



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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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 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

October 14, 2012



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This past week we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. So many home gardens have a statue of St. Francis, often holding a bird. We think of him as the saint of animals and nature. But Francis as a young man was part of a military expedition against a neighboring province. After being captured, he languished as a prisoner for a year until he was released. He returned to a carefree life. His father was a wealthy merchant and Francis had few worries about his future. Over a period of conversion, Francis went to nurse lepers, and eventually renounced his father and his inheritance, stripping off even the clothes that were his and returning them to his family. It was this dramatic step that set him on the road to a life of holy poverty.

The Gospel this weekend points to that kind of dramatic break with the world. Jesus tells the man who runs up to him to go and sell what he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. The man cannot do it, and so he walks away. The disciples are astounded at the turn of events. None of them have any great wealth, but they wonder if anyone can be saved.

Francis took this Gospel in a quite literal sense, and so ended up disposing of everything. For the most part, Christians have interpreted this Gospel story as an important lesson on the need to have a certain amount of detachment in this life. Clearly we are not all meant to be St. Francis. But his radical interpretation reminds us that we can cling too closely to all that we have and lose sight of the greater meaning in our lives. Since all that we have is already a gift from God, we recognize that these things are only ours for a brief time before we are called to give an accounting in the age to come.

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

Dear Parishioners,

The *Year of Faith* announced by Pope Benedict XVI officially began on Thursday, October 11, 2012. This date was chosen to correspond with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council by Blessed Pope John XXIII on October 11, 1962. October 11 is also the feast day of blessed Pope John XXIII.

Ecumenical or general councils are gatherings of the world's bishops called together by the pope and usually named for the place where they are held. The first ecumenical council was the First Council of Nicea held in 325 which condemned the heresy of Arianism and affirmed the divinity of Christ. Vatican II was the 21st and most recent ecumenical council and ran from 1962-1965.

The calling of the Second Vatican Council came about through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and as a result of Blessed Pope John XXIII's reflection on the role of the Church within the world. He questioned, "Is my Church a seed or pearl? Is it only the pearl of great price to be preserved from all possible contamination? Is the church also the seed that must burrow into the earth of the poor and bring them new hope? Should it not penetrate the soil of the rich and the mighty that their consciences might be touched by the gospel of Christ?"

Blessed Pope John XXIII continued, "Of course the gospel is precious. But if it is not allowed to take root in the lives of men, it will not be believed. If it is too protected, it will become like a museum piece—admired by tourists who give it a hasty glance. Men are saved by the living word of God, not by a lifeless trophy." With this vision as its starting point, Vatican II is considered unique in the history of the ecumenical councils in that it was not called to address errors, but rather to bring about renewal within the life of the church and greater engagement with the world.

The renewal came in the form of a broadened definition of what it means to be the church, as not only an institution and hierarchy but also the entire community of the faithful referred to as the People of God. There was an effort to reach out to other Christians and other religions, and to build bridges of understanding which continue to this day. Most notably there was a rediscovery of the practices of the Early Church leading to a renewed emphasis on Scripture, Liturgy, and the Catechumenate.

The changes to the Mass were probably the most significant and the most controversial. Some Catholics feel that we

went too far and even beyond what the council fathers envisioned. But if the vast majority of priests and laity had not been ready for change I do not think the changes would have happened as smoothly and as quickly as they did. Other Catholics feel that our reforms did not go far enough and that we stopped short of completing the task. Pope Benedict is in a unique position to guide our interpretation of the conciliar documents since he attended Vatican II as a *peritus* or expert theological consultant to Cardinal Josef Frings of the Archdiocese of Cologne, Germany. The Holy Father has affirmed the teaching of the Council while working for greater understanding and unity in the church, especially through allowing wider use of the 1962 Missal, now known as the Extraordinary Form.

On another topic, our Parish Garage Sale was a great success last Saturday thanks to so many who contributed their goods and time. The net profit from the sale was \$2,100.00! I especially thank Judy Cazes along with her assistant Brenda Rills for chairing the last seven garage sales. It is a great deal of work and inconvenience to collect, store, and price all of the sale items, and Judy is to be commended for her generosity to our parish. She is now taking a well-deserved retirement from directing the garage sale, and handing over the reins to our youth ministry who kindly offered to run the sale for us next year.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Youth Ministry Volleyball Rec Night



Thursday, October 25
6:00-8:00PM
St. John the Baptist
Front field by River Road

Louisiana Youth Pilgrimage to the **March for Life** From Womb to Tomb - We Stand for Life

Have you ever wanted to make a difference?

Come with SJB Youth Ministry on this life-changing journey that will take you from Louisiana to the White House, from the Holocaust Museum to the steps of the Supreme Court, where we will join hundreds of thousands from across America who have come to take a stand for life!

