



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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August 5, 2018  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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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, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33*

Dear Parishioners,

Be assured of my prayers and best wishes to all of our students and teachers at the start of this new school year. I believe West Baton Rouge Parish Schools and Holy Family School have their first day on Wednesday, while St. John the Evangelist School begins on Friday of this week. I pray it will be a great year of learning and renewing friendships for all of our parishioners.

Our Christian Formation classes also resume this month, beginning with the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Class which meets next Sunday, August 12. Registration for all other grades will take place next weekend, August 11-12, immediately following each of our Masses. Our Parent Meeting for all grades is scheduled for Monday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Religion classes for children in grades 1-10 are set to begin on Monday, August 20, Tuesday, August 21, or Wednesday, August 22.

The schedule is slightly different this year in that we are moving 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to Wednesday evenings. This will allow them to start class at 5:15 p.m. rather than at 7:00 p.m. as in the past. Please consider volunteering to serve as a catechist on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, and please pray for all of our students, parents, and teachers.

Our R.C.I.A. process for people interested in joining the Catholic Church also starts back up this month. We have an Open House planned for Wednesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. Please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served as we distribute information on the upcoming classes.

I will be leading a "Back to School" Retreat for all of our diocesan seminarians on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Our seminarians have been involved in various ministry assignments this summer, and the retreat will give the new and returning seminarians a chance to meet one another and grow closer to God. Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College both begin classes on August 20.

Wednesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate our regular 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning and then an evening Mass at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the feast day. Holy Family Parish in Port Allen has a vigil Mass on Tuesday evening if it works better with your schedule. Holydays sometimes involve sacrifice on our part but we know that such sacrifices also bring blessings to our lives.

We finally closed out the books on the 2017-2018 fiscal year so I will try to provide an overview of our income and expenditures as soon as possible, hopefully by next week. I do not wish for money to be the focus of too many articles or talks but you do need to be kept informed of both our blessings and challenges. We had a blessed year financially last year so I thank God for his goodness and for the great tradition of community support here in Brusly.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

Registration  
Christian Formation  
K-10th  
After all Masses  
August 11th and 12th.  
Sacramental Preparation also  
First Reconciliation and First  
Eucharist for children in  
public and Catholic schools.  
Parent Meeting August 13th  
Activity Center at 6:30 P.M.

WE STILL NEED  
CATECHISTS!  
PLEASE PRAY  
ABOUT SHARING IN  
THIS MINISTRY FOR  
GOD'S PRECIOUS  
CHILDREN!

Contact  
June or Karen  
749-3387





**A VOCATION VIEW**

The divine presence is often symbolized in the bread and wine, water, oil, candles, fire and light. However, each of us must be a living sign and symbol of God's presence within us. If you are willing to witness Christ with your life as a priest or religious-then call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

**Retreat**



**ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER  
Ponchatoula, LA  
Preached Silent Ignatian Retreat  
August 23—26, 2018**

This Women's Silent Retreat is focused on the Ignatian Exercises. Stop and enjoy a weekend of reflection, rediscovery and refreshment. The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditation, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God.

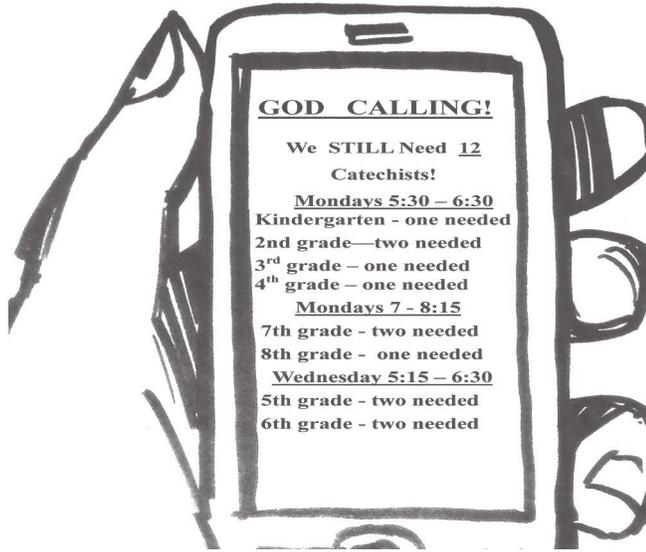
Presented by Becky Eldrege, an Ignatian-trained spiritual director and Stephanie Cloutre Davis, a graduate of Loyola University and training to be a spiritual director.

Cost: \$325 for a double-shared room or \$400 for a single private room.

Arrival (4-6 pm August 23) and Depart after lunch on August 26, 2018.

**Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018**

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35  
 Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10  
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5] Jn 12:24-26  
 Saturday: Hb 1:12--2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20  
 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51



**GOD CALLING!**

We STILL Need 12 Catechists!  
**Mondays 5:30 – 6:30**  
 Kindergarten - one needed  
 2nd grade—two needed  
 3rd grade – one needed  
 4th grade – one needed  
**Mondays 7 - 8:15**  
 7th grade - two needed  
 8th grade - one needed  
**Wednesday 5:15 – 6:30**  
 5th grade - two needed  
 6th grade - two needed



**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.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING  
IN MEMORY OF WAYNE KNOTTS**

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

July 22, 2018

184 Identified- -----\$6,922.00  
 Loose Collection- ----- 632.00  
 TOTAL- ----- \$7,554.00

July 29, 2018

172 Identified- ----- \$6,284.00  
 Loose Collection- ----- 869.00  
 TOTAL- ----- \$7,153.00

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

John Begue  
Bob Bewick  
Jamie Bourg  
Chris Buckle  
Christie Chapman  
Jules Lefeaux  
Mark Loreno  
Fr. Matt Lorrain  
Mary Claire Meyer  
Jason Murphey  
Joey Normand  
Derek Scott  
Andrea Smicker



**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?