



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Easter Sunday
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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
Sammy Collura	Permanent Deacon
Carolyn Dupuy	Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin	Parish Secretary
June Hebert	Director of Religious Education
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 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

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." - Mt 28:5b-7

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is finally over and life can now return to normal. This is normally a good thing, unless of course the life we led prior to the start of Lent was not so great. I am always very appreciative of what God is able to accomplish in our individual and communal lives over the course of these 40 days, and I am a little sad to relinquish the spiritual fervor I felt during Lent. While I would not want the entire year to be penitential in tone, I wish I could continue certain practices that are so life-giving. Or, phrased another way, I would like to embrace the joy and newness of Easter without surrendering the humility and simplicity of Lent.

That being said, the Easter Season has plenty of its own wonderful elements that contribute to our growth in faith. I especially enjoy reading from the Acts of the Apostles each Sunday and reflecting on the experience of the early Church and how our ancestors described the activity of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Even though the world has changed dramatically over the last 2000 years, human nature and religious experience is not all that different.

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to our beautiful liturgies during Holy Week whether by cleaning the palms, decorating the church, washing the linens, singing in the choir, serving at Mass, or sponsoring an RCIA candidate, now a new Catholic. The dying and rising of Christ was very evident as we celebrated the deepest mysteries of our faith. His death and resurrection are also present in the lives of all believers who have been baptized into this sacred mystery.

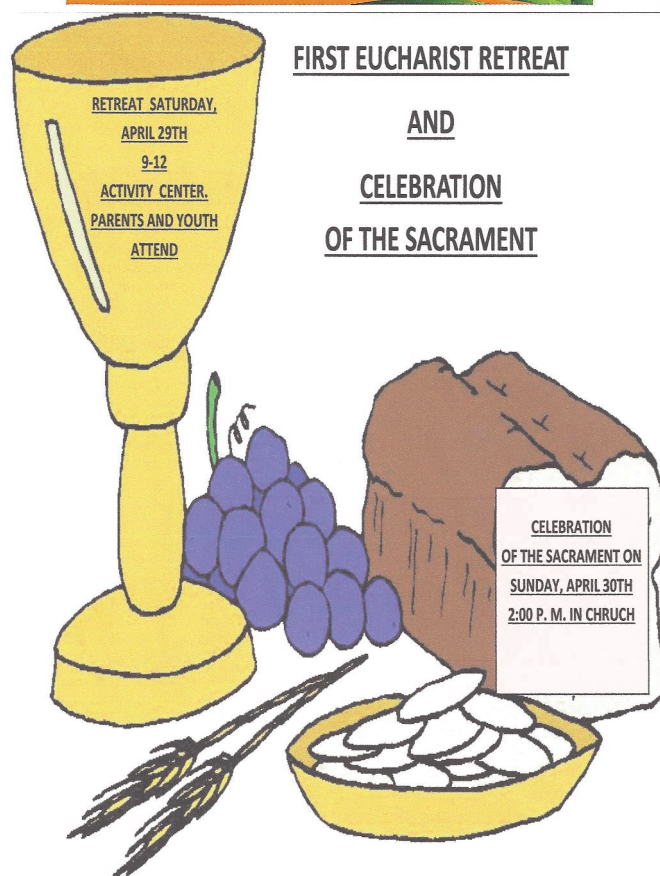
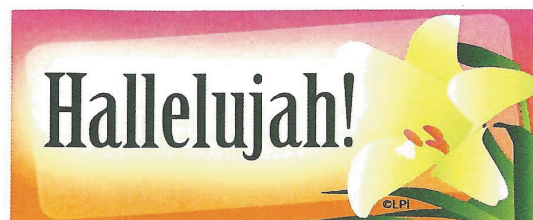
I am taking a small mini-vacation this Monday–Wednesday, April 17–19, so please watch over the parish while I am away. This will allow me to rest up a bit after the busy Lenten schedule. We will have Communion Services in place of the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

As mentioned last week, we will be offering a short course on the Sacrament of Confirmation for any adult aged 18 or older who has not yet been confirmed and wishes to receive the sacrament this spring. The course is comprised of four sessions to be held on the evenings of April 27, May 4, 11, and 25. Those complet-

ing the short course will be confirmed by Bishop Muench on June 4, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

Easter is the high point of the liturgical year for Catholics. We return to singing the Alleluia and the Gloria at Mass, we feel the cool drops of baptismal water during the sprinkling rite, and we participate in the new life that is so visible in nature this time of year. Our rebirth is a gift of the Holy Spirit resulting from our Lenten practice and Christ's sacrificial love. I pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and renew our parish community throughout this coming year. Happy Easter!

