



# 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  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Wayne Delapasse..... Maintenance  
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 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

*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." - Mk 6:7, 10-11*

Dear Parishioners,

Tom Hoopes is writer in residence at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, and the father of nine children. He wrote an article for a recent issue of Catholic Digest entitled "10 Family Mass Rules." Here is his game plan for a meaningful Sunday Mass with the family.

"First: We dress up." Though admittedly difficult to do with children, he finds it makes a big impact and helps the children to appreciate that Mass is special.

"Second: We train the leader." The older children are reminded that the younger siblings will act exactly as they do, so it is their job to set a good example at Mass.

"Third: We sit where you can see." He argues that "kids can't pay attention to what they can't see," so his family often sits in the front pew. They tell the kids that they want to be as close to Christ as possible, who is present in the tabernacle and on the altar.

"Fourth: We review behavior rules." They give specific, age-appropriate expectations for each child. "The 11-year old has to remember the Gospel, the 7-year old has to shake hands," and so on. The kids have to "sit still, kneel, or stand at all times. No crawling, no changing seats."

"Fifth: We always hold toddlers." Hoopes says this rule was learned from experience, that of chasing a child down the aisle to prevent her from going on the altar. He says "giving toddlers even a taste of freedom at Mass is too big a temptation." So they hold them.

"Sixth: We bring aids, not distractions." He and his wife bring devotional books such as "The Mass for Children" rather than toys or food. "We want everything we have to say pray time, not play time."

"Seventh: We address problems right away." When a child is acting up, they remove him or her right away for a little chat, even if that means walking all the way to the back of church. "Eighth: We always go, and never make excuses." He says that parents can come up with many reasons for why they can't attend Mass this week. But he doesn't want his children to grow up thinking "it's OK to skip Mass when things aren't perfect."

Ninth: Sing, pray, listen." He writes "the most important, long-lasting and meaningful practice to instill a love for the Mass in your children is to love it yourself. If you sing the songs, pray the prayers, and listen to the readings, your children will notice, and imitate you."

"Tenth: Invite someone to Mass." He encourages parents to invite someone to attend Mass with them at least once a year. "We have done this for non-Catholic friends, lapsed Catholic friends, single friends, and visiting families." We want others to experience what we receive at Mass.

Thank you to all of the children, teenagers, and parents from St. John the Baptist and Holy Family Parishes who participated in Vacation Bible School last week. Its annual success is due to your generous gift of time, talent, and faith. A special thanks to June Hebert and Karen Lemoine from our Christian Formation Office for their service and leadership. Please consider volunteering to help them with our Christian Formation classes this fall and spring.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



Catechists Needed for 2018-2019  
Please Pray About Becoming A Catechist  
THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM.  
YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO  
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.  
POPE FRANCIS



### **FEAST ON THE LEVEE**

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Plans are underway for this year's Feast! What will you do? Will you cook? Man a booth? Kids Games? Set up? Take Down?

Ms. Natalie Palermo has graciously volunteered to chair this year and we would like to hear from you so that we can pass it on to her!

Please give us a call at (225) 749-2189– It's never too early to begin planning!



**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** are extended to the families of Don Baucum & Ryan Robicheaux upon their recent deaths. Please keep them in your prayers.

*The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank all who gave donations in memory of Paul Ramagos.*



**Congratulations to Michael Easton Mathis and Brittany Nicole Ward who were married here last weekend.**

## Knights of Columbus

**Installation Banquet—Wednesday, July 18  
6:00 pm—Activity Center**

**Pro-Life Rosary—Saturday, July 21—4pm  
In Church**

## W.B.R. Museum

Friday, August 3 at Noon

Dr. Paul Paskoff, retired LSU History Department Professor Emeritus and economic historian will present “*A Brief History of Invention and Patents in the United States.*”

Following his presentation, Dr. Paskoff will moderate a panel of special guests who have been involved in the patent process and can share their experiences and answer questions from the audience. This program is being presented in conjunction with the museum’s Rural Engineuity exhibit.

The museum is located at 845 N. Jefferson in Port Allen. Please call 336-2422, ext. 16 or email at [brantley@wbrmuseum.org](mailto:brantley@wbrmuseum.org)

### **STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

July 1, 2018

REGULAR:

278 Identified- - - - - \$17,742.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 689.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$18,431.50

July 8, 2018

REGULAR:

186 Identified- - - - - \$ 7,260.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 914.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$ 8,174.00

Catholic Charities- - - - - \$1,033.00



### **A VOCATION VIEW**

God will provide for you on your journey. Trust that you will receive the grace to carry out the mission. If you make time for prayer, God will help you with the rest. If you think God is calling you to a church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [framerrick@gmail.com](mailto:framerrick@gmail.com), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## St. John the Baptist New Mausoleum Update

Our representatives from American Cemetery Consultants wish to convey their utmost gratitude to all of you who have welcomed them into your homes and for your gracious hospitality. They are really enjoying their visits. The response is going well and they expect to be here approximately two (2) more weeks. If you have not been contacted yet by them to see if you are interested in purchasing a mausoleum crypt, the reason could be because we don’t have accurate information for you in our records. Many of you have disconnected your land line phones and are only using cell phones now. If that’s the case with you, then please call or email the parish office at (225)749-2189, [pat@sjbcc.brcocmail.com](mailto:pat@sjbcc.brcocmail.com) with your current contact information. Remember the crypts are reserved on a first come—first serve basis. Payment plans are available. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum.



### **Readings for the Week of July 15, 2018**

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/ Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/ Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/ Mrt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018**

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**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two." This Sunday we read the first sending of the Apostles to preach, teach, and heal. For many of us, it can be easy to think we "just don't have enough" to be disciples and evangelists ourselves. We don't have enough education and training. We don't have enough experience talking to people about Jesus. We don't pray enough. We don't have enough faith.

If you look at the Apostles in today's Gospel reading, they didn't have much either. "No food, no sack, no money in their belts." They didn't plan out their itinerary or book their lodging in advance. From what we know of the Apostles, they were not the religiously trained and educated ones. They were fisherman, tax collectors, and political activists. But what does being a fisherman require? Someone like Peter needed a strong work ethic to rise at strange hours. He needed patient calm to wait for the catch. Once ashore, he needed a savvy mind to fetch a good price for his labors.

As Peter became a fisher of men, he would need diligence to persevere through the hard journeys, long days, and persecution that awaited him. He would need patient calm with those who disagreed with him. As the leader of the Apostles, he would need a savvy mind to navigate challenges facing the early Church. From one perspective, Peter has nothing to offer the mission of Jesus. Thinking more creatively, one can see that -- joined with faith and love -- perhaps Peter had everything he needed.

Jesus sends you as well. As you take stock of your own talents, consider how they might be offered as a gift to others. Maybe you already have more than enough.