



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain, *Pastor*  
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Julie Ginther Cilano, *Christian Formation*  
Carolyn Dupuy, *Bookkeeper*  
Pat Durbin, *Parish Secretary*  
Karen Lemoine, *Christian Formation*  
Larry Durbin, *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Richard Rabalais, *Maintenance*  
Celeste Veillon, *Music Director*

## 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 am) or by appointment

## 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.

## Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:30–4:30  
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30

## November 4, 2012

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coin collectors participate in their hobby for a variety of reasons. Some enjoy the beauty of finely sculptured miniature works of art. Others like the historical nature of the coins. Still other collectors get involved in the hobby because they see it as a financial investment. And finally, some collectors are basically accumulators, gathering in vast quantities of coins hoping to find a gem no matter what its condition. In wanting to show off their collection, coin collectors are always posed with an immediate problem: a coin has a front and a back. Most of the time it is the front that has the stellar image, often a bust of some historic individual. The back is usually plain, but sometimes, as in the case of the statehood quarters produced over a decade by the US Treasury, the reverse is actually the more interesting side.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus presents two commandments, which like a coin, are two sides of the same item. We are called to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength. And, we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. As the scribe indicates in his response to Jesus, it is no longer sacrifices or burnt offerings that God wants, but fulfillment of the commandment to love.

When one loves God, one must love all that God has created, which includes our neighbor. For how can one truly love God but not love what God has made? And when one loves a neighbor, one must love God because God is the one who made us all. These two commandments of love are inseparable in the very same way that you cannot have only a one-sided coin. Even if the other side were blank, it would still be there. And so it is with the two commandments of love. They go hand in hand as one.

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*Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." - Mk 12:29-30*

Dear Parishioners,

I thought the *Feast on the Levee* was a great success, so thank you for everything you did to make it such an enjoyable event! It was a great day to celebrate the wonderful food and music for which our area is known, and to enjoy one another's company in an outdoor setting. I especially thank Scot and Pamela Rhodes for chairing this year's *Feast*, as well as everyone else who assisted with the set-up, raffle sales, donations, silent auction, food preparation and volunteer service. Please join me in saying a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the beautiful weather and wonderful spirit which characterized the day. We will publish the financial outcome as soon as all of the figures are added up.

In honor of the upcoming Veterans Day we are planning to honor all of our veterans at our 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, November 10, 2012. The ongoing conflicts in the Middle East have served as a necessary reminder of the debt we owe to our service men and women who work to build peace and protect our country from terrorism. All veterans are invited to attend the Mass so that we can offer our prayers and gratitude.

On Wednesday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m., we have an important meeting for the *parents* of all second graders preparing for their First Reconciliation. The second grade year is highly important since this is the year when our children first experience God's forgiveness in the sacrament of confession, to be followed by their First Communion later in the spring. So parents, please make a note of the meeting and place it on your refrigerator, computer, smart phone, and bathroom mirror. First Reconciliation will take place on January 22, 2013, and First Eucharist on April 21, 2013.

This Tuesday, November 6, is Election Day, so please make time to vote. Good Catholics are also good citizens and our participation in the electoral process is an important expression of both our faith and our citizenship. There is no such thing as a perfect candidate or platform so we have to do our best to vote for those who have the most potential to grow or develop into

the public servant we need and desire. We should not let our frustration with campaigning or the political process turn us against our civic duty. Say a prayer for our country and our elected officials on Tuesday.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Youth Ministry

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday, November 11  
5:00—8:00 pm



#### HORNETS GAME

Fri., November 16, 2012—New Orleans Arena  
\$35/person (includes ticket & bus ride).  
Jr. High Youth & their families are welcome.  
Call Julie to register.



MARCH FOR LIFE CAR WASH  
Sat., November 17th  
(9 am—12 Noon)  
Brusly Town Hall

### A Run for their Lives: Pro-Life Fun Run

A Fundraiser for the March for Life Pilgrimage  
Sponsored by  
St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist  
Youth Ministries  
Come run or walk with us!

