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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tuesday 5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."
Matthew 10:32

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 25, 2023

You are worth more than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:31)

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the twelve apostles as they prepare to go out and preach the good news. He's urging them to take courage and to trust in their heavenly Father's care. His words would help them as they began their missionary expedition but would also help them for the rest of their lives. Although they might face suffering or rejection, they could draw strength from remembering that they are "worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

The disciples probably had to cling to these words often as they went forth to witness. Not everyone accepted their preaching, and they couldn't work miracles as consistently as Jesus had (Matthew 17:16-20). But it didn't matter because their worth came not from what they did but rather from who they were: children of God. They could rely on their Father's care for them no matter what. They could trust that his love wasn't based on their success or accomplishments. It was based on the fact that he had created them in his image and likeness. He loved them, eternally, simply because he is love.

Jesus speaks these words to you today: You are worth more than many sparrows. The same Father in heaven who cared for those

disciples cares for you. He sees your every joy and every difficulty and loves you through all of them. He even loves you when you stumble! He rejoices when you witness to his goodness and delights when you care for your family. He values you when you are confined to bed and all you can do is offer him your pain. He sees it all. He loves you, not because of what you do, but because of who you are.

You are more than the sum of your successes and failures. You are a beloved child of your Father in heaven—you are worth more than many sparrows.

"I trust in you, Jesus, because you care for me."

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic Adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed. Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace. As we gaze upon Him face to face, we are transformed little by little into a closer reflection of His divine image."

—AN EXCERPT FROM Manual for Eucharistic Adoration, Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, p. 37-38

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, July 10, 2023

Monday, August 7, 2023

Monday, September 4, 2023

Baptisms

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Important Acadian Festival Notice

Any 2023-2024 Senior girl attending Plaquemine High School, Iberville West Math, Science and Arts Academy or St. John High School or lives in Plaquemine and attends a school outside of Iberville Parish is eligible to apply online at acadianfestival.org to be considered for the Acadian Festival Princess Court.

Application period will be June 1 – June 30, 2023. You will receive confirmation when your application has been successfully submitted.

There will be no calling of members in the application process. The Acadian Festival Committee and/or the Knights of Columbus are not responsible for contacting girls to apply.



RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1227

Entrance: O God beyond All Praising #725

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: We Shall Rise Again #962

Sending Forth: Lead Me, Guide Me #759



We welcome the Catholic Daughters to 4pm Mass Saturday, June 24 as they celebrate their Quarterly Communion with us.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:

Wayne Gomez

Donated by:

Mrs. Hubert Millet

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Zito

Daily Scripture Readings

June 25-July 1, 2023

Sunday, June 25:

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Monday, June 26:

Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27:

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4b, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21: 15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;

Mt 16:13-19

Friday, June 30:

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1:

Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Prayer for Protection During a Storm

Loving God, maker of heaven and earth, protect us in your love and mercy. Send the Spirit of Jesus to be with us, to still our fears and give us confidence.

In the stormy waters, Jesus reassured his disciples by his presence, calmed the storm, and strengthened their faith. Guard us from harm during this hurricane season and renew our faith to serve you faithfully.

Give us the courage to face all difficulties and the wisdom to see the ways your Spirit binds us together in mutual assistance. With confidence we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation 2023



On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023 at St. Joseph Cathedral, we welcomed Lauren Young and Layla Brown into full membership in the Catholic Church when they received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Michael Duca.

Lauren, far left, is shown with her sister and sponsor, Katie Young. Layla, right, is flanked by her sponsor, Crystal Martinez and Bishop Duca following Confirmation.

Welcome, Lauren and Layla!!

Photo credit Donna Carville



ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

28th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, June 26


The Island Golf Course



Contact Chris Reeves at 225.776.7139 if you would like to volunteer, sponsor a hole, or play a round of golf. Registration will begin at 9am Monday, June 26 with a shotgun start at 10am.

St. John Fathers Club

Crawfish Bisque

 The St. John Fathers Club members are selling Crawfish Bisque tickets for \$25 per quart. The bisque, cooked by Tugar Martinez will be available for pick up on Saturday, July 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Contacts for bisque tickets or for more information:

- Mike Markins at 225.955.5276
- Dwayne Boudreaux at 225.776.7522

Please support this organization which works very generously for our school and community.

