



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
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez..... Custodian
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 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

Dear Parishioners,

I will be in New Orleans on Wednesday and Thursday of this week enjoying a bit of fraternity with my brother priests in celebration of Alumni Day at Notre Dame Seminary. I usually try to attend Alumni Day each year to enjoy some priestly fraternity, visit with our seminarians, and support the good work of the seminary. We will have a Communion Service here on Thursday morning in my absence.

Our diocese started the year with 16 seminarians: 9 studying at Notre Dame Seminary and 7 studying at St. Joseph Seminary College. It is always our hope that between 60 to 70% of those who enter the seminary will eventually be ordained priests. We have one man scheduled for ordination this May – Deacon Mathew Dunn – and three scheduled for ordination next year – Deacon David Dawson, Deacon Danny Roussel, and Mr. Taylor Sanford. Meanwhile one priest has announced his retirement from active ministry this summer – Father Frank Uter, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Denham Springs.

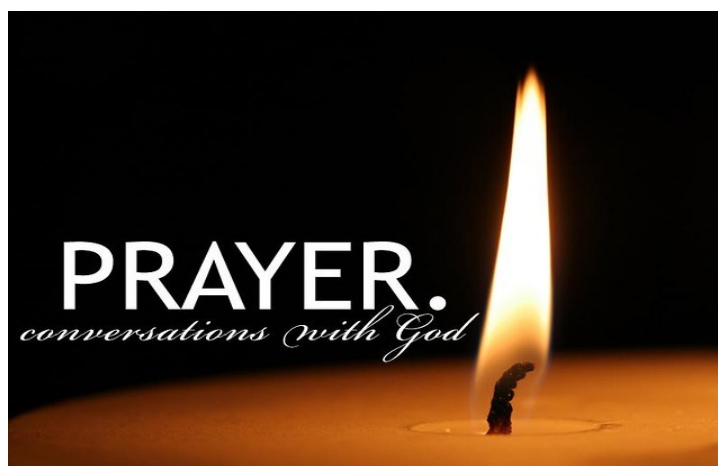
Priests in our diocese are eligible to retire at the age of 68. Most work past that age and we currently have 7 priests over the age of 68 who are still serving as pastors. (The oldest are Father Mike Moroney, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Greenwell Springs, and Father Frank Uter, who are both 75 years old.) We also have 19 priests who are retired, of which 10 are still healthy enough to assist with Masses around the Diocese.

Lent is just over one week away so please take note of our Mass and confession schedule for Lent. Our Masses on **Ash Wednesday**, February 26, 2020, will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 p.m. Daily Mass remains at the normal time of 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, but moves to 6:00 p.m. on the Wednesdays of Lent. Benediction and Adoration remains at 8:30 a.m. on Friday mornings or immediately following the Friday morning Mass.

On the **Wednesdays of Lent**, confessions are at 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and then the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. I will also be in the confessional from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday as part of the “Light is On for You” program. I encourage everyone to try to attend at least one daily Mass each week as part of your Lenten devotions.

Bishop Michael Duca has designated March 8, 2020, the 2nd Sunday of Lent, as “Safe Haven Sunday” in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. “Safe Haven Sunday” is a national program designed to help families safeguard their homes from pornography and other online threats. The inappropriate use of technology poses a very serious threat to the sanctity of marriages and families in today’s world. Please pray for the success of this effort so that all of our homes can truly become “safe havens.”

In Christ,
Father Matt



**The Sanctuary
Candle Is
burning In
Memory of
Ernest &
Josephine
Lapeze**



*Blessings to our newly married,
KAYLEN MECHELLE
RABALAIS &
CALEB DALE
THORNTON*

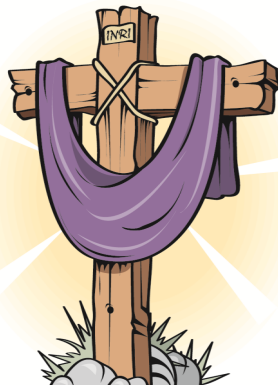


**NO CHRISTIAN
FORMATION
CLASSES
FEBRUARY 24TH,
25TH OR 26TH**

*Wedding Anniversary Celebration of
25, 50 & 65 years with
Bishop Michael Duca
February 23rd at 2:00pm
St. Thomas More Church
Reception to follow in
STM Activity Center
Congratulations to our Parishioners!*



*Will you take up the
Cross and follow
Jesus? Please pray for
those that embrace the
Cross and follow Jesus
as priests, brothers or
sisters. Contact Father
Andrew Merrick
225-336-8778 if God is
calling you.*



KC JANUARY CALENDAR WINNERS
Jason Allemond, Joyce Millard, Ophelia Collins, Nicole Williams, Jason Campo, Keith Bonanno, Arlen Landry, Maureen Mabile, Duane Breaux, Sean Jandle, Chad Pilgreen, Gloria Bourgeois, Mickey Wilbert, J.B. & Ann Landry, Josephine Nicholson, Joel Hebert, Jamie Denoux, Sebastian Lawhon, Jr., Jean Kershaw, Ashley Logan, Chad Bordenkircher, Dot Bergeron, Buffy Borne, Henry Landry, V.J. & Carolyn Vicknair, Harry Breaux, David Bourgeois, Jr., Steve Smith, Mike Cazes, Randy Mouch, Beatrice Hooks



**The next Baptismal
Seminar is at 6:00pm
on Wednesday,
March 11th.
Please call the Church
Office to Register.**



Let's Read!
WBR Parish Book Mobile
will be here from
12:00-2:00pm every
THURSDAY & park near
the Activity Center.



**8TH GRADE STUDENTS STATIONS OF THE
CROSS & RECONCILIATION**
Wednesday, March 4th 6:30-7:30pm
Meet In Activity Center at 6:15pm
NO CLASS on March 2nd for 8th Grade ONLY.

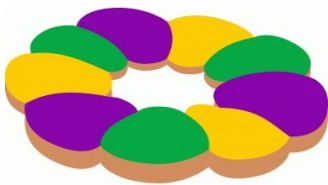
STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES
February 9, 2020

191 Identified:	\$7,407.00
Loose Collection:	<u>973.00</u>
Total:	\$8,380.00

RETROUVAILLE, A MARRIAGE PROGRAM
that brings **MARRIED COUPLES** closer
together and strengthens their bonds
March 6th-8th
Contact Bill and Missie at 985-232-5963

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020

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Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary
Jason Murphey
Joey Normand
Edana Robnett
Derek Scott
Jewel Woods



**Church Office will
be closed
February 24th
and 25th for
Mardi Gras**

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that
you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your
‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ ”
Mt 5:33-34a, 37

Readings for the week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
[1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-
28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk
8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk
8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
[8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48