



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
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
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 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

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

Dear Parishioners,

I will be staffing an Engaged Encounter next weekend, March 18-19, so please welcome Father Joel LaBauve and Father Jon Koehler who will be covering the Masses for me. Father Joel will celebrate the 4:30 p.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses, and Father Jon will celebrate the 7:30 a.m. Mass next weekend. Next Sunday is also the 182nd anniversary of the founding of our church parish. The act of incorporation was signed on March 19, 1835.

This year's Lenten Mission is just two weeks away and will be directed by Father Matthew Bonk, CSsR, who will introduce the Mission at all of the weekend Masses on March 25 & 26. His main talks will then be given on four consecutive evenings, March 26 – 29, beginning at 7:00 p.m. each night. We look forward to Father Bonk's visit to our parish and the opportunity to strengthen our faith and deepen our love for God.

The theme for this year's Mission is "Conversion." Sunday night's gathering will center on the *Bible*; Monday night's session will focus on the *Crucifix*; Tuesday night's theme is the *Easter Candle* and will include an opportunity for confession; and Wednesday night will center on the *Altar* and include the celebration of Mass. Father Bonk will also celebrate the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass on Tuesday of that week.

Every year, the American Cancer Society sponsors its "Relay for Life" in communities all over the country to support cancer survivors, caregivers, and ongoing research. The West Baton Rouge Relay will be held Friday, April 7, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Brusly High School. To help promote the event, we are hosting the annual Relay for Life *Prayer Breakfast* on Saturday, March 25, at 8:30 a.m. in our Activity Center. For more information or to register, please call Elaine Pearce at 413-7102 or email deauxla-dy1947@yahoo.com. It's always a very nice event.

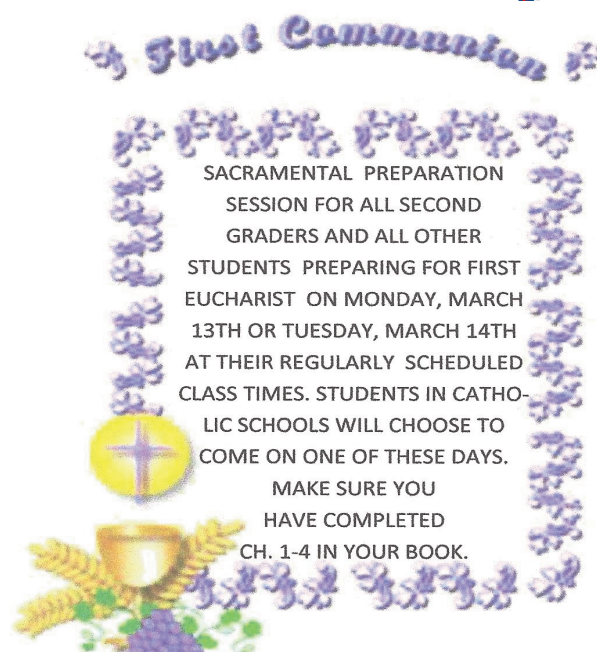
We are still looking for a dedicated parishioner to chair this year's *Feast on the Levee*. Mimi Clouatre volunteered to chair the *Feast* these past two years and did an outstanding job. However now she needs to step away and focus on other priorities including a family wedding this October. So we need an individual

or married couple or a pair of close friends who can get things organized and attend to some of the early tasks like booking the bands. Please think about it and consider helping your parish in this important role.

Finally, I am interested in hiring a part-time housekeeper for the rectory. I need someone to work two or three mornings a week to clean house, wash linens, and prepare lunch. The days and hours are negotiable, but I am proposing 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, or 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, or something similar. Please call the parish office for an application.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Christian Formation Update




The Stations of the Cross



The 7th grade students ONLY will not have class on Monday, March 13th. They will come to class on Wednesday, March 15th from 6:30–7:30 p.m. to attend the Stations of the Cross and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will meet in the Activity Center at 6:15 to check roll and then proceed to church.



JOIN US IN
Celebration
 MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION
 STUDENTS K-8 TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST
 DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
 PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, MARCH 20TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.



Knights of Columbus

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, March 15th

Officers—6:00 pm; Regular—7:15 pm

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, March 18—4:00 pm In Church

IMPORTANT! *Please Respond*

LAST CALL FOR GUIDE BOOK

Our final copy for the new Guide Book is due this week. If you have any changes in your membership info such as new address, phone number or new members, please call the office (749-2189).



CONGRATULATIONS

To Sarah Kaitlin Rills and Daniel Joseph Mayer who were married here last weekend. Best wishes in your future life together!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

February 26, 2017

REGULAR:

175 Identified- - - - - \$6,106.01
 Loose Collection- - - - - 822.00
 TOTAL- - - - - \$6,928.01

March 5, 2017

REGULAR:

277 Identified- - - - - \$16,329.50
 Loose Collection- - - - - 907.00
 TOTAL- - - - - 17,236.50

Ash Wednesday—Church in Central & Eastern Europe
 \$1,966.00

Black & Indian Missions—\$822.00

Easter Flowers—\$1,781.00



A VOCATION VIEW

As Peter, James, and John had a 'mountaintop experience' with Jesus, so too do those who are faithful to Jesus, experiencing His marvelous presence as they follow in His footsteps as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Are extended to Christopher & Kristy Irvine and family upon the death of their son, Christopher Jude.

Please keep them in your prayers.

THANKS!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone for the recent donations in memory of Lil Delapasse and Dimple Spragio.



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Saturday, March 18—After 4:00 pm Mass
 In the Parish Gym—All are Welcomed!

RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER SURVIVOR PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 25 8:30 am

In the St. John the Baptist Activity Center
 All Cancer Survivors are welcomed!

To register yourself and spouse or caregiver, call Elaine Pearce (413-7102) or email: deauxlady1947yahoo.com

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2017

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2
 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/
 Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who THEY were--imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are ready to find Jesus there.