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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

WEBSITE: sjb-brusly.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 225-749-3387

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS, Pastor
Candice Breaux, Youth Group Minister
Betty Cain, Bookkeeper
Christel Dupont, Receptionist
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BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this parish and actively practice their faith.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

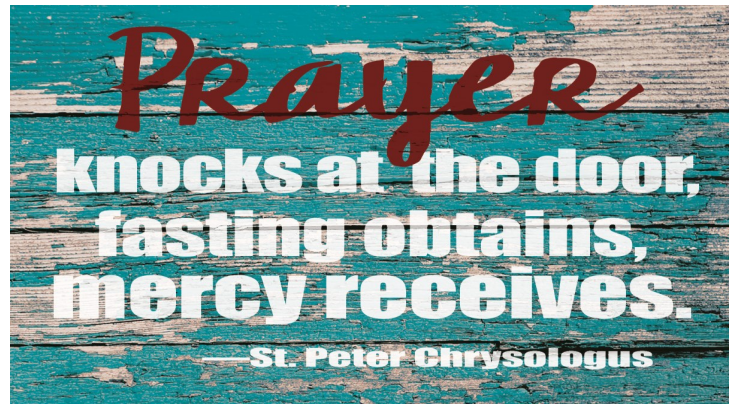
CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.



Dear Parishioners,

A tale is told about a small town that had always been "dry." One day a local businessman erected a bar. A group of Christians from a local Church were concerned and they convened an all-night prayer meeting to ask God to intervene. It just so happened that shortly thereafter, lightning struck the bar burning it down to the ground. The owner of the bar sued the Church claiming that the prayers of the congregation were responsible; but the Church hired a lawyer to argue in court that they were not responsible. After his initial review of the case, the presiding judge stated, "No matter how this case comes out, one thing is clear, the bar owner believes in prayer and the Christians do not."

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray. He presents God as a loving Father. He wants us to relate to God as a child relates to his dad, in a sincere and free manner. A little girl and her dad were crossing a bridge. The father was a bit scared, so he asked his little daughter, "Sweetheart, please hold my hand so that you don't fall into the river." The little girl replied, "No Dad, you hold my hand." Her puzzled father then asked, "What is the difference?" "There is a big difference," replied the little girl. "If I hold your hand and something happens to me, chances are that I let your hand go. But if you hold my hand, I know for sure that no matter what happens, you will never let my hand go." This is how a child trusts in his/her father. And this is the kind of relationship that Jesus wants us to have with God, a father-child relationship.

God is always good. He knows what is best for us, and therefore He may not answer our prayers the way we want or when we want. Often we are obstinate and want God to answer the way we want at any rate. We have to have the courage to add to our prayer, "Father, not my will but thy will be done."

Once a mother took her paralyzed child to Lourdes. Her only hope was to get the help of Our Lady. On the way she would say, "We put everything in God's hands. Let His will be done." But, in spite of her deep faith and Prayer, the child was not cured. On her way back, when asked about her experience in Lourdes, she said, "We are very happy. We have known that it is God's will and we accept it willingly. It was the wonder from Lourdes." This woman depicts what Jesus meant when He said, "God will give His Holy Spirit to those who ask Him, and not necessarily what one asks." It was this Spirit that made that woman still happy and experience "the wonder of Lourdes." Very often we lack the courage to say, "Not my will, but thy will be done." We need to always pray for this courage.

Now what is prayer? Prayer is a turning of our hearts and minds to God. It is a heart-to-heart conversation with Him. But it may not be that easy to pray, especially if we don't have the habit of prayer. One day, while journeying on horseback, St. Benedict met a peasant walking along the road. "You have got an easy job," said the peasant, "Why don't I become a man of prayer? Then, I too, would be traveling on horseback." "You think praying is easy," replied the Saint. "If you can say one Our Father without distraction, you can have the horse." The surprised peasant retorted, "It is a bargain." Closing his eyes and folding his hands he began to say the Our Father aloud: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come..." Suddenly, he stopped and looked up and asked, "Will I get the saddle and bridle too?" Sometimes like the peasant, we too can think that praying is easy. Prayer needs concentration, and a heart-to-heart relationship. A man of prayer is a man of God. Prayer leads us to a union with God. Let us pray that we may learn from Jesus to pray, and pray ceaselessly, always keeping in mind, "Not my will, but thy will be done."

God Bless You,
Fr. John

Christian Formation

You can still register your child for Christian Formation Classes by contacting their office, 225-749-3387.

Classes for K-8 begin August 18th.

Catechists are needed for the following classes:

Monday: Kindergarten, 7th grade, 8th grade

Tuesday: Kindergarten, 4th grade, 9th grade
small group leader

Confirmation Classes begin on August 10th.

Please volunteer to help our children experience their faith!

Christian Formation Meetings

Parent Meeting: July 29th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center

Catechist Meeting: July 30th at 6:00pm in the Activity Center

LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We need more Liturgical Ministers at the following Masses:

Altar Servers are needed at 4:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at 4:30pm & 9:00am

Lectors are needed at 4:30pm

Ushers are needed at all Masses

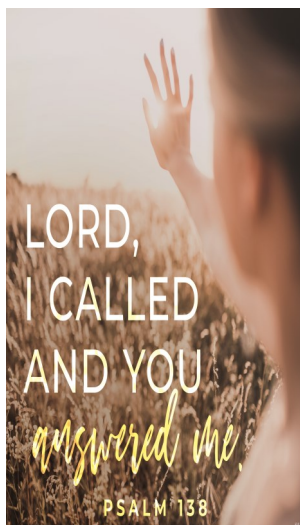
Please call the Church Office to sign up. THANKS!

Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 8:00am & 6:00pm on Friday, August 15th.

Pray for Vocations

Is God calling you to help His flock as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? God's grace is all you need. Please talk to your priest about your interest in this vocation or reach out to

Father Josh Johnson at the Vocations Office at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



Please welcome these children to our faith community who were baptized on July 20th:

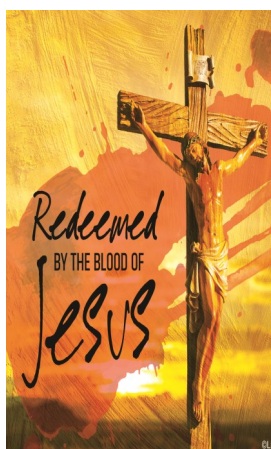
Bess Calvi Bernard
daughter of Ty & Bliss Bernard

Samson Joseph Caldwell
son of Grayson & Emma Caldwell

Jacques Christopher Haydel
son of Beau & Jordan Haydel

All Night Eucharistic Adoration

begins at 8:00pm on Friday, August 1st and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, August 2nd. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Trey Blumrich.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Helen Duplantis Leger and Janell Faul Lorrain upon their deaths.

Stewardship of Finance

July 13th:

172 Identified Givers:	\$11,509.00
Loose Collection:	+870.00
Total Collection:	\$12,379.00

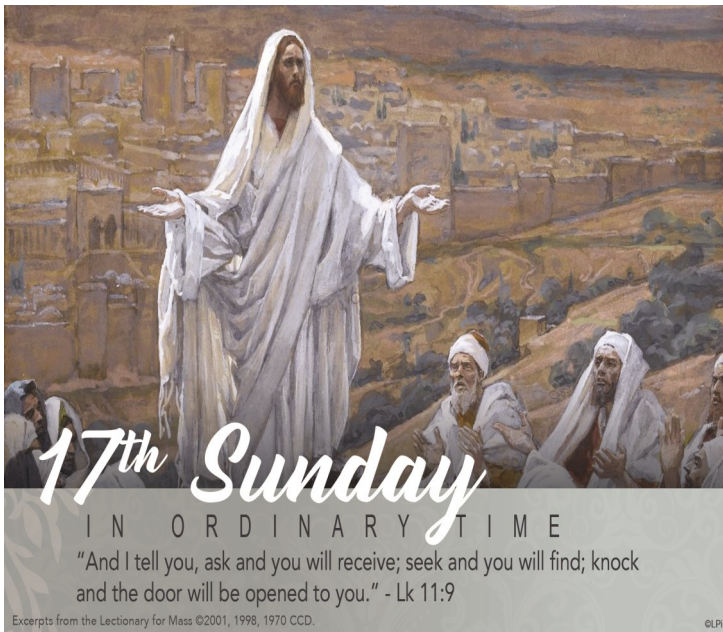
July 20th:

202 Identified Givers:	\$14,352.00
Loose Collection:	+907.00
Total Collection:	\$15,259.00

Mission Appeal: \$5,430.00

SJB Emergency Assistance Fund (Catholic Charities): \$1,151.00

Thank you for your generosity!

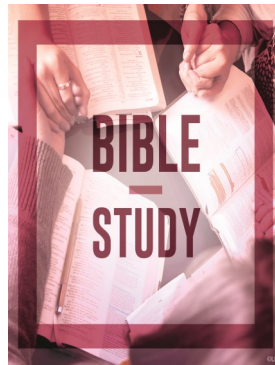


Open House for those adults desiring to become Catholic
 Thursday, August 21st at 6:30pm in Church
 Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269, to begin your journey of faith.

Thank You!

THANKS to Carolyn Bourgeois and her group for cleaning the Church in July. Please contact JoAnn Landry, 225-939-6801, to help during the month of August.

THANKS to Ruth Landry and her team for the Bereavement meals in July. Please contact her, 225-749-3101, to assist in August.



St. John the Evangelist, Plaquemine Fall Bible Study
 This bible study will begin Thursday, September 4th. It will be a 12-part series on the Holy Spirit, "The Wild Goose" by Father Dave Pivonka. To join this study, please contact Marsha Dupont, 225-687-2402.

Readings for the week of July 27, 2025

- Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/ Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/ Mt 13:47-53
- Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Organizations

The Catholic Daughters will have a meeting in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 21st.

They will host a Rosary after 9:00am Mass on the Second Sunday of each Month.

Knights of Columbus:

Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, August 21st

Donuts after 7:30am Mass, August 3rd, in the Activity Center

Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, August 16th

A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John

September 22-October 3, 2025

12 day Pilgrimage through

Nativity Pilgrimage: info@nativitypilgrimage.com

You can register and obtain more information, by contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast
 A breakfast for women on Saturday, August 23rd from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Oak Lodge Reception Center, 2834 South Sherwood Forest Blvd. Casey Sprehe is the speaker. To register, please contact Dianne Lencse, 225-235-8021.



Ad Sales for our Bulletin with LPI

The support of your business is greatly appreciated!

Sean Altenberger, 225-505-9984, will be contacting businesses in our community during the week of August 11th. Digital advertising is also offered. You can email Sean: saltenberger@4lpi.com for more information.