In Christ,
Father Matt



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not yet confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the Classes which will be held here on Thursdays, April 27 and May 4, 11 & 25.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REGISTER!



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
LOUIS, SR. & DIMPLE SPRAGIO



A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is risen; let us rejoice! Could Jesus be calling you to help proclaim this Good News to the world through the priesthood or religious life? If so, call

Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778,
amerrick@diobr.org.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to:

The family of Ms. Edith Blanchard Owens upon her recent death and to the Chustz family and Morris & Doris Belllelo upon the death of their son & grandson, Blake Chustz. Please keep them in your prayers!



COME AND GET IT!!
Sunday, April 23rd
The Catholic Daughters
Annual Jambalaya Dinner

The Catholic Daughters will be serving their Annual Jambalaya Dinner on Sunday, April 23rd from 11AM until 1PM in the Activity Center. Cost is \$7 per plate.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 2, 2017

REGULAR:

291 Identified- - - - - \$17,872.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 670.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$18,542.50

Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Wednesday, April 19—Activity Center

6:00 pm—Officers' Meeting

7:15 pm—Regular Meeting

Saturday, April 22 - In Church

4:00 pm—Pro-Life Rosary

Sunday, May 7

Communion Service for K.C. Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass

Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Karen Cordell and her group for cleaning the church during the month of April. Cleaning for May will be done by Wendy Daniel (687-1653). Please give her a call to offer your help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald for chairing the committee during the month of April. Chairpersons for May will be Beverly and Harold Babin (749-2027). Please give them a call with any concerns.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

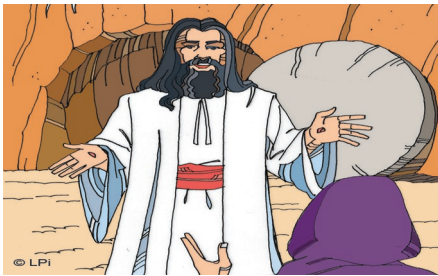
The next Catholic Daughters Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19th. Dinner with the KCs will be at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7 pm. Meeting Highlights: Final plans for Jambalaya Dinner Sale on 4/23, and CDA Scholarship. Come join in on the discussions! We hope to see you there.

Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/n 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016-2017

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EASTER SUNDAY

"Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed." The two Marys were in for a surprise. They had come, as usual, to do the ritual anointing of their dead friend's body. But on their arrival, not only was there an earthquake, there was also an angel whose "appearance was like lightning" and whose "clothing was white as snow." The brave guards were so scared they "became like dead men," but the women managed to stay on their feet and hear the words of the angel. Guess what! Jesus isn't here. He's been raised from the dead. Now go share the good news!

No wonder these women were feeling a mixture of emotions! They were frightened by these incredible supernatural events, but overjoyed that Jesus was alive again. Just imagine their joy when "Jesus met them on their way," and they were able to embrace him and worship him. What a day!

Now, we too join in the celebration of this day of all days. Every Easter, we recall these glorious events, but we do more than just remember. We also rejoice that our Lord is alive right now, that death and sin have been conquered forever, that the gates of heaven are open for us. The joy of Easter is not a nostalgic kind of happiness that only looks backwards. It is instead a call to rejoice in the gifts that we can enjoy today and in eternity.

We may not have seen the angel, felt the earthquake, or kissed the feet of the risen Lord, but we are nonetheless the beneficiaries of this momentous event. We are an Easter people, a people in the hands of a loving God whose power can overcome all the terrible threats and trials of existence with the amazing gift of eternal life.