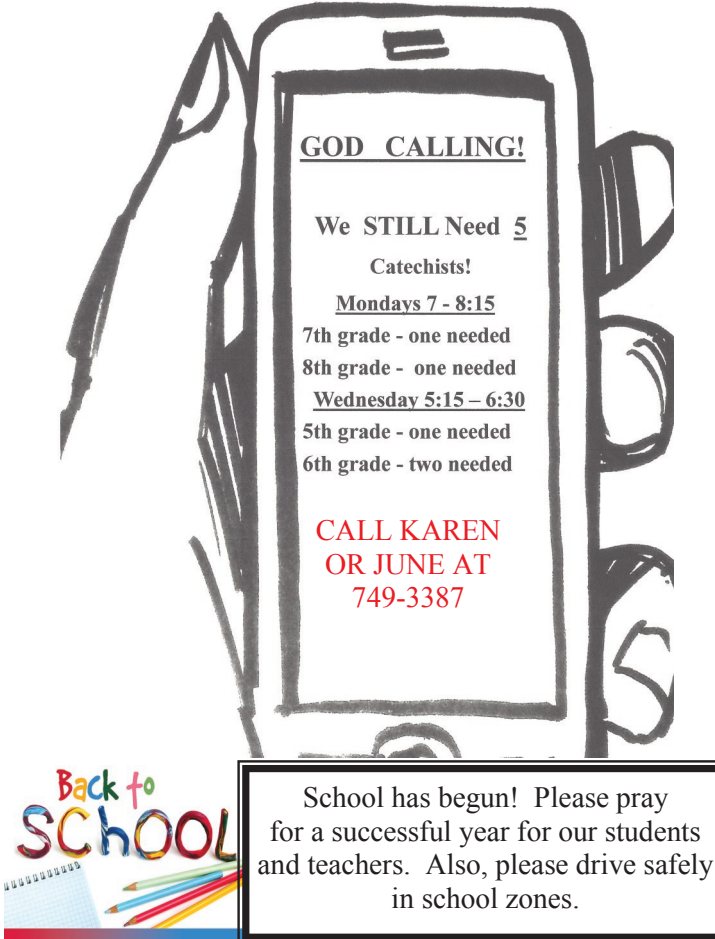
The R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church has an Open House this Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory, so please invite any interested parties to attend. We will provide an overview of the process and try to answer any questions before enjoying some light refreshments.

Please pray for our inquirers and the RCIA team who will guide them on this journey of faith.

I will be in Gulf Shores during the first half of this week to spend a few days with four other priests. We try to do an overnight once a month for the purpose of prayer and fraternity. We solicit advice from one another in pastoring our parishes and also share any concerns, blessings, and notable events from the past month. And of course there is plenty of food and drink to keep us happy over the course of our gathering. I will return on Wednesday afternoon.

Please pray for all of our children and catechists as they begin their Christian Formation classes this week. These classes build upon the faith formation provided by their parents and help the children to grow closer as a parish family.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**GOD CALLING!**

We **STILL** Need **5**  
Catechists!

Mondays 7 - 8:15  
7th grade - one needed  
8th grade - one needed

Wednesday 5:15 - 6:30  
5th grade - one needed  
6th grade - two needed

**CALL KAREN  
OR JUNE AT  
749-3387**

Back to  
**SCHOOL**

School has begun! Please pray for a successful year for our students and teachers. Also, please drive safely in school zones.



**R.C.I.A. OPEN HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND  
6:30 PM  
IN THE RECTORY**

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH??**

In response to those who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith and receiving the sacraments, we are having an *Open House on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:30 pm in the Rectory*

*This meeting is especially for -*

- ⇒ *Someone who wants to become Catholic and has never been baptized.*
- ⇒ *Someone baptized into another faith and now wants to become Catholic.*
- ⇒ *Someone baptized Catholic wishing to receive Eucharist and Confirmation.*

This meeting is a great time to come, listen, ask questions. If you feel better bringing someone with you, please do so. We are happy to welcome them, too. There are no obligations for attending. If you come and then decide this is not right for you, that's fine. We welcome you anyway!  
Please call the office at 749-2189 for more info.



**WE NEED DESSERTS FOR THE CARD PARTY!!  
IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL TERRY AT  
(225) 749-0514 or (225) 413-5418**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—CARDS, ETC. WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018 IN SJB ACTIVITY CENTER!  
PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON IMMIGRATION**

The Racial Harmony Commission invites you to a panel discussion on Immigration: ***Finding Christ in the Immigrant: Immigration and the Creation of a More Diverse Society*** on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Tracy Center**. The purpose of the evening is to give participants an overview of the current state of immigration policy and its impact on families and individuals, critique it through the lenses of Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and social sciences; and explore actions that will give a Christian witness. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

**August 12, 2018**

REGULAR:

210 Identified- - - - - \$8,172.00  
Loose Collection- - - - - 880.00  
TOTAL- - - - - \$9,052.00

**A VOCATION VIEW**

The Gospel asks for us, "How can Jesus give us His flesh to eat?" Our lack of knowledge does not prevent us from being lured into the mystery. The mystery makes it all the more appealing when we say in faith, "My LORD and my God:" In faith we can respond also to God's invitation to be His priest or religious. If you can, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framerrick@gmail.com](mailto:framerrick@gmail.com), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

**THE WINE CELLAR**

The raised floor of the church's sanctuary created a sufficiently tall crawl space that provided valuable storage. In the days before air conditioning, wine used for the Sacrament of the Eucharist was best stored in the most climatologically stable and secure place possible. The space under the Sanctuary afforded an ideal location relatively cool, protected from weather and sufficiently secure.

A trap door in the floor behind the right half of the main altar reredos concealed a wooden ladder that could be used to climb down to ground level several feet below. Before his passing, Mr. Paul Caffarel, a former altar server, related that the older altar boys would initiate the newest by sending them down to fetch a bottle of wine, closing the trap door and leaving them in the dark. After a sufficient amount of time and pleading, the initiates would be let out.

During the renovation the trap door and ladder were uncovered when the reredos was dismantled for restoration. They were covered over once more when the reredos and air conditioning equipment were reinstalled. Also discovered under the Sacristy were piles of broken green wine bottles where they had been tossed when emptied.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW  
BURNING IN MEMORY OF WALTER GLOD**



*The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for the donations in memory of Mary Lou Traigle.*

**Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018**

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5: 21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/ Mk 6:17-29  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/ Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30  
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin -- even wiping away venial sins -- unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!