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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

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.

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight."

- Lk 10:30b-31, 33

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome Father Sosthenes Tuctuc, a priest from the Diocese of Solola in Guatemala, to our parish this weekend, July 13-14, to speak to us on behalf of the *Missionary Fraternity of Mary*. His visit is coordinated by our Diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office and provides an opportunity for us to support the pastoral ministry and missionary activity of the Church. Our monthly Building Fund Collection will be held next weekend, July 20-21.

I am taking advantage of Father Sosthenes' visit to take a few days of vacation from Saturday, July 13, through Wednesday, July 17. I am thankful for the presence of our seminarian, Patrick Landaiche, who will assist Father Sosthenes in my absence. Patrick has been a great addition to our parish community this summer and has been generous in sharing his time and talent with us.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis issued his first decree concerning the liturgy last month by deciding that St. Joseph's name should be added to Eucharistic Prayers II, III, and IV. (Blessed Pope John XXIII had previously added St. Joseph's name to Eucharistic Prayer I in 1962.) This might seem like a small change when compared to the recent new translation of the Roman Missal, but it is a nice touch nonetheless since St. Joseph is honored as the Patron of the universal Church.

Pope Francis also approved the cause for canonization of two of his predecessors: Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II. The announcement came as something of a surprise since John XXIII's cause was approved without waiting for a second miracle to be documented, while John Paul II's cause was approved only eight years after it was first introduced. The date for their canonization will be determined at a consistory of the College of Cardinals and is being projected for sometime this Fall.

In approving the two causes for canonization, Pope Francis is recognizing the abundant presence of God's grace in the lives of two outstanding shepherds of our Church. Their lives were not perfect, but they attained holiness through dedication to prayer and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Blessed John XXIII is a

hero to many of our more liberal-minded Catholics while Blessed John Paul II is adored by many of our more conservative-minded Catholics. Perhaps Pope Francis is reminding us that saintliness is not confined to one side or the other but that both have a proper place in the Church. It is another illustration of the remarkable papacy of our current Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Vacation Bible School was a great success as always. Many thanks to Julie Cilano, Karen Lemoine, and all of the adult and youth volunteers who gave so generously of their time, and of course to all of the children who attended. Lastly, please remember our request for volunteers to help remove the kneelers from the pews next Sunday, July 21, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in preparation for some work being done to the finish on the floors.

In Christ,
Father Matt



All Catholic boys, ages 10-18 are encouraged to attend an Open House in the Activity Center on Thursday, July 18th from 5:30—6:30 pm. George Martin, the state chairman for the Columbian Squires will be here to speak and answer questions. Come and enjoy the refreshments and good fellowship! Applications will be accepted toward the end of the meeting. Please spread the word to your friends and family.

**REAL
WORLD
SERVICE
IMMERSION
CAMP**
**A 5-day experience of
learning and living the
principles of
Catholic Social Teaching
July 23-27**
Cost: \$80
**Open to current 9th-12th
graders**
**Housing Location:
St. Isidore, Baker LA**
**Contact: Julie Cilano
225-749-3387**
Register by May 16!



WORK TEAM NEEDED!

We will begin redoing the floors in church next Sunday, July 21st. We will have to remove the kneelers beginning at 1:00 pm. If you can help, please call the office (749-2189) ahead of time. We will be using screwdrivers, drills and pry-bars. If you have any, please bring them with you.

WE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!!!

Also, we will be putting the kneelers back on the pews Saturday, July 27th beginning at 8:30 am. Please call if you can help!

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Classroom #5—CCD Building (6:30 pm)

Mandatory for Baptism



Thank You!

“My wife, Susan, and I, wish to take this means to thank all of you who sent expressions of sympathy upon the recent death of Susan’s father, Roy H. Lewis. It is in times such as these that one appreciates a faith community such as St. John the Baptist. You really make us feel like we are a part of this community. We were deeply touched by your concern. May God continue to bless each and every one of you!”

— Deacon Sammy & Susan Collura & Family

Have you noticed the additional landscaping around the church? Thanks go out to Ken Lemoine for all his efforts in purchasing and planting. **GREAT JOB!!**

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank the family and friends of Fay Richard for their recent donations.

A big THANKS to Geri & Bill Schneider for the lovely flowers & decorations they prepared for our Ministry Appreciation Dinner.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 30, 2013

225 Identified- - - - - \$7,897.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 506.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$8,403.50

Peter’s Pence—\$595.00

July 8, 2013

276 Identified- - - - - \$12,567.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 737.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$13,304.00

A VOCATION VIEW

The harvest is rich but the workers are few. Ask the harvest-master to send workers into the harvest!” Pray for vocations! If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

Consider the possibility of a
religious vocation



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to the families of Donnie Landry, Fay Richard and Randy Tranchina upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ETHAN LOUIS & ASHTON RHODES GREENBLATT WHO WERE RECENTLY MARRIED HERE! BEST WISHES ON YOUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER.

WHAT’S AT STAKE?

Medical Ethics and the Impact on You, Your Family and Our Nation

Learn about the critical medical ethics issues of our day, including nutrition and hydration at the end of life, assisted suicide, medical discrimination, abortion, IVF, healthcare reform and more.

Presentation and Discussion led by Ryan Verret,, Director of Louisiana Right to Life Center for Medical Ethics

Thursday, August 1, 2013

7:00—8:30 pm

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Activity Center**

Free and Open to the Public!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The CDA meeting will be Wednesday, July 17th in the Activity Center. Come at 6:30 pm for meal with KC’s or 7 pm for meeting.

Please try to attend!

Readings for the Week of July 14, 2013

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

Donna Badon
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Jerry Deshotel
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Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
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**BISHOP MUENCH'S RESPONSE TO
SUPREME COURT DECISION**

“Bishop Robert W. Muench is saddened by the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down part of the Defense of Marriage Act.

The Catholic Church has consistently taught that marriage is the union between one man and one woman through which they participate in the procreative power of God, a relationship which Jesus raised to the dignity of a sacrament to reflect nothing less than the love of Christ for the Church.

This objective and eternal truth can never be legislated or adjudicated away, and the Church will continue to defend and give witness to this truth.”

DIOCESAN HUMANA E VITA E MASS
45th Anniversary

Saturday, July 27, 2013—4:00 pm

St. Patrick Church

12424 Brogdon Lane, Baton Rouge

All are invited to come and celebrate the beautiful teaching of our church on marriage and the gift of life.

ST. ANN C.D.A. BOOK TEA

“The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Isabella #809, St., Morganza, LA” will host a Book Tea, Sunday, July 14, 2013, from 2pm to 4pm in the St. Ann Religious Education Building. Reverend Frank Uter, former pastor of St. Mary of False River Catholic Church in New Roads and noted author, will be the featured speaker this year. Everyone is invited!