



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

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." - Jn 14:2-3

Dear Parishioners,

Nominations are now open to fill two upcoming vacancies on our Parish Pastoral Council. Stacy Gauthreaux and John Windham are completing their second and final terms of service on the council and will be cycling off. 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 this month, May 28, 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 two new members at their June 14 meeting. Both of the new members will serve three year terms beginning with the September 2017 meeting. This is the main consultative body for our parish so please give serious consideration to possible members.

I am happy to announce that Father Matt Dupre has assigned a seminarian to our parish for the summer. Mr. Danny Roussel is a native of Vacherie and a member of Our Lady of Peace Parish. He is what is sometimes called a "second career vocation" since he worked at PepsiCo for 18 years as a quality control manager before applying to the seminary. Danny is completing his third year of seminary studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

The main purpose of the summer assignment is to provide an opportunity for the seminarian to live in a rectory and observe some of the day to day activities of a parish priest. Danny will be expected to maintain his prayer life and spiritual reading in addition to involving himself in whatever parish activities occur during the summer. This will include serving at two of our Masses each weekend, assisting with funerals, weddings, and baptisms, visiting the sick, helping in the office, and serving at Vacation Bible School. He is scheduled to move into our parish on June 1.

As I mentioned last week, additional altar servers are needed for the 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Youth are eligible to serve once they have completed the fourth grade and adults are also invited to participate in this special ministry of service. So please think about

it and call the office if you wish to volunteer so we can schedule a training session.

Brusly High School has its graduation this Thursday, Catholic High School has its on Saturday, and St. Joseph's Academy is on Sunday. Congratulations to our graduates and their parents!

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

Mark Your Calendar!

VBS 2017

9am—12 Noon

JULY 10 — 14



NOTICE!

We will be re-surfacing the Activity Center Floors during the weeks of May 8th thru May 19th.

Floors cannot be walked on at that time.

All meetings scheduled for those weeks have been moved and none will be scheduled during that time.





THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF
VIRGIE CURCIO

THANKS!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank everyone who gave donations in memory of Ronald Richard and Edith Owens.

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

PLEASE NOTE

Due to resurfacing of the floors in the Activity Center, the monthly meeting for the K.C.'s and C.D.A. has been changed as follows:

Wednesday, May 24—Activity Center
6:00pm K.C. Officers' Mtg.
6:30pm Dinner for KC's & CDA
7:00pm CDA Regular Meeting
7:15 pm K.C. Regular Meeting

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY IN
MEMORY OF THE UNBORN**

Saturday, May 20—4:00 pm in Church

APRIL CALENDAR WINNERS

J.B. & Ann Landry, Anna Mabile, Shirley Kirkland,
Brian & Leigh Guidry, Briggs A. Richard,
Susan Landry Jackson, Eileen Andre, Elyse Daigle,
Carol Deshotel, Kathy Breaux, Kerrilyn Breaux,
Audrey Gonzales, Glenda Zeringue, Angelle Soniat,
Annette Guercio, Blaine Tooley, Toni P. Burleigh,
Tyler Thibodeaux, Chris Raymond, Jack Franklin,
Eddie Boudreaux, Fay Kaufmann, Mike Cazes,
Katie & Seth Hudson, Rita Palmer, Tracy Burleigh,
Irene Melancon, Betty Crochet, Kathy Stelly,
Dalton Landry



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Please keep Cindy Brou and her family in your prayers upon the death of her mother, Murly B. Delaune.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 7, 2017

REGULAR:

276 Identified- - - - - \$16,422.50
Loose Collection- - - - - 893.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$17,315.50

BUILDING FUND

March—\$13,036.05
April—\$13,142.00
Balance on Loan—\$182,858.25



A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus tells us not to be troubled. Therefore, pray that the Lord will show you the way in your life. Just ask Him. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In 1917, from May until October on the 13th of each month, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima. She implored them to spread her message of Repentance, Prayer and Rosary. This year marks 100 years since she first appeared. We should keep her message alive in our lives today.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

June 16, 2017

The IHM Lafayette Homeschool Conference will be held at the Cajundome & Convention Center, 444 Cajundome Blvd., in Lafayette on Friday, June 16th (12:00 pm—6:00 pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Prof. Joseph Pearce is a confirmed speaker.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, visit:

www.ihmconference.org or email:
info@ihmcoference.org.

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
1 Pt 24-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/
Jn 14:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/
Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/
1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016-2017

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"I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." Now this is something to look forward to: being where Jesus is, in heaven. What could be more satisfying, more beautiful, more perfect? Heaven is where we find the "fulfillment of the deepest human longings" (Catechism of the Catholic Church §1024). Our longing for love that doesn't fail, our longing for peace that doesn't end, our longing for happiness that doesn't fade away—all of this is awaiting us. Today, Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to "prepare a place" for them. We are his disciples too, and so we also have a spot in the "Father's house." But we need to make sure we know how to get there!

This is what Thomas the (doubting) Apostle asked about in today's Gospel: "How can we know the way?" Thomas wants to be sure about things. He is looking for a kind of spiritual roadmap to give him the confidence that he's on the right path. This is what we have in Jesus. He responds to Thomas' question with these words: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." In other words, Jesus is like an infallible heavenly GPS. He gets us where we want to go.

By heeding Christ's teachings and following his example, we can navigate through the many competing "ways" that vie for our attention. But more than just serving as a spiritual signpost, Jesus wants us to be in a real relationship with him. As he asks Philip today, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me?" If Jesus himself is the way, then it is only by truly knowing him that we will find our way to heaven where we will finally behold him face-to-face.