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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
Julie Ginther Cilano Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
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 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.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Lk 17:5-6

Dear Parishioners,

Our Holy Father continues to amaze and inspire. Like his immediate predecessors Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict, Pope Francis serves as shepherd and pastor for the world's Catholics, and ambassador to the rest of our human family. The mission and job title remain similar for every pope but the style of serving, leading, and witnessing changes according to the unique personality of each pope as well as the needs of the Church at a particular moment in history.

We experience the same phenomenon on a smaller scale in our local parishes. St. John the Baptist has been pastored by such priests as Father Victor Baron (1936-1956), Father Lloyd Caballero (1956-1973), Father Howard Hall (1983-1990), Father Phil Spano (1990-1996), Father Eric Gyan (1996-2003), Father Matt Dupre (2003-2012), and now me. Every pastor has been dedicated to serving Christ and all of you but each one carried out that mission a little differently depending on his age, experience, personality, and spirituality. Variety is the spice of life and we trust that the Holy Spirit is involved in selecting leaders for our Church.

In choosing Pope Francis through the mediation of the cardinals, the Holy Spirit has provided the Church and larger world with a different style of pastor. In a recent 12,000 word interview with the Italian-language Jesuit magazine *La Civiltà Cattolica*, Pope Francis shared the response he gave to the other cardinals in the conclave when they asked if he would accept his election as pope: *"I am a sinner, but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I accept in a spirit of penance."*

Some commentators have called Pope Francis' style subversive in that he seems to emphasize mercy over strict adherence to laws. He said in the same interview, *"The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you. And ministers of the church must be ministers of mercy above all."* He used the interesting metaphor of the church as *"a field hospital after battle."* The healing of wounds must come before catechesis regarding moral practice.

Conversion most often results from an experience of being loved rather than being won over by some type of persuasive argument. Our love of others does not imply that we accept bad behavior or heretical teaching. It simply means that we extend mercy to individuals who are emotionally or spiritually wounded as a first step in leading them to a deeper experience of Christ and His saving love.

The priests of the Baton Rouge Diocese will be on our annual retreat this week, from Monday, October 7 - Thursday, October 10, at Manresa Retreat House in Convent. Our retreat director is Father Denis Robinson, OSB, a Benedictine monk who serves as president-rector of St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. Father Robinson is a native of Mississippi who was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Memphis before discerning a call to the monastic life. He joined St. Meinrad Archabbey in 1997 and is well-regarded as a teacher, speaker, and retreat leader. We will have Communion Services on Tuesday - Thursday of this week while I am away.

In Christ,
Father Matt

our servitude...



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

The Christian Formation Office is looking for a Teacher for the RCIC Program. This program helps youth with no prior Christian Formation receive sacramental preparation. Ages vary from 3rd to 8th graders; class size is about six youth. Schedule is very flexible. Please let us know if you are interested! (225) 749-3387.



MARCH FOR LIFE

High School Students—Join us for the
Pro-Life Washington DC Pilgrimage
January 18—23, 2014

Cost—\$500

\$100 Deposit Due October 16, 2013

www.youthmarchforlife.org



BOOK DRIVE

The Youth will be selling books at

Feast on the Levee (October 27)

Please feel free to donate books for the sale.

Bring books to the Christian Formation Office during business hours or to Mass and leave them in the Book Drive Bin in the back of Church

High School Students—volunteering at the Feast on the Levee with your families counts as family enrichment hours and service hours.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

Sunday, October 27, 2013 (1 pm—6 pm)

St. Joseph, French Settlement

Free Event—Open to All Ages

RSVP: 225-749-3387

**High School youth—This counts as a Diocesan/ National Event, and if your families come it also counts toward Family Enrichment Hours”.*

HAUNTED HOUSE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Thursday, October 31, 2013 (5 pm—8 pm)

Cost: \$5 (Proceeds benefit the Youth

March for Life Pilgrimage)

All Ages Welcome!



PARISHIONERS: Want to participate in this **Spook-tacular event?** We are in need of a creative cast and crew, as well as some fun props! Contact the Christian Formation Office (225) 749-3387.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next weekend our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to act in solidarity with missionaries in India and throughout the world. Every day faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ, offering practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children and families in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 29, 2013

REGULAR:

200 Identified- - - - - \$5,445.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 617.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$6,062.00

A VOCATION VIEW

“If today you hear God’s voice, harden not your hearts.” Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre’ at 225.336.8778, mdupre@dior.org, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
SPENCER & LANDA PELTIER AILLET
WHO WERE MARRIED HERE LAST
WEEK**



*The Sanctuary Candle is now burning
in memory of Amy Simon Breaux*



FEAST ON THE LEVEE

Sunday, October 27, 2013

Be sure to call Pamela & Scot

at 749-1915 or email

**scotrhodes@cox.net or pamelabrhodes@cox.net
to let them know what you want to do!**

WE NEED YOU!

Cooks, Booth Workers, Children’s Games

You are needed in any capacity you wish to serve.

Help us to make this the BEST FEAST EVER

**You should have received your raffle tickets
(regular and super) by now Please try to sell all
of them as soon as possible!**

**If anyone needs more tickets please call the Parish
Office.**

CAKE BAKE-OFF

**If you wish to enter a cake for the contest, please
arrive at the Activity Center around 8:00 am
with cake and recipe card. Judging will be held at
11:00 am. Call Toni at 413-3990 with
any questions.**

Readings for the Week of September 29, 2013

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

For nearly three decades, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has served the unique needs of a growing, changing diocesan community, reaching thousands of our neighbors through a host of worthy ministries that rely on the BAA for support. Blessed by God, parishioners want to make a difference and ask a scriptural question "How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?"

This past year, 71 Catholic parishioners from St. John the Baptist—Brusly Parish chose to respond, contributing a total of \$10,659.00. To each of you, thank you for your caring response to Bishop Muench's invitation to take part. As emergency needs and unexpected concerns arise every year, your involvement will mean a great deal once again.

In the coming weeks, Catholics throughout the diocese will be invited to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through generous parishioners like you, the BAA ensures essential programs continue—for the good of the community, to the glory of Christ and His Church. Please Give to the Lord for All His Goodness. Prayerfully support the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

If you do not receive a copy of this year's appeal by mail, please contact the Office of Stewardship at 225-336-8790 or stewardship@diobr.org. For an in-depth look at the ministries or programs supported through the BAA, visit baabr.org.