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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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

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| Saturday | 3:30–4:15 p.m. |
| Tuesday thru Friday | 7:40 a.m. or by appointment |

PARISH STAFF

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| Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain | Pastor |
| Donna Badon..... | Christian Formation |
| Carolyn Dupuy..... | Bookkeeper |
| June Hebert | Director of Religious Education |
| Layne Mire | Parish Secretary |
| Celeste Veillon..... | Music Director |
| 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 the Parish Office

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

Dear Parishioners,

The Diocese of Baton Rouge has accepted two new seminarians for seminary studies this fall: Huy Tran from Christ the King Parish in Baton Rouge, and Jeremy Chiasson from St. Patrick Parish in Baton Rouge. Huy grew up in Metairie and recently graduated from L.S.U. with a degree in accounting. Jeremy is a few years younger and just completed his high school education. Both will attend St. Joseph Seminary College near Covington for the initial phase of their seminary formation.

Huy and Jeremy join 15 returning seminarians to give us a total of 17 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. We also have an 18th seminarian who is on a leave of absence this year in order to experience life on his own while holding down a full-time job. Please pray for our seminarians and pray also that God will call a young man from our parish to join them.

St. Joseph Seminary College sponsors two "Come and See" weekend retreats each year so that young men aged 16 years and older can visit the seminary. The first is scheduled for November 8-10, 2019, and the second for April 3-5, 2020. I encourage all of our high school and college age men to consider serving God as a priest. Anyone interested in attending a "Come and See" weekend should contact me or Father Andrew Merrick, our Director of Vocations.

Registration for Christian Formation classes takes place this weekend, August 10-11, immediately following each of our Masses. Our Parent Meeting for all grades is scheduled for Monday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Religion classes for children in grades 1-10 are set to begin on Monday, August 19, Tuesday, August 20, or Wednesday, August 21.

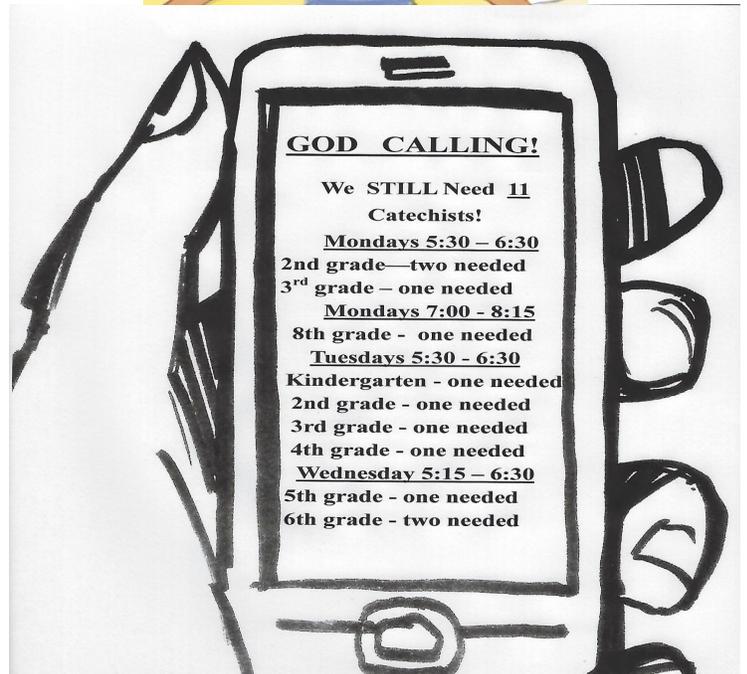
Our R.C.I.A. "Open House" for people interested in joining the Catholic Church is set for Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. Please invite your relatives, friends, or neighbors who may have expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith or who wish to join the Church. Refreshments will be served as we distribute information on the upcoming classes.

Our parish will be featured on the "Roots of Faith" television show produced by CatholicLife Television beginning Sunday, August 11, on channel 15 (Cox

cable). It will air at different times depending on the day of the week, and can also be viewed on CatholicLife's YouTube channel. A complete schedule can be found on their website – www.catholiclifetv.org.

This Thursday, 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 6:00 p.m. vigil Mass on Wednesday evening if that works better with your schedule. Holydays sometimes involve sacrifice on our part but we know that such sacrifices also bring blessings to our lives.