Save Your Labels

Remember to save Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards bottle tops in addition to the UPC labels from Community Coffee K cups, creamer, sugar, filters, tea mix and bags, canned tea, or any Community Coffee product.



St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these programs. You may bring your labels to church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the labels and bottle tops off at our church parish office. We will see that the school receives them.

Thank you for supporting St. John School!!

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Myrle H. Ostergren

Donated by:
Joannette & Frank Gullotto



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

July 2023

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

A Vocation View



Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey the commands I give you," If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store

Our Brothers Keeper Thrift Store, 58311 Plaquemine Street, sells gently used clothing and other household items provided by donations from us. Please continue to bring your donated items to them during store hours 8am-1pm, Monday through Friday.

Proceeds after paying rent and utilities are used to support community needs such as the school uniform distribution, St. John Church maintenance, and repairs to St. Clement Church. We appreciate all donations.

JULY

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Maintenance & Repairs Collection 11am-Noon Pray the Rosary every Saturday for Vocations Adoration Chapel
2 Maintenance & Repairs Collection 11am Mass Landmark	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6	7	8
9  2pm Ladies of Peter Claver Meeting Parish Hall 4-6pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Church	10  2pm Catholic Daughter Meeting Parish Hall 7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 10am Communion Service Landmark	18 8:30am-4pm Uniform Distribution K.C. Hall	19	20  7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	21	22 Following 4pm Mass Baptisms
23 <hr/> 30	24 <hr/> 31	25	26	27	28	29 

Eighth Grade Crossing Over



The St. John 8th graders are pictured at their recent Crossing Over Ceremony. The ceremony, which was held on May 24 at St. John Church, ushers in their high school years. Photo credit Donna Kirkland



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- **Manage gifts.** Another easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from your phone.

Visit www.stjohnchurchplaq.org.

Your support during the year helps sustain our church.

Bus Trip St. Jude Shrine — New Orleans Monday, July 24

Please consider joining us on a pilgrimage to New Orleans to visit and pray at the International Shrine of St. Jude on Monday, July 24.

The Hotard bus leaves St. John Church at 7:45am and arrives at Gator Corner at Grand Bayou for those who wish breakfast at approximately 8:15am, then leaves for New Orleans promptly at 9am.

The cost of the trip is \$47. If interested or for more information call Cecilia Blanchard at 985.513.2252.

Church Dedication for July: The Precious Blood



The Precious Blood of Christ is what redeemed us from our sin. St. Paul tells us that Jesus reconciled “to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross” (Col. 1:20). It gives us life, cleanses us of our sins, and assures our eternal inheritance.

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Starting your morning off with God is the key to strength and success in your day. Subscribe to this daily email and keep the Lord at the center of your life!

Travel Opportunity

A London, Scotland & Ireland trip is scheduled for April 16, 2024 and open for registration. Please take a look at the information and contact Donna Kirkland if you are interested. Call or text 225.803.6013, or email donnakirkland@gmail.com with any questions.

<https://donnakirkland.wixsite.com/home/2024-london-scotland-ireland>

Mass Intentions — July 1-7, 2023

Saturday, July 1-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Larry Percele, “Se Se” Becnel, Keller Family; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Sr., Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; Ronnie Brown, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, M/M Edmund Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Faye & Harry Martinez; M/M Victor Crescionne, Crescionne Family, Michelle Family, Sister Joycelin Staempfli; John “Shane” David Smith; Sadie & Tony Mancuso; Carol Breaux Sims

Sunday, July 2-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, July 2-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Medric Smith, Sr., Margaret Simms Smith, Bridget Smith Mann; Fred Hebert, George & Gloria Ramirez, Agnes & Jimmy LeBlanc; Denise Miranda; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Gladys “Butsy” Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; The Calvaruso Family; Kevin Mellieon; Mary Louella Senegal; Myrle Ostergren; Devin & Douglas Durand; For a Special Intention through the Intercession of St. Peregrine, St. Jude, St. Joseph & Mother Mary

Sunday, July 2-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin

Tuesday, July 4-6pm Mass

George Gullotto, Lisa Orcino, Sadie Mancuso

Wednesday, July 5-7am Mass

Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard

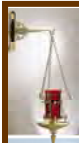
Thursday, July 6-7am Mass

Joshua “Josh” Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste “Joe” & Gloria Landry



