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Fourth Sunday of Easter
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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
Pedro Garcia 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 the Parish Office

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Dear Parishioners,

Holy Family School celebrates its 8th Grade Graduation Mass this Tuesday evening, and Brusly High School has its graduation on Thursday evening. Catholic High School and St. Joseph's Academy hold their graduations on May 18 and 19 respectively. Congratulations to our graduates and their families, including those from St. John High School who graduated last Thursday.

We are offering any adult in our parish the opportunity to attend a one-day retreat at Angola State Penitentiary. This retreat will follow a similar format to the Confirmation Retreat that our 11th graders attended last summer. We will visit various sites on the prison grounds and hear witness talks from the Catholic inmates. The retreat will be held on Saturday, July 13, and the cost is \$40 per person. Please call June Hebert in the Christian Formation Office to register.

Nominations are now open to fill five upcoming vacancies on our Parish Pastoral Council. Jamie Bourg, Chris Buckle, Jules Lefeaux, Mark Loreno, and Andrea Smicker are all completing their second terms of service on the council and so must be replaced. Nomination forms are available in the back of church and you are invited to nominate yourself or any other registered parishioner. The deadline for nominations is the last Sunday of May, and the forms may either be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket.

Once all of the nominations have been received, the names will be sent to the members of the current council for prayerful review. The current members will then elect five new members at their June 12 meeting. All five new members will serve three year terms beginning with the September 2019 meeting. This is the main consultative body for our parish so please give serious consideration to possible members.

Vacation Bible School is July 15-19 this year so be sure to mark your calendars and come enjoy a week's activities with classmates and friends. We need teachers and aides as well as participants so all are invited to join us. Registration forms are available in the back

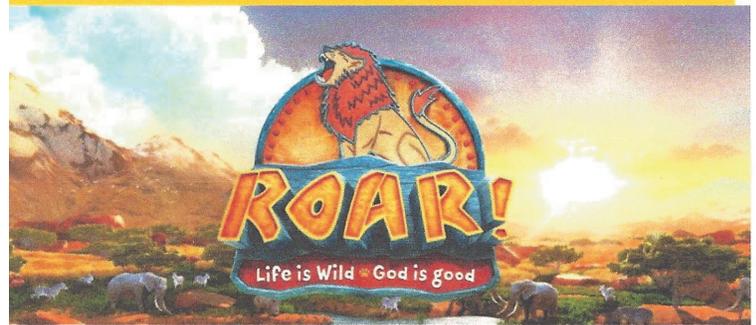
of church or you may call the Christian Formation Office at 749-3387 for more information. (Holy Family is holding its own VBS this year the week of June 24-28.)

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers in the parish. Your love and devotion is an inspiration to all of us and an example of Christ's unconditional love for the Church. Be assured of our prayers and gratitude on this special day!

In Christ,
Father Matt

VBS 2019

Registration and Volunteer forms are
in the back of Church or online at
www.sjb-brusly.com



THE ADVENTURE BEGINS—JULY 15 - 19, 2019



MINISTRY APPRECIATION MEAL
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
4:30 PM MASS

Choir Members, RCIA Team, Catechists,
Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,
Altar Society, Ushers, Zippers, Food Pantry Workers,
Money Counters, Catholic Daughters, K.C. Members
Bereavement & Environment Committees
*Please join us as we celebrate you and your faithful
service to our wonderful faith community! We look
forward to an evening of fellowship and good food!
Please call 749-2189 by May 31st to RSVP.*

Adult Retreat to Angola

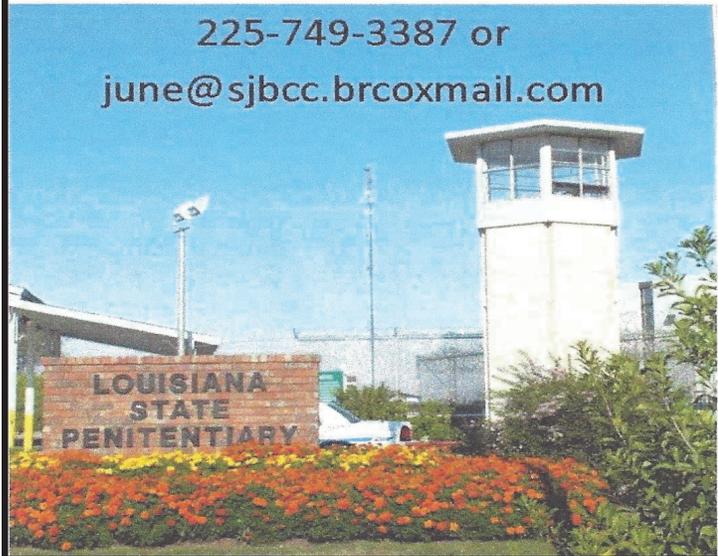
State Penitentiary

Saturday, July 13, 2019

\$40—per person limited space if interested contact June Hebert

225-749-3387 or

june@sjbcc.brcoxmail.com



K.C.'s/C.D.A.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Saturday, May 18—4:00 pm in Church

CDA/KC MEETING

Wednesday, May 15—Activity Center

Officer's Meeting—6:00 pm

Regular Meeting—7:15 pm

The Catholic Daughters have bins in the back of church to collect personal travel-size toiletry items for the homeless. List of items needed is provided on the bins. They will be collected this week.

Rest in Peace

PRAYER & SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Imelda "Poopie" LeJeune upon her recent death and to Ava Bourgoyne & Family upon the death of her father, Gary Guillot. Please keep them in your prayers.



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN MEMORY OF GLENNA LANDRY,
ATRICE KNOTTS & WAYNE KNOTTS**

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 5, 2019

273 Identified- - - - - \$15,192.50

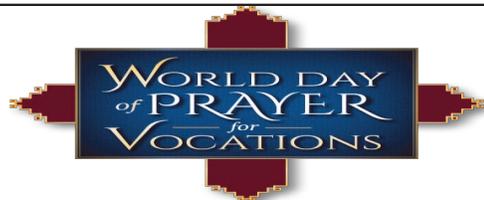
Loose Collection- - - - - 1,710.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$16,902.50



A VOCATION VIEW

On the Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Retreat 

MANRESA RETREAT INVITATION

For over 70 years, men from our parish have grown in faith by attending a 3-day retreat at the Manresa House of Retreats in Convent, Louisiana. The year's retreat will begin on the evening of Thursday, July 4 and end after lunch on Sunday, July 7. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, contact Grayson Brewer at (225) 975-3603, Bill Devillier at (225) 205-8911 or Brent Babin at (225) 588-0116.



If you would like to donate items to the Food Pantry, some things always needed are: Sugar, Flour, Cereal & Rice. It would be helpful if the flour, sugar and rice be in 2 or 3 lb. bags. That way we don't have to divide 5 or 10 lb. bags into Ziploc bags.

Readings for the week of May 12, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/ Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2017-2018

John Begue
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Jamie Bourg
Chris Buckle
Christie Chapman
Jules Lefeaux, Vice-Chairman
Mark Loreno, Chairman
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Mary Claire Meyer, Secretary
Jason Murphey
Joey Normand
Derek Scott
Andrea Smicker



Fourth Sunday of Easter

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.