When: January 21-26, 2013

Who: 10th - 12th grade students

**\$100 Deposit Due by Oct 25th. Contact the
Christian Formation Office for More Info!**

www.youthmarchforlife.com



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church Presents:

EVENINGS OF FAITH

*Belief Under Assault: Rescuing Faith & Reason
from Monstrous Mentalities*

Presenter: Dr. Chris Baglow

December 20, 2012

6:00-7:30pm, Activity Center

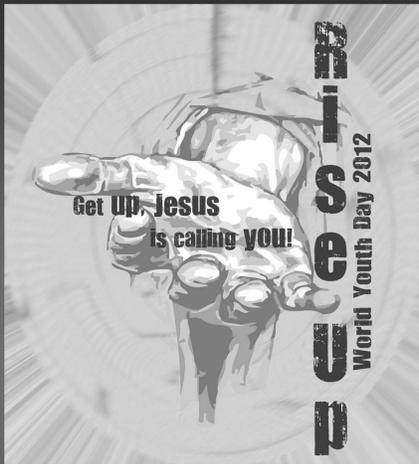
Wine and Cheese Reception

Adults Only

(Babysitting available upon request)



*The Pro-Life committees will recite a
Pro-Life Rosary on October 21st at 10:30 am
in Church. Come join us and pray for the
dignity of all life.*



World Youth Day 2012

Oct. 28, 2012 • 1:30 - 6:00pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Baton Rouge, LA

Free Event, Including Dinner

Mass with Bishop Muench

Sign Up with Julie by October 19th

Please bring canned goods for the Baton Rouge Food Bank!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 7, 2012

REGULAR:

256 Identified- - - - - \$9,204.00

Loose collection- - - - - 552.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,756.00

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters meeting will be this Wednesday, October 17th in the Activity Center. The semi-annual audit will begin at 5:45 pm and all officers and auditors should be present. All other members come join us for dinner with the KC's at 6:30 pm or the meeting at 7 pm.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW
BURNING IN
LOVING MEMORY OF BOB CELESTIN*

FEAST ON THE LEVEE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th—HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!**

If you haven't already signed up to do something for the Feast, please call our Fair Chaircouple (Scot & Pamela Rhodes) at 749-1915 or scotrhodes@cox.net or pamelarhodes@cox.net to volunteer for anything you want to do.

***GET THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS TURNED BACK IN
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!***

SILENT AUCTION/PARADE OF PRIZES

We are in need of money (\$1.00) donations for our "CASH MONEY JAR" that is in the Parade of Prizes. Please bring in change, dollar bills, anything we could use for this prize.

- ⇒ Grades K—3 FUN FOR ALL—any entertainment (books, puzzles, crayons & markers, movies, etc.)
- ⇒ Grades 4—6 AFTERNOON SNACK BASKET—Anything you like as an afternoon snack or Halloween treat.
- ⇒ Grades 7—11 Gift Cards & Gift Certificates—For all of your favorite places (PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT GIVE SO GRACIOUSLY TO THE FAIR). Other ideas are (Movie gift certificates, Favorite places to eat, Favorite places to shop for sports equipment, Favorite places to shop for gifts, Favorite places to get your hair done, Gas cards, oil changes, etc.) Please start these at \$10 each, but can be for any amount.

NEED SERVICE HOURS???

Call Lucille & Hewitt Bouquet to work at the Hamburger Booth (687-6927) to gain Service Hours.

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2012

Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31---5:1/ Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be “missionaries of faith.” Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous “Good News” of Jesus. Through our financial gifts, offered in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, we become partners with missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and offer help and hope to the poor in mission countries.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Your Support Continues a Wonderful Tradition

Your personal decision to support this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal offers you a special way to join Bishop Robert W. Muench in the challenge to provide much needed ministries and services that offer guidance, hope and inspiration to thousands of Catholic Families around us.

As you consider joining in support of this important Appeal, you will also play an important role in helping our Bishop carry out Christ’s mission for the church in our Diocese.

As you think about a contribution to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal this year, please do so considering the blessings God has given you. When you give at the level to which you feel most called, the virtue of your gift will be reflected in the good it will accomplish.

A VOCATION VIEW

If we really believe in something it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. “You will then have treasure in Heaven.” Come, follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother, or deacon. If you think God is calling you to one of these, call or email Father Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

ST. JOSEPH’S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 18, 2012 (4:30—7:00 p.m.)

For girls in grades 6—8 and their parents

Meet the students, faculty, staff, alumnae and parents. Tours provided throughout the evening. Admissions packets available for 8th graders. Begin your visit in Mother Alice Hall, 3080 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge. See the newest addition to the campus: The Academy Arts Center. Call 388-2226 for more information.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Louisiana State Penitentiary

The Catholic community at Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Chaplain’s Department are inviting our parish to participate in the Christmas Card Program. Their goal is to provide each inmate with at least 5 cards and envelopes.

If you have cards to donate please drop them off at the Parish Office by Monday, November 12th. Deacon Alfred Ricard will be taking the cards to the prison. We can accept Birthday & Get Well Cards, also. Religious cards are preferred!