Friday, July 7-7am Mass

Buté Richard, Tommy Griffon



Sanctuary Candle June 25, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Andrew & Josephine Canova Family

St. Clement of Rome
Joshua “Josh” Landry

Coffee & Donuts July 2, 2023

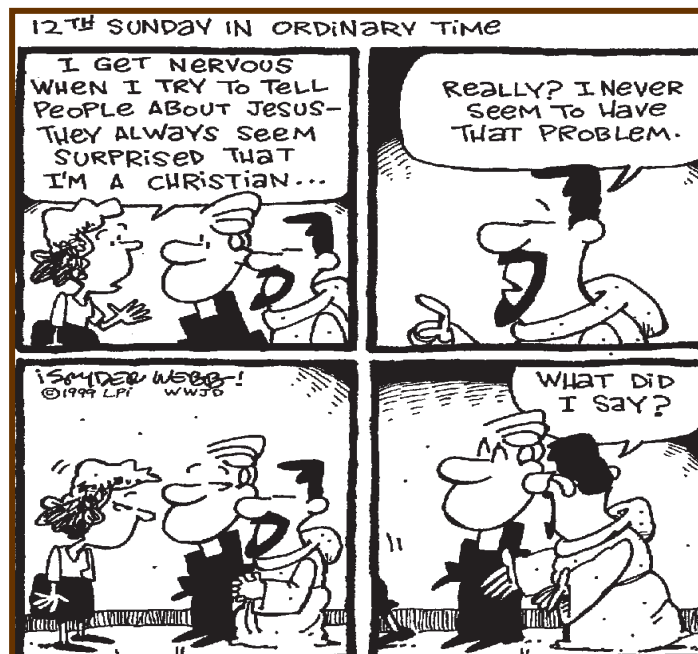
Pete & Bonne Blanchard (7:30am Mass)

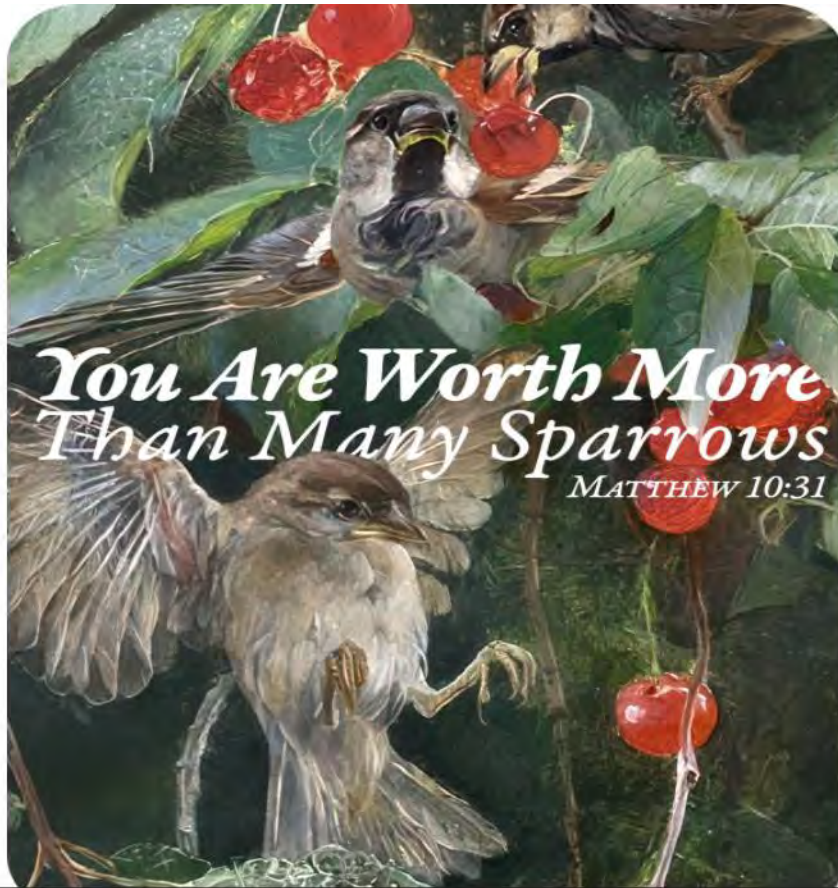
Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, June 28 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.





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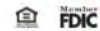


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