



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 the Parish Office

"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:26-28

Dear Parishioners,

We will celebrate Mass for our Christian Formation students in grades K-8 this Tuesday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m. Our sacred mission is to form the whole child so we purposely expose them to prayer, adoration, and the sacraments in addition to their study of the Catholic faith. Please drop off the children at the activity center at 5:15 so we can take roll prior to walking over to church. After Mass, parents may pick up the children at 6:30 p.m. from the church.

Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m. on December 8 in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of the United States of America.

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is next weekend, December 8 & 9. The Diocese is once again asking all parishes to dedicate this collection to St. Joseph Abbey and their ongoing efforts to recover after major flooding in March 2016. The Benedictine monks are consecrated religious, so the collection remains close to its intended purpose. Since this is also the weekend for our monthly Building Fund collection, I ask that you place your contributions in envelopes marked "St. Joseph Abbey Flood Relief Fund" and then drop them in the first collection.

We also have a Parish Blood Drive taking place next Sunday, December 9. The Advent season is a nice time to give of ourselves in preparation for receiving God's gifts at Christmas, so please donate if you are able.

As always, I encourage you to go to confession this Advent in preparation for Christmas. Holy Family Church in Port Allen has its penance service on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. We will have our penance service here at **St. John the Baptist** the following week on **Tuesday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m.** Our second graders will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation at this same service, so let us support them by our good example.

The **4th Annual Nativity Carol**, an evening of Advent and Christmas song, will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m. in the church. We receive

many compliments from visitors on the singing of our choir and this concert gives us a chance to enjoy their beautiful singing outside of Mass. Admission is free but you are invited to make a donation to our campaign for new hymnals or bring a canned good for our food bank. A Christmas Cookie reception will follow in the Parish Activity Center.

Parishioner Andrea Normand was recently honored as the 2018 Distinguished Graduate of Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, formerly Our Lady of the Lake College. Congratulations Andrea and thanks for your service to the community!

In Christ,
Father Matt

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSION
FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS
Monday, Dec. 10th or Tuesday, Dec. 11th
At their regularly Scheduled Class times.**

STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE OF THESE DAYS. FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH FROM 9 A.M.—12 P.M. IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER. PLEASE COMPLETE CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 IN THEIR RECONCILIATION BOOKS AND BRING THEM TO THE RETREAT. FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN CHURCH ALONG WITH THE PARISH ADVENT Penance SERVICE



**MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
STUDENTS K-8
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN CHURCH AT 6:30.
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD OR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.**

Lectors

New Lectors' Workbooks have been placed in the sacristy with each persons' name on their copy. Please pick yours up from the Sacristy.



~the 4th ANNUAL~
NATIVITY CAROL

~an evening of Advent and Christmas song~

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

5:00 pm In Church

Donations for our New Gather Hymnals and
canned good donations to benefit our Food Pantry
are greatly appreciated!

A Christmas Cookie reception will follow in the Activity
Center



John Toups & our Environmental
Committee will be decorating the church
for Christmas on Saturday,
December 22nd beginning at 10:00 am.
Your help would be greatly appreciated!



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Thursday, December 20, 2018 (6:00 pm—8:00 pm)

St. John the Baptist Activity Center

West Baton Rouge Parish Senior Spirit, an organization
for all 50 and older, is sponsoring a Christmas gathering
on December 20th. Senior Spirit will provide the main
meat course and beverages, and participants are asked to
bring a pot luck dessert or casserole.

A music program will be presented by Daisha Badon, who
is a parishioner of St. John the Baptist. Watch our next
bulletin for more information, but please mark your calendar
for this festive Christmas event! All who are 50 or
older are welcome!

Please call Lucy (749-2981) or Babs (749-2518) by
Tuesday, December 18th if you will attend.

Jackie Morain wishes to thank Gracie Hernandez,
Gertrude "Tut" Diez, Lucille Bouquet & Josie Theriot
for helping to clean the church during the month of
November.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 18, 2018

240 Identified- - - - - \$11,192.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 948.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$12,140.83

Campaign for Human Development- - - \$446.00

November 25, 2018

178 Identified- - - - - \$6,445.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 713.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,158.00

Thanksgiving Collection- - - - - \$1,144.00



A VOCATION VIEW

St. Paul tells us that the love we received from the
Lord must increase and be shared with those around
us that we need to be holy before God. Are you will-
ing to teach the Gospel to others and to help prepare
them for the coming of the Lord? If yes, call or email
Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framer-
rick@gmail.com](mailto:framer-
rick@gmail.com), or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended
to Margaret Safford Canella and her
family upon the death of her sister,
Dr. Betty Safford Hawkins. Please keep
them in your prayers.



BAPTISM

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children
who were baptized here last weekend: Colton James
Morgan, son of Joseph & Maria Morgan; and Louis
James Rodrigue, son of Kyle & Courtney Rodrigue.
Welcome into our faith community!



BRUSLY LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL SANTA BREAKFAST
December 15, 2018 (9-11 am)
Brusly Lions Club
202 St. Francis St., Brusly, LA
Adults \$15/Kids \$10 (4 & Under Free)
A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED!

Visit with Santa, Christmas Sing-Along & Other Games
Limited number of tickets will be sold for this event!
Call Andrea @ 328-4843, Denise @ 937-8082
Or Bonnie @ 313-5505 to reserve your tickets.

Readings for the week of December 2, 2018

- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/
1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/
Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members of our K.C. Council #10744 are presently selling Charity Calendars for \$20.00 each. Over \$15,000 in cash prizes will be given away in 2019. A prize a day is given! Enter once and you are in 365 drawings. Win as often as your name is drawn!

Monthly, beginning in February, random computer drawings will be held the first Tuesday of each month. Checks will be mailed to winners the following day. All proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus and their charities. Only 2,000 calendars will be sold! Get yours now from any K.C. Member or call (225) 687-6743 to order.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*Thank you for supporting the work of the
Bishop's Annual Appeal*

Established by Bishop Stanley Joseph Ott more than thirty years ago, and expanded by Bishop Alfred Hughes and Bishop Robert Muench, the Bishop's Annual Appeal continues extensive outreach and significant ministry under the spiritual leadership of our newly appointed spiritual shepherd, Bishop Michael G. Duca. Through decades of blessing, the generous contributions of Catholic parishioners like you remain the heart of each effort. Thank you for giving to support the work of the BAA, as we *Follow the Shepherd's Lead*.

Perhaps you've already mailed your contribution this year. If so, please accept our thanks for your compassionate gift. If you have yet to contribute to this year's appeal, please do so as part of a special commitment here at St. John the Baptist. Offertory envelopes are available for your convenience on the bookcase in church.

With so many in our community who are lost and hurting, each of them in need of God's love, your contributions are certain to honor the Lord Jesus and direct others to Him. Join our parishioners and rejoice in the work of essential ministries like those you support through your giving. For additional information concerning the impact of your generosity, please visit www.baabr.org and read about the great work you sustain.

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