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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

catholic church



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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

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - **Mk 9:35b-37a**

Dear Parishioners,

The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Sisters are scheduled to visit our parish next Sunday, September 30, for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. They will speak to us about religious vocations and the call to serve, give a brief history of their order, and tell us a little about their current ministries in Louisiana. If you believe God is calling you to serve others and you wish to explore a religious vocation, they invite you to speak with them for help with your spiritual journey.

I imagine that you, like me, have had many pleasant encounters with the Franciscan Sisters over the years. Sister Linda Constantin, (d. 2005), was the associate director of vocations for the Baton Rouge Diocese during my five years of seminary formation. After ordination, I very quickly came to know Sister Edana Corcoran, (d. 2008), the tireless patient advocate who was a very visible presence at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. Then during my years as full-time vocation director I would sometimes say Mass at the Women's Prison in St. Gabriel and came to know Sr. Helen Cahill.

As a member of the Board of Trustees for FMOL University, formerly OLOL College, I have enjoyed working with Sr. Martha Ann Abshire, Sr. Barbara Arce-neaux, Sr. Margarida Vasques, and the other sisters. The theology professors at FRANU now provide all of the academic formation for our permanent deacon candidates, and so the Franciscan Sisters continue to be a very important part of our Diocesan Family.

"40 Days for Life," an interdenominational pro-life campaign, begins this Wednesday, September 26, and continues through November 4. The first and most important way to participate in this campaign is to devote daily time in prayer for an end to abortion. Second, you may wish to sign-up to participate in an hour of peaceful witness outside of the Delta Clinic on Colonial Drive in Baton Rouge. St. John the Baptist Parish usually adopts a Saturday to pray outside of the clinic. Please call Opie Vidrine, Mary Benoit, or Julie Millard to sign-up for an hour, or just come whenever you are able.

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 just two weeks 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.

In Christ,
Father Matt

Knights of Columbus

On Thursday, September 13, 2018, the Knights of Columbus Brusly Council prepared and served a Red Beans, Sausage and Rice meal to approximately 375 LSU students. This lunch at Christ the King Student Center was provided to the students free of charge as part of this Council's Community Outreach Ministry.

Those KC's participating were Andy Vidrine, Harry Landry, Hewitt Bouquet, David Deculus, Jeff Travasos, Michael Vince, Jerry Eagan, Edward Dupuy, Roy Mouch, Jr., Jerry Deshotel, Gene Bertrand, James Vidrine, Joey Normand, Anthony White, Jimmy Rills, Howard Stelly, David Couvillon and Bob Bewick.



"Thank you so much for your support of the Ava and Jacob Saucier Memorial Scholarship to Holy Family School. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. With your support, over \$30,000 was raised, and more children will have the benefit of a Catholic education at Holy Family. You are in our thoughts and prayers!"

—**Kristen and Blake Saucier.**



Prayers & Sympathy are extended to Betty Kane and family upon the death of her husband, Dan and to Gracie Hernandez & family upon the death of her brother, Donald "Duck" David, Sr. Please keep them in your prayers.



FOOD PANTRY
The Food Pantry is in need of donations of flour, sugar, and rice.

THE COLUMNS

Some of the most ornate features of our worship space are the gold leafed capitals atop each of the columns. Their design is composed of stylized acanthus leaves used on the capitals of Corinthian columns, the most ornate of the columns found in classical architecture. A leaf is presented on each side and at each corner with the projecting corner leaves standing in for the curved volutes found at the top corner of Corinthian capitals.

The capitals are purely decorative and are composed of two individual pieces designed to fit around a square wooden load bearing column. At the time the church was built, this type of ornament would have been made with plaster or a composition of ingredients that would allow for easy casting of multiple copies from a single mould. It is also possible that the design was created specifically for our church.

From historic photos, it appears the capitals were originally painted a gold color. During a renovation in the early 1980s they were painted white and accented with gold paint. The effort was not totally successful as the lines of gold paint did little to highlight the details that were painted out.

During the last renovation our enlarged church required more capitals to make the new columns match the originals. Mr. Brett Chigoy, the artist responsible for the decorative painting, cast additional copies. All of the capitals were covered in real gold leaf and washed with low-lights to bring out the depth of the casting.

Mr. Cecil Breaux, who contributed his artistic abilities by installing the gold leaf on our altars, had become good friends with Brett during the renovation. After Cecil's death, his family gifted to Brett a box of his gold leaf and his gold leafing brush. Brett decided to use them to finish one of the new column capitals in the gathering space near the devotional area.

-- Submitted by Brian Falcon



LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER ARE IN. PICK UP YOUR COPY AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES
September 16, 2018

REGULAR:

248 Identified- - - - - \$12,687.50

Loose Collection- - - - - 648.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$13,335.50

Religious Education — \$1,030.00



A VOCATION VIEW

God chooses from among the royal priesthood of the faithful a few to serve Him in a special way and to serve their brothers and sisters. This life is the ministry of a priest, religious sister or brother, or deacon. If you feel God is calling you to one such vocation, call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



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

⇒ 5K RACE/1MILE FUN RUN/WALK/ BIKE RIDE (Entry Fee for 5K—\$25.00)

⇒ BINGO

⇒ MANY DELICIOUS FOOD BOOTHS

⇒ SWEET SHOP

⇒ LIVE MUSIC (Penalty Box & LaRouge)

⇒ KID'S GAMES

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/ Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/ Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/ Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They discuss among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.