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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.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." - Mt 16:15-17

Dear Parishioners,

There are fewer activities around the church during the summer months so we are taking advantage of the slowdown to address a few maintenance items. We recently had the parking lot restriped so that the spaces and drives are more clearly identified. Richard Rabalais has also pressure washed the buildings and trimmed some of the shrubs so that our campus continues to look attractive and well-maintained. And we have had quite a bit of work done to our air conditioning units in the church to improve their performance.

A parish council election was held recently to replace outgoing member Jerry Deshotel. We had several outstanding nominees and after prayerful discussion elected Jason Murphey to serve a three year term. Additionally there was a second vacancy to be filled by pastor's appointment and I asked Jamie Bourg to fill that position previously held by David Touns. Congratulations to our new members Jason and Jamie who will join the Parish Council once we resume meeting in September, and many thanks to Jerry and David for their dedicated service.

Our music director, Mrs. Celeste Veillon, is offering a concert in our parish next Sunday, July 6, beginning at 5:00 p.m.. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted to benefit our church building fund. Celeste will be accompanied by Elisa Galleano on piano and Iura de Rezende on clarinet, and will perform a mixture of sacred, patriotic, and Broadway songs. It promises to be an entertaining hour of song in our beautiful church so please mark it on your calendar and join us.

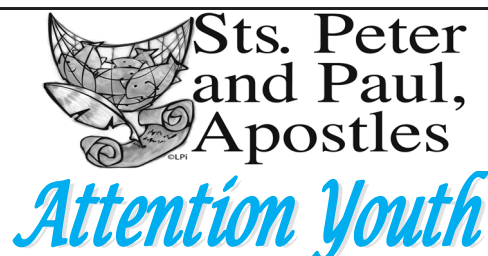
We have a training session planned for those interested in serving our parish as altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, or ushers. The training will be held on Tuesday, July 22, at the following times: altar servers (5th grade and up) at 4:30 p.m., lectors at 5:30 p.m., Eucharistic Ministers at 6:00 p.m., and ushers at 6:30 p.m. in the church. It is not necessary for current liturgical ministers to attend the training unless you are unsure of the procedures and wish to review them.

Monday, June 30, marks the end of my second year as your pastor. It has been a grace-filled two years and I

have enjoyed getting to know all of you and celebrating the sacraments with you. You have a great spirit for entering into the Mass and lifting your voices in both sung and spoken prayer. I also appreciate the spirit of volunteerism which is so characteristic of rural areas, even those located only a stone's throw from the state capital. Thank you for your devotion to the faith and to our parish community.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, July 4, for Independence Day. We will still follow our usual Friday liturgical schedule of Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Benediction and adoration until 11:30 a.m.. However, please note that the monthly 12 hour adoration is **cancelled** Friday evening due to the holiday. Our 8:00 a.m. first Saturday Mass will take place as usual on Saturday morning.

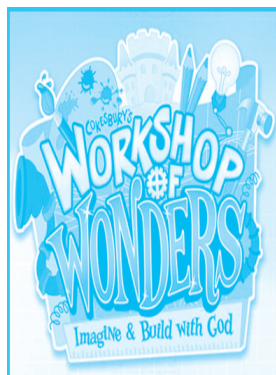
In Christ,
Father Matt



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 areas 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!

Kyle Joseph Rodrigue & Courtney Amanda King
were married here last weekend. Best wishes in your
married life.



*The following children were baptized here last week-
end: Tomilyn Annice Cloutre, daughter of Thomas &
Marilyn Cloutre; Catherine Ann Marie Cordell,
daughter of Michael & Lindsay Cordell, Jovie Marie
Gaudet, daughter of Jake & Danielle Gaudet; and
Brady James Stocking, son of Brian & Katarina
Stocking.*

WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!



Shall We Gather at the River

CELESTE ANGELLE VEILLON

in Concert with

Elisa Galeano~Piano and

Iura de Rezende~Clarinet

Admission: FREE

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Sunday, July 6, 2014 (5:00 pm)

**Donations accepted to benefit the
SJB Building Fund**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

June 22, 2014

Regular:

211 Identified- - - - - \$5,450.00

Loose- - - - - 524.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$5,974.00

A VOCATION VIEW

Even though it takes trust, generosity and courage to accept God's call to a Church vocation, Jesus nevertheless assures us that He is "gentle and humble of heart". If you hear Jesus' invitation, "Come to Me!" call Fr. Matt Dupre at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Janice & Joel Hebert for chairing the committee during the month of June. Chairman for July will be Ruth Landry (749-3101). Please give her a call with any concerns.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Opie Vidrine and her group for cleaning the church during the month of June. Cleaning for July will be done by Cindi Breau (749-3842) and her group. Please give her a call to lend a hand.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, July 6

⇒ Monthly Communion Service for K.C.

Members & their families at 7:30 am
Mass.

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

MAY CALENDAR WINNERS:

Patricia Alleyne, Andrea Dabadie, M/M Augie Klein, Stephen & Natalie Orcino, Camille Bourgeois, Wendy B. Gill, Allison Crochet, Edward P. Hargrove, Jr., Danny Cedotal, Amber Clay, Madeline Shelnett, Cindy Marquette, Lisa & Mark Templet, Linda Wray, Herbert J. Aucoin, Samantha Villar, Farrah Benedetto, K.C. Council 5352, Christina Doiron, Giana Cordell, Harry Bizette, Patrick Stirling, David Daigle, Cory Soniat, Elton Vidrine, K.C. Council 5352, Gary Russell, Mary Hebert, Harry Bizette, Audry Gonzales, Tammy Norwood

Readings for the Week of June 29, 2014

Sunday: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2014-2015

Donna Badon
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Bourg
Chris Buckle
Deacon Sammy Collura
Stacy Gauthreaux
David Landry
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar
John Windham



Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

"But who do you say that I am?" What if Jesus asked this question today? How would people respond? Some might focus on his role in history, saying, "You are the founder of the Christian religion." Others might describe his work: "You are a teacher, a healer, a spiritual guide." Perhaps there are some who would identify him by his character, suggesting that he is a loving, generous, compassionate, and forgiving role model. But surely some would answer in the same spirit as Peter in today's reading, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This is a profound statement of faith. To call Jesus "the Christ" is to profess that he is the Messiah, the long-awaited savior of God's people. To call him the Son of God is to profess that he is not only a miracle-working man, he is also divine. Among the disciples being questioned, Peter was the one who responded with this real insight into Jesus' identity. "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you," Jesus replied to Peter, "but my heavenly Father." In other words, recognizing Jesus as our savior and our God isn't something we figure out on our own. It's a spiritual insight that comes through faith.

Jesus did many amazing things while he walked the earth. He gave us a powerful example of love and forgiveness and he offered us teachings that help direct our lives. But we are called to see even more than these historical facts; as Christians we are called to recognize him as the Christ. Through faith, we know who Jesus really is: our God and our Savior. Thus, we are called to give him more than our respect and admiration as a remarkable man. We are called to give him our full allegiance and to worship him as the one true God.