



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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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 am) or by appointment

Baptism

Celebrated at weekend Masses. Parents should call the office early to enroll in our baptismal preparation program. Parents should be registered and actively practicing the 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.

Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

February 3, 2013



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People who play the lottery are always hoping for that big chance to win a super jackpot. Against all odds (literally!) they imagine winning millions. After all, someone has to win. It might as well be me. It's almost contradictory that lotteries have become part of state budgeting, when many Americans believe in the values of hard work and earning a living as opposed to the gratuitous windfall that a lottery would give someone. State income from lotteries exceeds that of tobacco excise taxes, but is less than the license fees states collect on motor vehicles. Everybody who wants something for nothing is involved. For the outlay of a miniscule amount of cash, a player dreams of an immense return. And the state gets a bonus to its income without having to tax its citizens more.

In today's Gospel, the people of Nazareth are acting a bit like lottery hopefuls, with high expectations for a significant payout with the investment of very little. They've heard about all the great things that Jesus did in Capernaum, and now they are expecting to cash in on the local boy made good. Surely he has got to work some astounding miracles here.

But Jesus is not a lottery ticket. And faith in him is not a something for nothing proposition in which all the benefits are reaped with very little investment. As we will learn as we read from Luke's Gospel in the weeks and months ahead, Jesus is headed on a journey to Jerusalem. His destiny lies in that city where he will suffer and die, and finally, through his resurrection, he will usher in the era of the Spirit that is poured out on the church. For us, following Jesus is a lifelong journey to our own Jerusalem in which we empty ourselves in the service of others. It is no lottery that we hope to win, but a share in Christ's journey through death to resurrection.

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

Dear Parishioners,

Monday, February 11, is the feast day of *Our Lady of Lourdes*, and since 1992 also designated by the Church as "World Day of the Sick." In his letter instituting February 11 as "World Day of the Sick," Pope John Paul II wrote that this is "a privileged time of prayer, of sharing, of offering one's sufferings for the good of the Church, and a call for all to recognize in the features of their suffering brothers and sisters the Holy Face of Christ, who, by suffering, dying and rising has brought about the salvation of mankind."

In his message for this year's observance, Pope Benedict XVI writes: "In the Gospel the Blessed Virgin Mary stands out as one who follows her suffering Son to the supreme sacrifice on Golgotha. She does not lose hope in God's victory over evil, pain and death, and she knows how to accept in one embrace of faith and love, the Son of God who was born in the stable of Bethlehem and died on the Cross. Her steadfast trust in the power of God was illuminated by Christ's resurrection, which offers hope to the suffering and renews the certainty of the Lord's closeness and consolation."


In recognition of this special time of prayer for the sick, I will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 9, 2013. In this way we can join our prayers to those of Catholics everywhere in praying that God send his healing presence to our sick parishioners and relatives and bless them with comfort and strength. Please try to bring your family members to this Mass especially if they are not able to attend Mass very often due to sickness and frailty.

Thursday, February 7, is Alumni Day at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. I usually try to attend each year to offer my support for the good work being done at the seminary and to visit friends and classmates. In addition, one of our seminarians, Matthew Graham, is president of the Student Government Association this year so I want to attend the annual meeting to hear his report on their activities. I plan to drive down the night before Alumni Day so Father Tony Russo will celebrate our 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday morning.

Ash Wednesday and the start of another Lenten Season is just around the corner. Our Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 13, will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:30 p.m. Please remember also that we change to a special schedule on Fridays during Lent, with Adoration beginning at 2:30 p.m., followed by Benediction at 5:40 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m., and finally Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. You might start praying about what sort of activities you want to do for Lent so that it can be a season of growth and renewal.

Have a safe and happy Mardi Gras!

In Christ,
Father Matt



**LENTEN
SCHEDULE**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 13, 2013
Mass with Ashes
8:00 am; 12:00 Noon; 6:30 pm

FRIDAY SERVICES

Adoration—2:30 pm
Benediction—5:40 pm
Mass—6:00 pm
Way of the Cross—6:30 pm

Religious Education

- ⇒ First Eucharist Parent Meeting is Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 pm in the Activity Center.
- ⇒ No Christian Formation on February 11th & 12th due to Mardi Gras Holidays.
- ⇒ Adult Confirmation 2013 (over age 18). To participate please contact the Christian Formation Office before April 16th. Sessions begin in April.

