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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
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Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
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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.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:16-17

Dear Parishioners,

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday – Thursday, July 14-17, for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th. As in years past, we join together with Holy Family Parish in order to put on a fun and enriching event for the children. The cost is \$25.00 per child, with discounts for families with three or more children, and the deadline to register is June 30. Youth and adult volunteers are also needed to help staff VBS, so please call the Christian Formation Office or visit our website www.sjb-brusly.com if you would like to help.

Priests are privileged to witness many grace-filled moments throughout the year, many of them involving family life. I have learned to appreciate the wonderful ways that God works in our lives to strengthen relationships and increase our capacity to give and receive love. God has designed men and women with complementary gifts of personality and spirituality, which creates some interesting pairings in the sacrament of marriage. Children offer the opportunity to further develop one's commitment to faith and family.

Men and women each have their own unique approach to parenting. I enjoy reading articles written by Moms or Dads who describe their spouse's style of child rearing, often with equal measures of frustration and humor. Moms are often in charge of scheduling appointments, treating injuries, feeding, bathing, and setting limits. Dads often assume leadership over athletic activities, stalking wild game, setting curfews, and background checks on potential suitors.

While Moms tend to worry about safety and broken bones, Dads like to grab kids by the ankles and hold them upside down or perhaps swing them in a circle. Dads like to push the envelope at times in regard to speed, dirt, germs, and endurance, which is why most Moms are very adept in the fine art of field medicine. Most kids develop very healthy immune systems by the time they reach their teen years.

Father's Day is a day to celebrate the male parent's contribution to the parenting mission. If properly supervised, Dad can be a great asset to the family and a wonderful complement to Mom. So be sure to give

Dad a hug today and let him know how much you appreciate his unique gifts for rearing healthy, well-balanced children.

Please take time to examine the beautiful handmade quilt which is displayed in our church vestibule during the month of June. The quilt was hand-pieced by the West Baton Rouge Senior Spirit Quilters before being machine quilted. They are raffling the quilt to benefit our church Building Fund, so please take a chance and be sure to thank them for their generous gift. The tickets are \$5.00 each, or five for \$20.00, and the drawing will be held at our *Feast on the Levee* in October.

Father Matt Dupré and Bishop Robert Muench are hosting another dinner for prospective seminarians next Sunday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the Catholic Life Center. Please let me know if any young man wishes to attend, and pray for more vocations, especially from our own parish.

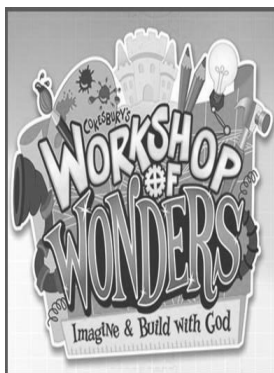
In Christ,
Father Matt

Attention Youth

REAL WORLD SERVICE CAMP

Join other youth from around the Diocese at the Real World Service Camp and the Change graduate program. Teens will be housed at St. Isidore Catholic Church, and serve in Baton Rouge and New Orleans area from July 22-26. It is open to 9th grade and above. Cost is \$100.

For more information and to register, visit www.realworldservicecamp.com or contact Julie at julie@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 14–17

Grades K–5 \$25/child
Registration is now open!

Come to the
Christian Formation Office
or download from our
website, sjb-brusly.com



Children's Church is looking for one more Catechist for the 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the Christian Formation Office if you are interested.

Interested in being more engaged in the parish? Come get involved with passing on the Catholic Faith to our young people! They need role models like YOU! Contact the Christian Formation Office for more info.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES for 2014-2015

**Retreat is July 28-30 at Rosaryville
Retreat Center. Please be sure to
RSVP by June 30th.**

Congratulations!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The following adults received the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend at Our Lady of Mercy in Baton Rouge: Jared Quaregna, Victoria Stein, Daniel Tullier, Leigh Tullier and Samantha Tullier

BAPTISMS

The following babies were baptized here last weekend: Josie Elizabeth Fenton, daughter of Matthew & Erin Fenton and Cam Philips Mouch, son of Hunter & Jessica Mouch. Welcome into our faith community!

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Allen Kirkland & family upon the death of his father, Charles Kirkland and to Faye Hebert & family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Carrie LeJeune. Please keep them in your prayers.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 8, 2014

Regular:

201 Identified- - - - - \$7,462.00
Loose Collection- - - - - 548.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$8,010.00

A VOCATION VIEW

On your journey in life, listen to the Father, Son and spirit, for guidance toward a life of fulfillment and happiness. Then, if you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Matt Dupre at 225-336.8778.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Five Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby is mid-way through the pregnancy and weighs over one pound. His mother can feel him moving now. Even though he's been active for quite some time, he is now strong enough to kick hard against the uterine wall and dent it causing a fluttering sensation to his mom. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.



HOSPITAL & HOMEBOUND

Please be sure to call the parish office if you know of anyone in the hospital or who are homebound and would like to be visited by someone from our parish! You are our only means of knowing.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters will **NOT** have a meeting in June. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 in the Activity Center.



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

Our annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 28th in the Activity Center immediately following 4:30 pm Mass.

If you serve in our parish in any ministry we invite you to join us for a relaxing evening of food and fellowship.

COME & LET US SERVE YOU!

Readings for the Week of June 15, 2014

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/
Jn 6:51-58

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The Most Holy Trinity

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." God wants us to be saved. To be saved from sin and the pain, misery, and despair that come with it. But God wants to do more than save us "from" bad things. God also wants to save us "for" good things. To save us for heaven, for holiness, for the happiness that doesn't fade away. God wants what's best for us.

That's why he sent his Son. He didn't send a servant or a slave. He didn't send a messenger or a minion. He sent part of himself, his own Son, the second person of the Trinity. This was obviously a mission of great love.

As we hear in today's reading, God gave his only Son, Jesus, "so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." To believe in Jesus is to accept two radical claims of Christianity. First, that God is the Trinity, three-persons-in-one-God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And second, that God loved us enough to become One of us through his incarnation. We refer to these things as "mysteries of the faith" because they aren't easy to explain or understand. But through faith, we can accept them and live according to them.

In this day and age, we are often discouraged from being people of faith. We are expected to accept scientific facts and figures, but when it comes to spiritual mysteries like the Incarnation or the Trinity, our culture tends to be skeptical. As Christians, we are called to bear witness to this culture. Through our faith, we can encourage others to accept that these mysteries are not fantasies. God has really sent his Son to save the world! Let us do our part to help "the world" to believe it's true.