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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
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
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 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.

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:18-19

Dear Parishioners,

Tuesday, February 11, is the feast of *Our Lady of Lourdes* and the 22nd *World Day of the Sick*. In instituting the World Day of the Sick, Pope John Paul II characterized it as "a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

Pope Francis recently released his 2014 message for the World Day of the Sick and said, "When we draw near with tender love to those in need of care, we bring hope and God's smile to the contradictions of the world. When generous devotion to others becomes the hallmark of our actions, we give way to the Heart of Christ and bask in its warmth, and thus contribute to the coming of God's Kingdom."

In union with Pope Francis and strengthened by the prayers of Catholics throughout the world, we will offer the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** on **Saturday, February 8, 2014**, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Please encourage those who are struggling with health problems to attend this Mass and Anointing of the Sick so that we can support them in prayer as they receive the special grace of this sacrament.

While I was vacationing in New Orleans earlier this year, I visited the Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos and picked up some prayer cards and a small crucifix which was placed against a relic of Blessed Seelos. We will use the holy cards and crucifix to implore the intercession of Blessed Seelos during our anointing service. Blessed Seelos died of yellow fever in 1867 in New Orleans while caring for the sick and dying.

As I mentioned last week, I am helping with an Engaged Encounter this weekend, January 24-26, so please welcome Father Tony Russo as he celebrates our Masses in my absence. Please remember also the Valentine's Day raffle being sponsored by our parish pastoral council. First prize will be a gift basket containing champagne, chocolate, and a gift card for dinner at a restaurant. Second and third prizes are a dozen

roses and a bottle of wine. And don't forget to pray for the success of the "Come, Follow Me" vocation retreat being sponsored by our diocesan Vocations Office February 7-9 at the Tracy Center.

In closing, the beginning of a new calendar year is an excellent time to recommit ourselves to supporting our Church through Stewardship of Finance. It is often said that we reveal our priorities through the content of our daily planners and checkbooks. In essence, we indicate what is important by the ways we invest our time and money. Please join me in revisiting our individual practices of giving to our Sunday collection, Building Fund, and other special appeals to insure that they are reflective of our income and gratitude to God for His many blessings.

In Christ,
Father Matt



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." (Mt. 27:17)

Need help? Go to Jesus!

All night Eucharistic Adoration is Friday, January 31, 2014 at 8:00 pm thru Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 8 am. Please consider joining Jesus in an hour of prayer. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer of the Church.

VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT BASKET RAFFLE **Sponsored by St. John the Baptist Parish Council**

*\$5/ticket which will be sold after Masses
Drawing Sunday, February 9th after 11:00 am Mass*



NEEDED!!!
3rd Grade Catechist
Tuesday evenings for the rest
of this years' classes!
Please call Karen at 749-3387
if you can help. THANKS!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, February 2

⇒ Monthly Communion Service for K.C.

Members and their families at 7:30 am Mass.

⇒ Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Josie & Eldon Delaune and their group for cleaning the church during the month of January. Cleaning for February will be Patricia Lefeaux (749-3108). Please give her a call if you would like to help.

Bereavement Committee

Thanks to Ruth Landry for chairing the committee during the month of January. Chaircouple for February will be Bill & Geri Schneider. Please give them a call at 749-3508 with any concerns.



**HOLY FAMILY
SCHOOL**
Port Allen, LA
OPEN HOUSE
Grades Pre-K4 thru 8th
Tuesday, January 28
9:00am—2:00pm



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

Needs Your Help!

Listen & Call in!

Catholic Community Radio will hold a Radiothon on February 4th, 5th and 6th. Listen for your favorite priests and other voices you know! If you like what you hear and want to keep this station and its quality broadcasting on the air in our area, call in your pledge or donation at 1-855-341-5199.

Thank you in advance for your gracious assistance. Let's keep our Catholic message alive and on the airwaves.

SEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

January 19, 2014

REGULAR:

243 Identified- - - - - \$7,749.33

Loose Collection- - - - - 608.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,357.33

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus proclaimed this theme: "Reform your lives!"

Are you bold enough to reform your life and proclaim the Good News—perhaps as a priest, sister or brother? If so, call Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778 or email mdupre@diobr.org.

Thank You!

The family of "Cutchie" Sarradet would like to thank the Bereavement Committee for the hospitality and food you provided after his funeral. Also, thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, food and loving support given to our Dad and our family during his illness and death.

2014—25th & 50th

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 23, 2014 (3:00 pm)

Our Lady of Mercy Church

445 Marquette Ave., Baton Rouge

Bishop Robert W. Muench, Celebrant of Mass

Please call the Parish Office (749-2189) before February 14th if you plan to attend.

ST. STANISLAUS OPEN HOUSE

All boys in grades 4—11 and their families are invited to join the St. Stanislaus family for an Open House at their campus (126 Union St., Bay St. Louis, MS) on Wednesday, January 29 (4pm—6pm). Presentations on Catholic identity, outstanding academics, extracurricular activities, athletics and financial assistance programs will be available. Also you will experience the proud Rock-A-Chaw spirit, now 160 years old! Please RSVP at richard@ststan.com or (228) 467-9057, ext. 249 if you plan to attend.

St. Stanislaus is a Catholic residency and day school for young men in grades seven through 12 with a curriculum that is primarily college preparatory.

Readings for the Week of January 26, 2014

Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32

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"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." James and his brother John dropped everything to follow Christ. In leaving their boat, they also left their livelihood. In leaving their father, they said farewell to the comforts of home and family. They embarked on this unknown journey with Jesus, traveling "around all of Galilee," with neither stability nor security. All they had was trust. How remarkable this is! They had such great faith in this man who "called them" on the seashore. Clearly, their encounter with Christ was life-changing, even before they knew the full truth of who Jesus was.

We, on the other hand, already know. We have the benefit of being on the other side of Christ's life. We know about his miracles, his resurrection, and the whole history of Christian faith. In a sense, it should be easier for us to "leave our nets" than it was for the sets of brothers in today's Gospel. We have so many reasons to believe that Jesus was truly the Son of God. But yet how often do we resist the call to surrender our lives to Christ? How attached we are to our regular routines and our predictable plans. Yet, where would we be today if the apostles had tried to part-time it with the Lord? What if they had only followed him on the weekends? Would the Christian message have spread at all? So much was accomplished through the sincere faith of these humble fishermen. What could we accomplish if we trusted in Jesus as they did?