Youth Ministry



St. John the Baptist Youth travelled to Washington, DC with over 400 other young people to represent the Diocese of Baton Rouge on the March for Life. Their pilgrimage was educational, prayerful, and life-giving. Please continue to pray for our young people as they grow in their faith and share it with our parish.



Time to clean out closets!!!
The Youth Ministry will now be collecting items for resale at the Spring Garage Sale. To drop off items please contact the Christian Formation Office at 749-3387. Proceeds benefit Youth Ministry and the Parish Building Fund.

The Garage Sale is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 13th in the Parish Activity Center.



MP3: Music, Prayer Praise, Play
High School Youth Event
February 8, 2013 from 5-10pm
At St. Michael High School
Featuring: Live Music, Inflatables,
Eucharistic Adoration, Pizza, Confession
RSVP by February 5th!

The annual Church in Eastern Europe collection will be taken up next weekend. Please place your special envelope in the regular collection.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 27, 2013

REGULAR:

238 Identified- - - - - \$5,651.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 867.72

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,518.72

Church in Latin America- - - - - \$ 389.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Before you were formed in your Mothers' womb, God knew you. Before you were born, you were dedicated to the Lord. Do not be afraid to respond to God's Call. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org.

Thank You

The Purnell & Domingue families wish to thank everyone for the many kindnesses shown during the death and funeral of Mrs. Olivia Domingue. A special thanks to the Bereavement Committee for the generous spirit shown them at this time of sorrow.

A Note from Wallace Thibodeaux:

"Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and good deeds during my surgery and complete recovery! Thanks and may God Bless You"!

The family of Eddie "Buddy" Blanchard wishes to thank our wonderful community for the many prayers and outpouring of love during Buddy's illness and death. Being a part of such a caring community really does help us to go through this time of sorrow in our lives.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING FOR
A SPECIAL INTENTION.

Fr. Bob Konopa

As you probably know, Fr. Bob Konopa had surgery last week for a brain tumor. He went through the surgery fine and is now going through a recovery period. Should you wish to send a card his address is:

Fr. Bob Konopa, OFM
San Damiano Friary
N2248 Pammel Pass E
LaCrosse, WI 54601



If you need a total of your contributions for 2012 for tax purposes please call the Parish Office.

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2013

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



**LAST CHANCE TO WIN!!!
FIFTH ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY
DINNER**

Saturday February 16th
Tickets are \$10 each or (3) for \$25
Three lucky winners will be drawn after
11:00 am Mass today.



DIVORCED OR DIVORCING?

There is hope after heartbreak, healing after hurt. It can be found in the word of God.

Lenten Course Offering:
"Return to Life"

A six-part series for divorced and separated adults.
February 17th to March 23rd

Sundays (3pm—5 pm) except for closing session

All denominations welcome. \$50 per person

For more information and to apply, please contact Angela
Falgoust (225) 343-6657, ext. 3031.



SANCTITY OF ALL LIFE

Catholics are taught to believe in the sanctity of life, from the cradle to the grave. But, what about capital punishment?

A new series at St. Aloysius Parish will study that question and other life issues in an atmosphere of respect for others. Six sessions will be held on Monday nights starting February 18 and ending March 25. They will begin at 6:00 pm and will be held in the Mimosa House, adjacent to the parish office at 4065 Mimosa St.

Participation is limited to 12 people, Please contact Ginger Lowery at 761-1327 or Art Adams at 766-2963.



VISIT ITALY NORTH TO SOUTH

Including Rome, the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel Donna Kirkland (who has been coordinating group travel for over 20 years) will lead a trip through Italy in July 2013. Tours of Venice, Florence and Lake Como will be included. Highlights of the trip will include stays in Assisi and Rome. Interested travelers should contact Donna Kirkland at 225-803-6013 or email: donnakirkland@gmail.com
Details can be found at www.donnakirkland.com.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Catholic Charities

1900 S. Acadian Thruway

Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (9:00 am—8:30 pm)

Thursday & Friday (9:00 am—3:30 pm)

Call 336-8700 to set up an appointment..