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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

At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - **Mk 8:33-34**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, September 16, is designated as Catechetical Sunday in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the United States. The theme this year is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." All of our parish catechists will be invited forward during Mass to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

In addition to teaching Catholic beliefs, good catechists also model and reinforce the importance of prayer. Our students will have already learned about prayer from their parents and grandparents but it doesn't hurt to build upon that foundation and further their experience. With this in mind, we are celebrating a Mass for all Christian Formation students in grades K-8 this Tuesday, September 18, at 5:30 p.m., and we especially invite the grandparents to attend with their grandchildren.

We cannot expect our children to grow in love and charity if we as adults are not also willing to grow spiritually. We cannot expect our children to practice forgiveness and perform works of mercy if we ourselves are not also committed to these virtuous practices. And finally, we cannot expect our children to be faithful to Sunday Mass and the sacraments if we do not model a good example for them. We are all called to be saints no matter our age or level of education, and we need the encouragement and good example of one another to achieve this goal.

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is sponsoring its fourth annual *LifeFest* on Saturday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Tracy Center Ballroom in Baton Rouge. Admission is free but they ask that you pre-register by visiting their website - www.MFLDioBR.org. The theme is "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent," and the keynote speaker is Dr. Kathy Allen, director of Louisiana Black Advocates for Life.

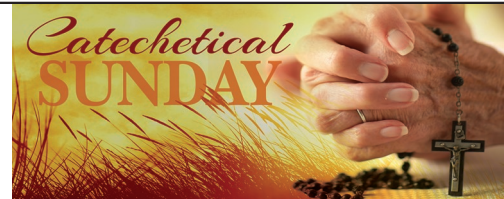
Our annual *Cards, Etc. Party* is now less than a month away and set for Monday, October 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The cost

is \$25 which includes a spaghetti and meatballs lunch. Chairpersons for the *Card Party* are Terry Guidry and Larry Durbin. Chairperson for this year's *Feast on the Levee* is Natalie Palermo. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money as soon as you finish selling them.

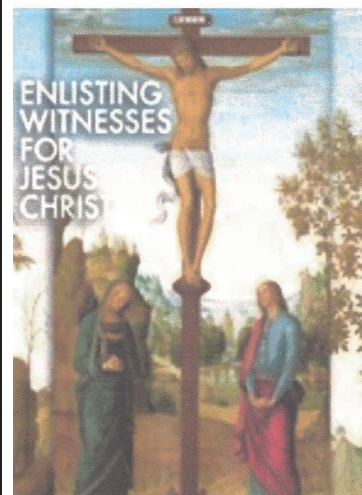
LSU is 2-0 as I write this letter but they have a tough game against Auburn this weekend. They could well be 2-1 by the time you come to Mass and read this bulletin. Most commentators thought we would be lucky to win two of our first three games so we are still on schedule for a winning season and an invitation to a post-season bowl game. Let's hope they improve as the season progresses.

The Saints on the other hand played a disappointing game against Tampa Bay last Sunday. I only hope they find some defense for this Sunday's game against Cleveland.

In Christ,
Father Matt



Thanks to all our Catechists who serve our parish by witnessing to God's precious children and adults in RCIA. We honor you today on Catechetical Sunday.



MASS FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION STUDENTS K-8
GRANDPARENTS INVITED
TO ATTEND WITH GRANDCHILDREN!
PLEASE BRING YOUR GRANDCHILD TO THE ACTIVITY CENTER SIGN THEM IN ON SIGN IN SHEET AND THEN GO TO CHURCH
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
DROP OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER 5:15
PICK UP IN ACTIVITY CENTER AT 6:30. THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH OR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH DUE
TO MASS ON TUESDAY
STUDENTS WITHOUT GRANDPARENTS STAY IN ACTIVITY CENTER WITH CATECHISTS AND PROCEED TO MASS AS A CLASS.



FEAST ON THE LEVEE

Sunday, October 28, 2018

We still need your help! Give us a call if you want to sign up to cook, man a booth, or help in a booth!

SILENT AUCTION

The feast is only a short time away and we need your help! Your donation to either the Silent Auction and/or Parade of Prizes helps to support and make a difference in the mission of St. John the Baptist. The Prizes can be dropped off at the Church Office. If you have any questions or need assistance with delivery of your donation, please call Andrea Normand @ 328-4843. WE COULD ALSO USE SOME HELPERS IN THE BOOTH THE DAY OF THE FEAST!

5K RACE/1MILE FUN RUN/WALK/ BIKE RIDE

Saturday, October 27

Registration Begins at 7:30 am

Start and finish on top of levee near Church

Pre-register by October 21, 2018

\$20—5K/\$10—1 Mile walk/run

Registration forms are available in the back of church & in the Parish Office.

Please drop registration forms in the collection basket, at the Parish Office, or an hour before the race.



*THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS
NOW BURNING IN MEMORY
OF ALINE PITRE*

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

September 2, 2018

234 Identified- - - - - \$14,158.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 499.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$14,657.50

Catholic University—\$507.00

Mission Appeal—\$4,427.00

September 9, 2018

202 Identified- - - - - \$8,446.00

Loose Collection- - - - - 722.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,168.00



A VOCATION VIEW

We cannot increase vocations to the priesthood or religious by advertising that it will be an easy life. But then, no life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said, "If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow in My steps." Pray for the gift of being able to accept a Church vocation if that is what you feel God is calling you towards. Then, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

are extended to David Deculus and his family upon the death of his sister, Margie Allen, to Jesse Doucet & family upon the death of his mother, Celeze Doucet, and to David Coleman upon the death of his brother, Danny Coleman. Please keep them in your prayers.

Knights of Columbus

MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, September 19—Activity Center

6:00 pm—Officers' Meeting

7:15 pm—Regular Meeting

AUGUST CALENDAR WINNERS

Anna Sparacino, Paula Acaldo, Kevin Guillot, Lisa Beatty, Sandy Waguespack, Karen Diaz, James Vidrine, Patsy Williams, Eileen Monson, Jenny Paine, Paula Matherne, Duncan Gotfredson, Jerry Deshotel, Heath Holloway, Ophelia & Terry Collins, Beulah Ferachi, Shirley Eagan, Jody Cazes, Melissa Pintado, Derwin & Kathy Simoneaux, Scot Rhodes, Anita Gilchrist, Johnny Doucet, Sheri & Josh Domingue, Susan Jackson, Ed & Anita Comeaux, John Breaux, Thomas Fleming, Gabriel Cordell, Janice Pintado, Donald Hebert

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
[1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
[3]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and
22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/-
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14
[14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas
Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake ? will save it."