



ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
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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
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez..... Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
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 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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the last Sunday of our liturgical year—the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is a fairly new feast added to the Church calendar in 1925 on the Sunday before All Saints by Pope Pius XI, and moved to its present location on the last Sunday of the Church year in 1969. Christ the King is also the name of the parish and student center on the L.S.U. campus which serves all of the Catholic students and faculty.

Christ's kingship is a spiritual and eternal kingship, and as such is not concerned with earthly power and privilege. However, this does not mean that the Church should appear detached and uninterested in human affairs. In service to Christ our King, the Church bears witness to the truth by proclaiming and protecting the dignity of every man, woman, and child. This means that we work within whatever political system we find ourselves to serve the highest good.

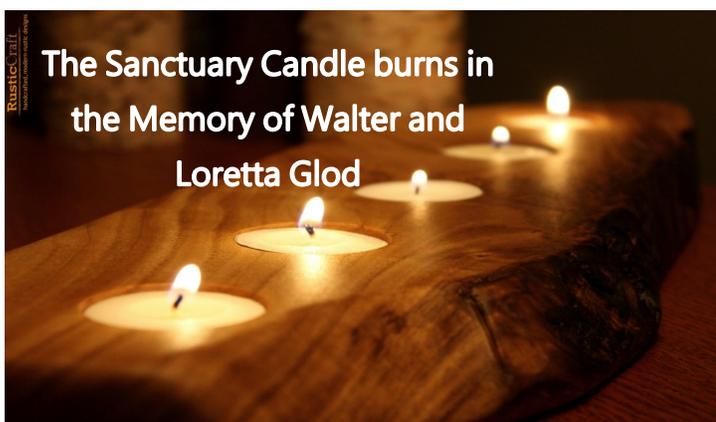
The Catholic Church does not and cannot align itself with any particular political party or candidate. The Church's role is to educate her members regarding the teachings of our faith, to help provide analysis of important issues, and to participate in the debate over public policy. To do less would turn religion into a purely private matter without any practical effect on our communal life and the well-being of our society.

Nearly all of the numbers have now been tabulated for this year's *Feast on the Levee* and our net income looks to be around \$50,000. Thank you very much for all that you did to contribute to our success through the sale of raffle tickets, the donation of auction items, and the preparation of food. Thanks once again to Natalie Palermo and all who worked so hard to benefit our Church and community.

The great majority of the income will be deposited into our building fund savings account. I would like to earmark a small amount to refurbish or improve the kitchen equipment in our Parish Activity Center. I also wish to donate about \$5,000 to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fannett, Texas where a classmate of mine, Father Jim McClintock, is pastor. Two years ago, St. Mary's was seriously damaged by flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Then, in September of this year, the church was again flooded by Tropical Storm Imelda. So they need our prayers and encouragement as they rebuild for the second time in two years.

Everyone is invited to attend Thanksgiving Day Mass with us at 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning. As in the past, you are also invited to bring a canned good with you to our Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit our food pantry. We will **not** have Mass or Adoration on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. I plan to visit my family on Thanksgiving Day and then watch the New Orleans Saints take on the Atlanta Falcons on Thanksgiving evening. Christian Formation Classes are canceled on November 25, 26, and 27 due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

In Christ,
Father Matt



The Church
Office will be closed
November 28 & 29.
Have a blessed
Thanksgiving!

BEREAVEMENT

Thank you Karla Argrave & Ruth Landry and their group for providing Bereavement meals during November. For December, please contact Janice Hebert at 749-3868.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thank you Jackie Morain and your team for cleaning the church in November. Please contact Carolyn Bourgeois 776-3325 to help in December.



NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES on November 25, 26, or 27
Happy Thanksgiving!

MASS for CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS K-8
Tuesday, DECEMBER 3RD
Drop off 5:15 in Activity Center
Pick Up in Church at 6:30pm
NO CLASS DECEMBER 2ND or DECEMBER 4TH due to Mass



BEIGNETS WITH SANTA AT ROSARYVILLE SPIRIT LIFE CENTER ON DECEMBER 1ST



Call 225-294-5039 to register.

KC'S MEETING & SOCIAL
December 4th at 6:00pm

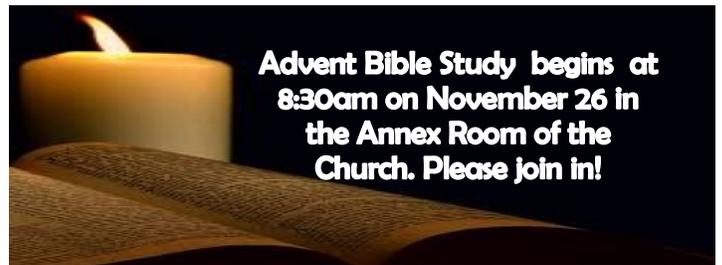


Officers' Meeting 6:00pm
Members' Meeting 7:15pm
Activity Center



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
KC'S Coffee & Donuts following 7:30 am Mass in the Activity Center
Communion Service for KC Members and their families

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." - Lk 23:35-37



Advent Bible Study begins at 8:30am on November 26 in the Annex Room of the Church. Please join in!

Readings for the week of November 24, 2019

- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
- Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



WILL YOU FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS? Will you renounce worldly power for the chance to serve all as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you will follow his path, please call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225-336-8778 or framerrick@gmail.com

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St. Michael the Archangel

We invoke St. Michael the Archangel for protection from evil and temptation. He is the protector of the Church. He is the leader of God's heavenly host and archangels. He attends souls at the hour of death and executes God's judgment regarding our eternal destiny.

In our church, St. Michael was represented in dramatic physical form as an approximately four feet tall statue probably cast of plaster and painted in lifelike colors. Period photos show the statue located on a pedestal behind the ambo.

St. Michael was depicted clad in armor, standing victoriously atop Satan. In an outstretched right hand he grasped a sword. In his left hand he held scales, a reference to his weighing souls. Extant photos are unclear on the treatment of his head wear. In differing images he appears to be attired in a helmet or a crown. A helmet would be appropriate in Michael's role as soldier. A crown would be appropriate based on his princely rank among the angels.

At the statue's base was Satan. He appears to have been sculpted in the form of a dragon with webbed wings and a tail writhing under the crushing blows of the Archangel.

There is no known record of the statue's origin or when it was purchased for the church. It is presumed to have been removed with some of our other statuary and auctioned. Its whereabouts or if it still exists have never been confirmed.

St. Michael's presence in our church has been returned in a different form. An image of him has been hung at the devotional in our gathering space. His feast day is celebrated on September 29th.