# St. John The Baptist

## Catholic Church

## Mission Statement

We, the **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST OF WEST BATON ROUGE**, in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, accept our threefold mission:

- To **DEEPEN** the incarnation of the living Christ within us;
- To **CELEBRATE OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** as His church community;
- To **SHARE** His presence by the way we serve one another.

We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the **POWER** of the Holy Spirit and the **GIFTS** and **TALENTS** of our members

# Parish Information

**Office Hours**

**Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Arun John, IMS …….. Pastor
Layne Mire ……Parish Secretary
Betty Cain .. ……. Bookkeeper
June Hebert ……..…….. Director of Religious Education
Jayne Jason ……..…….. Child Protection
Candice Breaux ……..…….. Youth Group Minister
Lil Stutes ……..……. Mother's Day Out
Sharon Thibodeaux ……...Music Leader
Sara Hernandez …….. Janitorial

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS (2024)**

Christian Benoit
Grayson Brewer
Chris Buckle
Justin Clouatre
Horace Crochet
Chris Kershaw

Suzanne Mouch
Maggie Prejean
Mike Prejean
Kristi Rabalais
Fr. Arun John IMS

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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| Mailing Address: | P.O. Box 248, Brusly, LA 70719 |
| Physical Address: | 402 S. Kirkland DR, Brusly, LA 70719 |
| Parish Office Phone: | 225-749-2189 |
| Website: | sjb-brusly.com |
| Christian Formation | 225-749-3387 |

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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| Saturday Vigil | 4:30 pm |
| Sunday | 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am |
| Monday & Thursday | 8:00 am |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am except during Lent 6:00 pm |
| Friday | 8:00 am, with Adoration until 11:30 am |
| First Saturday of the month | 8:00 am |

**RECONCILLIATION**

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| Saturday | 3:30 – 4:15 pm |
| Monday, Wednesday thru Friday | 7:40 am or by appointment |

**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during the 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.

**SCHEDULE FOR BAPTISM SEMINARS AND BAPTISMS**

All Baptisms after 11:00 am Mass on Sundays unless otherwise noted. All seminars at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays in Classroom #1 of the Catechetical Building.

| **SEMINARS** | **BAPTISMS** |
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| July 15, 2026 6:00pm | May 17, 2026 12:00pm |
| September 10, 2026 6:00pm | June 21, 2026 12:00pm |

November 12, 2026 6:00pm

July 19, 2026 12:00pm
August 16, 2026 12:00pm
September 20, 2026 12:00pm
October 25, 2026 12:00pm
November 15, 2026 12:00pm
December 20, 2026 12:00pm

Please call the Church Office at 225-749-2189 if you need to request a Baptism on a different date.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Inquiries – Please call the Church Office – 225-749-2189

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date. A preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

**ANNULMENT**

Please call the Church Office – 225-749-2189

**CARE OF THE SICK**

Emergency calls are answered as soon as possible.
Communion calls to homebound weekly by request.
Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel – 225-281-0333

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call Carolyn Dupuy – 225-276-6289

# Ministries at

# St. John The Baptist Parish

**Administration Ministries**
Council Members: ……Father John

**Annual Parish Fair Committee (Held on the last Sunday of October every year)**
Contact: …… Church Office 225-749-2189

**Building and Maintenance**
Contact: …… Church Office 225-749-2189

**Cemetery/Mausoleum**
Contact: …… Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333

**Communications/Publicity**
Contact: ……Layne Mire 225-749-2189

**Finance Committee**
Contact: …… Betty Cain 225-749-2189

**Grounds Maintenance**
Contact: …… Church Office 225-749-2189

**Money Counters/St. Matthew Guild**
Contact: …… Betty Cain 225-749-2189

**Parish Council**
Contact: …… Horace Crochet, Chairman 225-413-5425

**Parish Office Volunteers**
Contact: …… Layne Mire 225-749-2189 lmire@sjbbrusly.com

# WORSHIP MINISTRIES

**Altar Servers**

Any child who has made their First Communion usually performs this ministry. It is a ministry whereby they assist the priest in the celebration of the Eucharist and a means to learn and grow with God. It is also necessary to have adult servers available when time does not warrant for a child to be present, i.e., funerals, weekday Mass.

