



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
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
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 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

"But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:29-31

Dear Parishioners,

All parishes provide religious education for their school age children so that they can be formed and educated in the faith. Some parishes operate a parochial school and others operate a parish school of religion. We often employ terms like catechism classes or religious education or CCD programs to describe this important ministry of passing on the faith to the next generation.

Here at St. John the Baptist we prefer the phrase "Christian Formation" rather than "religious education" because we want to form the hearts as well as the minds of our students. To do this we supplement their classroom learning with opportunities for prayer and community building. That is why we have scheduled a Mass for all of our Christian Formation students in grades K-8 this Tuesday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the church. Monday night classes for these grades are canceled so the students can attend the Tuesday Mass. Parents are also welcome to attend.

In last week's bulletin I mentioned that we recently had the exterior of the rectory washed to remove dirt and mildew. Since then we have also cleaned the exterior of the Activity Center, and approved a bid to have the church exterior washed. Once that is done the window frames on the north side of the church will be repainted and the iron hand rails will be sanded and repainted. You may remember that the windows on the south side of the church were repainted about three years ago.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is sponsoring its second annual *Life Fest* and Respect Life Mass next Saturday, October 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. The theme is "Called to Compassion: Living Mercy," and the keynote speaker is Father Andrew Merrick, our Director of Vocations. The Respect Life Mass takes place at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.MFLDIOBR.org for more information.

Our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is just two weeks away and set for Monday, October 10, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost is \$25 which includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Terry Guidry and

Larry Durbin. The *Feast on the Levee* is about five weeks away and scheduled for Sunday, October 30, 2016. The chairperson for the *Feast* is Mimi Clouatre. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money as soon as you finish selling them.

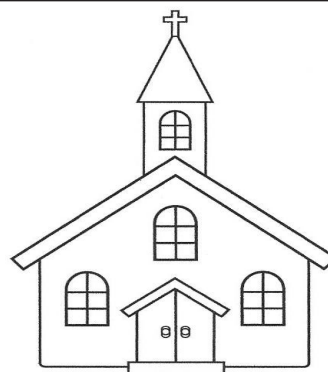
This Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 30 and October 1, is the monthly all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by our Catholic Daughters. The twelve hour period begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends with 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday morning. A schedule is available in the back of church if you would like to sign-up for an hour of prayer and adoration in the presence of our Lord.

We welcome all law enforcement personnel to our parish this weekend for our 9:00 a.m. "Blue Mass." Thank you for your dedicated service to our parish and community.

In Christ,
Father Matt

WE NEED YOU!

We Still Need 1 Childrens' Church
Catechist—11:00 am Sundays
Call Karen or June at 749-3387 if you can help.



MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS K-8

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
DUE TO MASS ON TUESDAY.



FEAST ON THE LEVEE 2016

It's almost Feast on the Levee time again: The date is set for Sunday, October 30, 2016.

COOKS: If you are a great cook, then prove it. Make your special dish for all of us to taste.

BAKERS: Dust off those recipes and join us for a "cake walk." Enter those family recipes that have been handed down thru the generations.

STUDENTS: Get those service hours in—either call me or let Ms. June or Ms. Karen know you want to help out. We still need help in the Coke Booths, Childrens' Games, Bounce House, Slide and Trash Detail. I will try to get everyone assigned to a task as soon as I get the names in so sign up early to get the task you want to participate in.

*If you can help out, please let us know—it takes many hands to make our Feast a success.
You can call me at 225-603-8782 (Mimi),
or call Evelyn at (225) 933-8924.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, October 2

Monthly Communion Service for K.C.
Members and their families at 7:30 am
Mass.
Coffee & Donuts will be served in the Activity
Center after 7:30 am Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Lisa Beraud and her group for cleaning the church during the month of September. Cleaning will be done by Jocelyn Gauthreaux (687-6333) during the month of October. Give her a call if you wish to help.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux for chairing the committee during the month of September. Chaircouple for October will be Sandra & Gerald Fitzgerald (921-9933). Please give them a call with any concerns.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 18, 2016
230 Identified- - - - - \$10,314.64
Loose Collection- - - - - 562.00
TOTAL- - - - - \$10,876.64

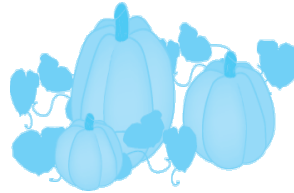
Building Fund Collections
July—\$12,384.00
August—\$13,050.72
Loan Balance—\$330,716.10

Religious Ed Collection—\$1,271.00



A VOCATION VIEW

Fight the good fight of faith. Take a firm hold on the everlasting life to which you are called. Pray for those who are called to "run the race" as priests, sisters, deacons or brothers. If God is calling you call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, mdupre@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



**PARISHIONERS INVITED ON
SENIOR SPIRIT DAY TRIP TO
MITCHELL FARMS,
COLLINS, MISSISSIPPI
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th**

Mitchell Farms is a modern working farm in southeast Mississippi with many historic buildings, antique tractors, and wagon rides. We will enjoy lunch at the Front Porch Restaurant, tour a 100-year old log cabin, and come home with a freshly picked pumpkin! Sweet potatoes, peanuts and other food items are grown on the farm and are available for purchase. We will leave St. John the Baptist Parking lot by motor coach at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$60.00 per person. To register, call Carolyn Dupuy at 749-2189 by Friday, September 30, 2016. West Baton Rouge Parish Senior Spirit is sponsored by WBR Parks and Recreation and is open to all who are 50 and older.

LIFE FEST & RESPECT LIFE MASS

The 2nd Annual Diocesan Life Fest will be held at 10am on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at the Catholic Life Center (1800 S. Acadian Thruway, B.R.). The theme is "Called to Compassion: Living Mercy". The keynote presenter will be Fr. Andrew Merrick, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge and spiritual director for the March for Life Pilgrimage. Break-out session topics include: Mercy at the End of Life, Prison Ministry, compassionate Solutions to Infertility, and Day-to-Day Mercy. The FREE event will also feature Adoration, Kids Track for ages 5-11, music by Greg & Lizzy and the Annual Respect Life Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2016

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015-2016

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"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life.

It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem. As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores.

This selfishness became the rich man's SELF-condemnation. He put himself in torment because he blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth--whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comfort? Let us heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short-lived.