Distance: 2 Miles  
\$20/person; All ages welcome!  
Brusly High School Track and Field  
Saturday, December 1st, 2012

Registration opens 9:00AM  
Race begins at 10:00AM  
Questions? 225-749-3387

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES**  
are cancelled on Monday & Tuesday, November 5th  
& 6th due to Election Day.  
Parents—**GEAUX VOTE!**



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
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Thanks to everyone for coming out last Sunday and helping to make our feast such a great success! Thank God for the beautiful day! A **BIG THANKS** to **Scot & Pamela Rhodes** for chairing the Feast this year! GREAT JOB! Thanks also to all of the cooks, booth workers, set-up and clean-up people. We don't have any solid numbers yet, but will let you know as soon as we do.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:

**Super Raffle**

- \$3000—Jamie Chustz & Gerald Fitzgerald
- \$1000—Margaret Acosta
- \$ 500—Jane Caillouet
- \$ 500—Sabrina Bayhi
- \$ 250—Billy Bourgeois
- \$ 250—Sonya Boudreaux

**Regular Raffle**

- 50" Flat Screen TV—Martha LeBlanc
- Kindle Fire—Lori Hebert
- Benches to Table—Karen Lemoine
- \$250 Grocery Certificate—Chantel Hollier
- \$250 Grocery Certificate—Ronnie Landry

**Cake Contest:**

- 1st Place—DeeDee Bruce
- 2nd Place—Ella Dean Thibodeaux
- 3rd Place—Wanda Magee
- Honorable Mention—Tammy Gaudet

# Honor Our Veterans



**MASS HONORING VETERANS**

The 4:30 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist, on Saturday, November 10th will honor veterans. Veterans and their families, those who are presently serving in the military, either actively or in reserve units, are encouraged to join us for the liturgy. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this special Mass to show support for those who have served in the military and those who are presently serving.

**VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM**

The Town of Brusly is hosting its annual Veteran's Day Program and Reception on Sunday, November 11th at noon, at Brusly Town Hall. Veterans are encouraged to attend. The public is invited to join us and participate in this tribute to our veterans.

**STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES**

October 28, 2012

**REGULAR:**

172 Identified- - - - -	\$4,725.00
Loose- - - - -	574.00
<b>TOTAL- - - - -</b>	<b>\$5,299.00</b>

**A VOCATION VIEW**

We are called to love God with all our heart, with all our thoughts, with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as our self. This is best accomplished when we seek to know and to live what the LORD has in mind for us in our lives. If you feel God could be calling you to His priesthood or religious life, then call or email Father Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



**CARDS, ETC  
A GREAT SUCCESS**

Thanks to the many teams who came out to play again this year to support this great fundraiser. Thanks also to the Zippers for sponsoring the lunch and to Gerald Manola for cooking it. Thanks to Mike & Stephanie Cazes, Wallace & Gale Thibodeaux, Curtis Dupuy, The Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus for donating the door prizes, \$\$\$ and bar expenses. Thanks to everyone who so graciously baked and served. We especially want to thank **Gale Thibodeaux** for chairing the event again this year!

**VATICAN COUNCIL II: A CHALLENGE TO FAITH**

As part of the Year of Faith, join Dr. Francis Vanderwall in an interactive experience of studying the four major documents of Vatican II in four separate evenings. The dates of the sessions are:

- ⇒ **Nov. 8**—Looking from the Inside Out: The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)
- ⇒ **Nov. 15**—God with us; The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)
- ⇒ **Nov. 29**—A Walk through the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium)
- ⇒ **Dec. 6** - The Theater of Human History: The Constitution of the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)

Each session will be held at the Catholic Life Center, 6:00—9:00 p.m. The fee is \$10 per session or \$30 for all four sessions. Registration must be done online for each session. go to [www.diobrchristianformation.org](http://www.diobrchristianformation.org) and click on the calendar to find the date of the class you wish to attend. Ten hours of Intermediate Credit will be given if all four sessions are attended. For more information contact Gloria Vanderwall at 225-336-8760, Ext. 128.

**Readings for the Week of November 4, 2012**

Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday:	Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

Donna Badon  
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WPYR 1380 AM  
3-day Radiothon  
November 14-16, 2012  
7 am to 5pm each day

Keep the presence of Catholic Radio in our community. Many well-known Catholics will be sharing their love during these 3 days. You can help by calling 225-302-5199 to cheer on the guest speakers and ask your questions, praying for Catholic Community Radio and/or donating to keep Catholic Community Radio "on the air".



**MEMORIAL BOOK**

The Memorial Book for 2012—2013 has been placed in the gathering area in the entrance of church. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones that you wish to have remembered. Those intentions will be remembered at all Masses during the month of November and the book will remain in church throughout the month.

**Lectors**

Lectors' Workbooks for Cycle C are in. We will begin using these readings the first week of Advent. Please pick up your copy in the annex room where liturgical ministers sign in.