Contact: …….. Father John 225-749-2189

**Altar Society**

Members make sure all linens are washed and pressed and clean Church infrastructure weekly. They prepare the altar table with the proper colored altar cloths for the seasons.

Contact: …….. Carolyn Bourgeois 225-776-3325

**Art & Environment**

Members of this ministry decorate the church for weekend liturgies, special feat days, and holidays.

Contact: ……. John Toups 225-405-0826

**Children's Church**

This ministry is a means of proclaiming and explaining God's word to children on Sundays during 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Children are excused before the readings and return to Mass after the Homily.

Contact: …….. Jayne Jason 225-749-3387

**Eucharistic Ministers**

These ministers serve the Church by administering the Eucharist during celebrations of the liturgy and/or by taking communion to the sick, hospitals, and/or nursing homes.

Contact …… Father John 225-749-2189

**Lectors**

These ministers proclaim God's word during Sunday and weekday Masses. Ministers also read the Prayers of the Faithful. They many also be asked to proclaim God's word at funerals, weddings, and other special liturgical celebrations.

Contact: ……. Father John 225-749-2189

**Music Ministry – Adult**
Choir members are needed to enhance the liturgy by singing at Sunday worship services, funerals, and other liturgical services. This ministry includes instrumentalists, cantors, and singers.

Contact: ……..……Sharon Thibodeaux 225-892-8804

**Sacristans**
Ministers in this ministry prepare the altar table for the celebration of the Eucharist and arrange all necessary vessels to be used. They prepare and arrange for other necessary duties that may be needed for special liturgies, i.e., funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

Contact: ……...Bill Schneider 225-749-3508

**Ushers/Greeters**
Ushers/Greeters show hospitality and make people feel welcome as they prepare to worship together. Ushers/Greeters also assist in a good and respectful order to our celebration by seating the congregation, taking up collections, and distributing liturgical literature and/or bulletins.

Contact: …… Father John 225-749-2189

# EDUCATION MINISTRIES

**Adult Education**
A ministry that provides educational and spiritual growth opportunities for adults in the parish.

Contact: ……... June Hebert or Jayne Jason 225-749-3387

**Baptismal Preparation**
A ministry that coordinates sacramental preparation for the celebration of Baptism.

Contact: ……... Layne Mire 225-749-2189

**Christian Formation**
An ongoing process of formation for children and youth to develop them spiritually and educationally in the Christian Life.

Contact: ……... June Hebert or Jayne Jason 225-749-3387

**Mother's Day Out**
This program aims to provide a safe, nurturing Christ-centered environment focusing on Catholic-Christian values where each child can grow and develop physically,

mentally, morally, spiritually, and socially. The program serves 1, 2, and 3 year olds (must be 1 by September 30 of enrollment year). Options are 2 or 3 days per week (Tuesday/Thursday or Tuesday through Thursday – 9am to 1pm). The program runs from September to May.
Contact: ……..... Lil Stutes mdo.stjohn@gmail.com

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**
Process of conversion for those seeking baptism in the Catholic Church or for those belonging to another Church but wish to become members of the Catholic Church. The program begins in September with weekly gatherings until Easter. After meeting all requirements, candidates are usually accepted into the Church at the Easter Vigil.
Contact: ……..... Carolyn Dupuy 225-276-6269

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Children**
A ministry to assist children who have not been through the regular Christian Formation process to catch up with students of their own age and receive whatever sacraments are needed.
Contact:……..……..June Hebert or Jayne Jason 225-749-3387

**Vacation Bible School**
A ministry that organizes a one-week summer program for children entering grades K – 5.
Contact:……..……..June Hebert or Jayne Jason 225-749-3387

# SPIRITUAL GROWTH MINISTRIES

**Adoration**
Each Friday after 8:00 am Mass the Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist is made available until 11:30 am. During this time, you may choose to sign up to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour or more.
Contact: …… Father John 225-749-2189

**Parish Mission Committee**
Contact person to preach mission. Prepare the needs for the Mission Program.
Contact: …… Father John 225-749-2189

**Prayer Line**
The Prayer Line is for all parishioners who have a special prayer need. In this ministry each person on the prayer line calls the next person until everyone on the

Prayer Line has been called. Then each person says special prayers for the petitioner's needs.

