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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
Wayne Delapasse..... 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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

"Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." - Mk 10:48c-49, 51

Dear Parishioners,

The New Orleans Saints are 5-1 and on a five game winning streak as they play the Minnesota Vikings at 7:20 p.m. today (Sunday), just after the conclusion of our "Feast on the Levee." LSU is also having a great season and is now 7-1 as they prepare for another epic matchup with Alabama next Saturday in Baton Rouge.

This Thursday, November 1, is the **Solemnity of All Saints** and a holy day of obligation. Our Masses on All Saints Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. This year's **Blessing of the Graves** will take place next Saturday, November 3, at 11:00 a.m. in our parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.

We will once again place a "Book of Remembrance" in church beginning with the Feast of All Saints and remaining throughout the entire month of November. The book and accompanying candle serve as a visible reminder to offer prayers for our beloved dead and for all who have gone before us in faith. Feel free to once again write in the names of any of your deceased relatives and friends so that they may be included in our prayers.

As I mentioned last week, our custodian and maintenance director, Wayne Delapasse, will be retiring at the end of this year, and so we must begin the search for a new custodian/maintenance director to succeed him.

The duties include cleaning the church, office, and classrooms; vacuuming and mopping floors; emptying the trashcans; cleaning the bathrooms and restocking supplies; setting up the activity center for events and cleaning afterward; weeding the flower beds; and picking up paper on the church grounds. The ideal candidate would be someone who is reliable and physically able to handle the demands of the job.

We are somewhat flexible with the days and times, but would prefer to have someone here four or five days per week from 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested persons should pick up an employment application from the church office. The pay is negotiable depending upon experience.

This Friday evening and Saturday morning, November 2 & 3, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the

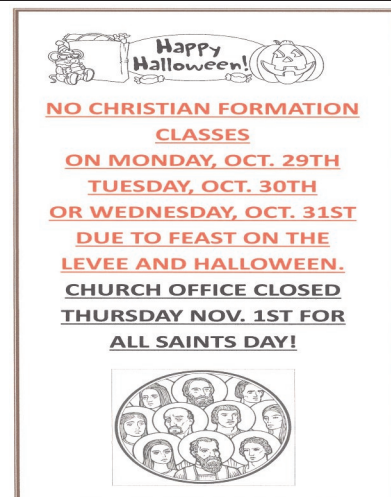
Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

November 4-10 is National Vocation Awareness Week for Catholics in the United States. Please join me in offering prayers that our parish may produce more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life.

Next Sunday, November 4, is also the day when Daylight Saving Time ends and we return to Standard Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed next Saturday night so you can enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

Lastly, thanks for all of your good work and enjoy the music, food, and fellowship at the "Feast on the Levee!"

In Christ,
Father Matt



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Thursday, November 1, 2018
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

BLESSING OF THE CEMETERY
Saturday, November 3—11:00 AM

PARISH LANGUAGE

The Diocese of Baton Rouge currently encompasses parishes whose populations communicate in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and even sign language. Many parishes were founded or occupied by French Settlers, and one may still hear Creole or Cajun French among their descendants.

A study of the parish records in the archives of the Diocese of Baton Rouge reveals the date when it could be said the "official language" of our parish transitioned from French to English in terms of parish records.

The minutes of the meetings of the marguilliers (the French term for elected leaders of the parish) were last recorded in French on May 29, 1975 by S. Landry, Secrétaire. Two weeks later on June 1, 1875, the minutes were recorded in English by a new secretary and documents the election of that year's wardens (the English translation of marguilliers). From that point the minutes of the meetings, accounting, pew rentals, etc. were recorded in English. Thus was the ending of the forty year reign of French for documenting the business of the parish. French would continue to be spoken among parishioners and priests in daily life and during homilies and would not fully fade from common use until the 20th century.

—Submitted by Brian Falcon

BAPTISM



BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

6:00 pm—Classroom #5

Christian Formation Building

This class is mandatory for parents if you are wanting to baptize your child. Call the Office for registration forms.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children and their families. They were baptized here last weekend. Charli Kate McVay, daughter of Christopher & Erica McVay, Vivian Ruth Meyer, daughter of Justin & Mary Claire Meyer, Conrad Mark Gossen, son of Gregory & Taylor Gossen and Josie Marie Batts, daughter of Kyle & Emily Batts. WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

October 21, 2018

161 Identified- - - - - \$5,866.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 701.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,567.00

World Mission Sunday—\$716.00

Hurricane Michael—\$5,892.00



The blind beggar Bartimaeus would not listen to the many people scolding him to be quiet, but shouted all the louder in prayer, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Only then did Jesus call him over and answered his need. Bartimaeus becomes a powerful example of how persistent we must be in prayer when we are asking God to show us His Will for our lives, and then, ask Him for the grace to accept it. If you feel God is calling you to the grace of a Church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.dioibr.org/vocations.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 4-10, 2018. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING FOR
SHELLEY RICHARD

THANK YOU!

The Bereavement Committee wishes to thank all for the donations in memory of Rick Prejean and those from the Bouvier & Purnell families!

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Sue Gauthreaux and family upon the death of her sister, Melba Dupuy. Please keep them in your prayers.



"THIS SHALL BE FOR MUSIC"

In Concert: Celeste Angelle Veillon & Elisa Galleano

*Sunday, November 4, 2018 (2:00 pm)
Donations accepted to benefit the St. John the Baptist Music Ministry Fund!*

Readings for the Week of October 28, 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6[cf Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/
Heb 7:23--28/Mk 12:28b-34

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Son of David, have pity on me!" Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips? Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man with a difficult lot in life. He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers. When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by, this is when he begins to shout for mercy. Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Last week, Jesus asked a similar question to James and John. Their response was a clutch for fame. Bartimaeus' response is much humbler. "Lord, I want to see." How strange this interaction must have seemed to the onlookers. The man is blind! Of course he wants to see! But Jesus is always teaching us. By asking us what we want, Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts. God already knows them, but do we? By asking James and John to name their ambition, their selfishness is exposed to them and to the other disciples. By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing, his faith is exposed to the entire crowd. Jesus invites participation in our own redemption. He doesn't save us without us!

Take some time in silent prayer today. Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus. Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside. Jesus is calling you! When you stand before him, his focus is on you and you alone. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asks. Search your heart. How would you respond? What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose? He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent! "Go ... your faith has saved you."



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
SUNDAY, NOV. 4TH
SET CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT

REMINDER!!

**Living Faith booklets for
October, November & December
are in. Pick up your copy at the
Parish Office.**