In Christ,
Father Matt



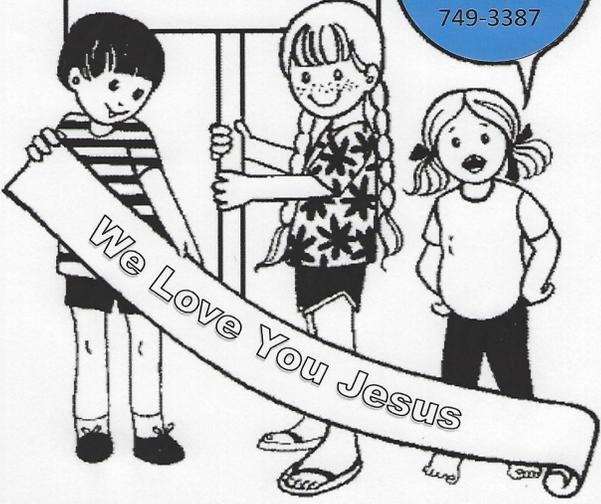
Special **THANKS** to All of my friends for their cards and gifts for my **JUBILEE** and **79TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!** Sister Angela Ashbey, SLW

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY OF CARDS AND FUN! OCTOBER 14 from 10am to 3pm in the Activity Center. Please contact Paige Currie at 749-9025 or Stacy Gauthreaux at 749-0519 to join in the Fun!

Registration
 Christian Formation
 K-10th
 After all Masses
 August 10th and 11th.
 Sacramental Preparation also
 First Reconciliation and First
 Eucharist for children in
 public and Catholic schools.
 Parent Meeting August 12th
 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 Donna
 749-3387



Natalie Palermo will serve as our chairperson again this year. We would like to start lining up volunteer cooks as early as possible. Please let us know we can count on you for a food booth by contacting the church office or emailing Natalie at feast2019@cox.net. We also need ideas for a t-shirt design. Please send your idea to feast2019@cox.net by Friday, August 23rd.

K.C.'s/C.D.A.

KC'S: PRO-LIFE ROSARY-Saturday, August 17 at 4:00pm in Church; Monthly Meeting August 21: Officers 6:00pm, Members 7:15pm in Activity Center

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Meeting is at 7pm, August 21. Rosary @ 6pm; Dinner with KC's @ 6:30pm.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Matthew and Emily Fellows upon the death of their baby, Ann. Please keep them in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES August 4, 2019

287 Identified- - - - - \$18,482.50
 Loose Collection- - - - - 889.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$19,371.50

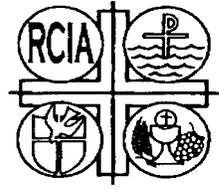
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A VOCATION VIEW

If you realized that God was knocking at your door, would you answer? If God might be calling you to a life of service in the Church, please call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

RCIA OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, August 21st

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, please join us at the OPEN HOUSE on August 21st.

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

Please come to listen, ask questions and explore an opportunity of faith. All are welcome!

Please call the Church Office to register at 749-2189. Hope to see you there!

Readings for the week of August 11, 2019

- Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 [9a]/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018-2019

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Jason Murphey
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ARTISTS: PART ONE

The building committee relied heavily on the talents of artists for the interior appearance and restoration of our treasured artworks during the church renovation.

World renowned Lafayette-based muralist Robert Dafford and business partner Brett Chigoy were contracted for design of the interior paint scheme, restoration of the Stations of the Cross and altars and decorative finishes. Mr. Dafford focused his attentions on the stations and color scheme while Mr. Chigoy tended to the decorative finishes and furnishings.

The building committee desired to highlight the geometry of the ceiling without adding decorative imagery since the church was never painted in an ornamental fashion. The solution was to add bands of white and gold astride the gray trim boards. In reality this idea was quite difficult considering that the entirety of the ceiling was bead board. Each bead was an interruption in the surface for which a paint brush had to be used to infill by hand. Mr. Chigoy spent untold hours hand penciling the curved outlines of the banding and painting them.

Mr. Dafford suggested repainting the figures in the Stations of the Cross in the style of old masters paintings with softer colors, but the committee wanted to maintain as much of their original appearance as possible. The gothic frames, however, were entirely repainted in lighter brown and hues of copper and gold, entirely the conception of Dafford, to great aesthetic success.

The artists lobbied for some discreet ornamentation which came in the form of crosses at the top of the vaults, trefoils at the bottom of the vaults along the walls and the sunburst over the altar. These were designed and painted by Mr. Chigoy.

Not to be left out was our architect, Kevin Babb. An artist of many mediums, he chose to add his signature with the wooden hand carved foliate ornament mounted to the top of our reconciliation room.

Religious artist Tom Dubois provided the grand image of Noah's Ark for the sound panels on the wall of the quieting room. The image was recomposed from an existing painting so it would fit the proportion and shape of the wall.
(Submitted by Brian Falcon)