Contact:…… Carolyn Dupuy 225-276-6289

**Small Faith Groups/Scripture Study**

Small Faith Groups meet during Lent and Advent in preparation for Easter and Christmas. They meet regularly to share their faith with one another through the season.

Contact: …… Father John 225-749-2189

**Vocations**

The main work of this ministry is to pray for vocations and make available opportunities for exploring the possibility of joining the Religious Life. There is a program called the 31 Club where 31 people sign up for each day of the month to pray a half hour for vocations. Also, the ministry has videos with information about the religious life that is shown to Christian Formation students.

Contact: …… Father Joshua Johnson 225-336-8778

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MINISTRIES

**Blood Drives**

Provide safe and adequate blood supply for the community and also provide blood replacement coverage for members of the Church Parish.

Contact: …… David Gremillion 225-749-3831

**Food Pantry**

To help feed the poor in the Church Parish and Community.

Contact: …… Julie & Bob Berwick 225-769-1405

**Respect Life**

The Respect Life Committee works to foster a respect for all human life by raising the consciousness of parishioners throughout the year. Displays and reading material are made available to parishioners by members of this committee. Parish participation with diocesan Respect Life programs is also coordinated through this parish.

Contact:……..Julie Millard 225-749-8260 or Gene Bertrand 225-687-6743

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Provide financial assistance for the needy in the community.

Contact: …… Betty Cain 225-749-2189

**Rita's Closet (formerly Zippers)**
Provide clothing for the needy. Sell items to provide financial assistance for the needy of the community.

Contact:……..……Andrea Normand 225-328-4843

# COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES

**Bereavement**
Provides assistance to families or individuals with the preparation of after-funeral gatherings (including food preparation and clean-up).

Contact:…….…….. Ruth Landry 225-749-3101

**Catholic Daughters**
A Catholic women organization which strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

Contact:……..……..……Mary Benoit 225-324-5289

**Homebound Visitation**
Parishioners who visit and pray and bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners; also includes visits by the pastor for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Contact:…….…….. Layne Mire 225-749-2189

**Hospital Visitation**
Visits members of our church community who are hospitalized and provides for them an opportunity for conversation, for prayer and assistance with any needs they may have. Please inform the Church office of the name of any hospitalized church community member.

Contact:…….. Church Parish Office 225-749-2189

**Knights of Columbus**
The largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the world dedicated to promoting the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The purpose of the society is to develop a practical Catholicity among its members, to promote Catholic education and charity and through its insurance department, to furnish at least temporary financial aid to the families of deceased members.

Contact:…….. Jerry Eagan 225-939-1673
Email: kofc10744@gmail.com, Website: www.kofc10744.org

**Scouting**

A year-round family organization designed for boys in the first thru the fifth grade. Parents, leaders and other organizations work together to promote character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship, fun, adventure, and other virtuous characteristics.

Contact for Cub Scouts:……..Steven Landry 225-718-5315
Contact for Boy Scouts: …….. Jerry Zimmerman 225-247-1794
Contact for Girl Scouts:……..Tracy Pitre 225-921-3438

**Social Events Committee**

Assists with planning various parish receptions such as First Eucharist, Confirmation, Easter Virgil receptions, etc. Duties may involve setting-up, decorating, ordering or preparing food, serving, hosting, and clean-up.

Contact:……..Mimi Clouatre 225-603-8782