



# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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*Twenty-second Sunday in*  
*Ordinary Time*  
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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**

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.

*"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited...and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place." - Lk 14:8bc, 9*

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin, I am out of town this weekend attending to important business in Dallas — namely, the Cowboys Classic football game between LSU and TCU. Taking a long weekend off for a college football game is something of a luxury for a priest so I feel blessed to be able to do so once in a while. Thanks again to St. John the Baptist Parish native son Father Joel LaBauve for kindly celebrating this weekend's Masses in my absence.

Our first Parish Pot Luck Dinner was a great success so thank you to everyone who brought food and participated. These monthly dinners are an extension of our Christian Formation ministry and are intended as an encouragement for parishioners of all ages to further celebrate our faith in a fun and communal setting. The next Pot Luck is September 19 and the theme is Barbeque so the meal should be quite memorable. The dates for all of the upcoming dinners have been printed on refrigerator magnets and are available in the back of church if you would like to take one home as a reminder.

The tradition of sitting down as a family at supper-time or the experience of gathering with friends for an occasional Pot Luck supper, both help us to appreciate the mystery and beauty of the Sunday Mass. At Mass we remember the Last Supper that Christ celebrated with his disciples and we anticipate the heavenly banquet that we hope to share with Christ at the end of time. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist provides nourishment for our ongoing growth in faith and charity. We often refer to the Eucharist as Holy Communion because we unite ourselves with Christ at Mass and through him form a communion with one another.

Christian Formation classes begin in about two weeks and in preparation for their start we have a parents meeting scheduled for this Tuesday evening, September 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. Please try to attend to insure that we have another great year for our children and our parish family. The following evening, September 4, is our RCIA Open House, also at 6:30 p.m., in the rectory for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. Food will be provided so

come with an appetite and your questions about the Catholic faith.

The Cemetery Committee met recently and accepted a low bid to remove several trees along our property line adjacent to the mausoleum. The trees were in declining health and were contributing to ongoing maintenance problems for the cemetery and mausoleum. We plan to have the mausoleum roof repaired and resealed soon and so we wanted to first address the danger of falling limbs and trees.

The landscape always looks a little barren whenever trees are removed but rest assured that we plan to do some replanting of trees and shrubs in and around our cemetery. I don't have a timeline for the landscaping yet but I will keep you informed of our progress as we discuss various options. A couple of drainage issues are also being addressed as part of our improvements to the cemetery.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## Religious Education

CHRISTIAN FORMATION PARENTS GATHERING  
Tuesday, September 3rd— 6:30pm—Activity Center

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Come over to the office during business hours to sign up !

#### WE NEED YOU!

Catechists, Aides and Helpers are needed for the Christian Formation Program.

Come share your gifts with the young church.  
Contact the Christian Formation Office  
(749-3387) to learn more.

Catechists really needed for Children's Church  
(especially during 11:00 am Mass.)  
Please call 749-3387 if you can help!



Baptismal Seminar  
Wednesday, September 11th -6:30 pm  
Classroom #5—Catechetical Building  
Mandatory for parents



## High School & Junior High Youth Night

Thursday, September 5th—Activity Center

6:00—7:00 pm Junior High Program

7:30—8:00 pm Dinner for Jr. High & High School

8:00—9:00 pm High School Program

## DIOCESAN JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

Open to all current 8th Graders

September 27—29—Cost \$150

Camp Abbey, Covington, LA

Call Julie (749-3387) to register!

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Feast on the Levee

Sunday, October 27, 2013

We need volunteers, cooks, donations, and NEW ideas! Let's come together and make this fun for everyone—as well as profitable for our church community. ANY amount of help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Scot or Pamela Rhodes at 749-1915 or email [scotrhodes@cox.net](mailto:scotrhodes@cox.net) or [pamelabrhodes@cox.net](mailto:pamelabrhodes@cox.net).

We need a t-shirt design...we need auction donations...it's not too early to gather donations...

## ATTENTION STUDENTS Get Your Service Hours!

If you would like to continue the job you had last year, please let us know...we really appreciate your hard work and dedication in making this a successful event for our church and community!

Thank you,  
Pamela & Scot



# FESTIVAL!

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## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

August 25, 2013

### REGULAR:

243 Identified- - - - - \$6,862.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 1,021.75

TOTAL- - - - - \$7,884.25

## A VOCATION VIEW

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. If God is offering you the gift of priesthood or religious life, and you wish to respond trusting in God, call or email Fr. Matt Dupre' at 225.336.8778, [mdupre@diobr.org](mailto:mdupre@diobr.org), or visit, [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



## ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in our parish has been ongoing for twenty-seven (27) years. This beautiful devotion was started on September 5 1986.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance each Friday morning following the 8:00 am Mass until 11:30 am. All parishioners and visitors are invited to come pray with us during these hours.

Many thanks to those who regularly come to spend an hour with our Lord and to all who make this devotion so successful.

On September 5th the Mass Intention is for the living and deceased Eucharistic **adorers**.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**

## CARDS, ETC.



The Cards, Etc. Card party will be on Monday, October 21 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Registration forms will be e-mailed on September 3, 2013. If you don't have an e-mail address or don't have a printer we will have Registration Forms at the Parish Office and the Senior Spirit Center. If you have any questions call Gale at 749-3769 or 413-5809. All newcomers are welcome!!!



Have a happy and safe Labor Day!  
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of this holiday.

## Readings for the Week of September 1, 2013

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14  
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2012-2013**

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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There is a story that has been circulating about Pope Francis. Whether all the details are accurate is not as important as the overall meaning. As it is told, after his election Pope Francis returned to live at the Vatican guest-house, which he has now made his home. He got up early one morning and opened the door of his room to find a Swiss Guard standing at attention. The pope asked the man how long he had been there and the guard responded, "All night, Holy Father." The pope brought out a chair and told the guard to sit down because he must be tired. When the guard responded that it was against the rules, the pope responded, "I'm the pope. Please sit." The guard uncomfortably took his seat, and the pope returned to his room. A few moments later, he came out with some bread and jam for the guard and wished him "Bon appétit!" before closing his bedroom door.

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus uses the example of dining with others to teach his disciples about life in the kingdom of God. He suggests that a person's sense of self-importance should not overtake the humbleness that characterizes the communal life of the kingdom. As citizens of God's realm there is only One who outranks everyone else, and that is the Lord.

People with power often get special places. The head table at a conference, meeting, or awards' banquet always has the "big shots" filling the seats. Political fundraisers have the highest ranking elected leaders sitting up front. In the Gospel, Jesus suggests that we be more realistic about ourselves. As the story about Pope Francis indicates, esteem comes not because we get the most revered place at table, but because we care about others. The command that Jesus gives to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind still binds us in charity today.