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Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday....7:30am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday..... 6:00 pm
Wednesday..... 7:00 am
Thursday..... 7:00 am
Friday..... 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday.....5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday3:00-3:30 pm



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

Faith or Works?

Sometimes we think the argument of faith vs. works started with the Reformation. But the second reading shows that it was already being debated in New Testament times. The simplified version of the debate has the Reformers saying that faith alone is all we need to be saved, while the Catholic side says we have to do good to be saved. Actually, they are both right.

The idea of works being necessary for salvation probably goes back to the Old Covenant emphasis on the law and the commandments. They believed that their religious practices set them apart from the pagans around them.

Then Jesus came to show that only God is Holy. Our holiness comes from loving God and loving others. Because Jesus is

the Son of God, he is the best way to know God. So believing in Jesus is not just believing that he exists. We believe in a Person who loves us and showed us that God is our Father. He gives us life and protects us; he supports us and also lets us learn from our mistakes. Then he forgives us, showing that he loves us even when we turn away from him.

So if we truly believe in Jesus we follow his commandment of love, because we love him so much we want to be just like him. We help others, not to make us look good, but to show them how good God is. So you cannot truly believe in Jesus without wanting to help others to know and love him too. Jesus' way of saying that in today's gospel was to take up our cross and follow him. That is truly a work of faith.

Tom Schmidt



OCIA classes have begun! OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a faith journey open to all unbaptized or baptized Christians who wish to explore more about the Catholic Faith and the possibility of becoming Catholic. Current Catholics who may be looking for a refresher about their faith may also attend the inquiry classes in the Fall of 2024.

Schedule of Upcoming Classes:

September 15, 2024: Prayer and the Holy Spirit

September 22, 2024: The Order of the Mass

September 29, 2024: The Church Liturgical Calendar

October 6, 2024: Sacred Scripture and Tradition

October 13, 2024: The Nicene Creed

October 20, 2024: The Ten Commandments

All classes are held in the church conference room (3rd floor of the parish office) from 9:30-10:45am. Those looking for a refresher are welcome to join the sessions when Father Greg dismisses the inquirers during 9am Mass. For more information, please email Donna Carville, dbcarville@gmail.com.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church 100 Year Capital Campaign in loving memory of:

**Robert "Bobby" Wilson
Anthony & Margie Doiron
In Honor of: Valerie Wilson**

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Growing in Faith

Bible Study

Our Fall/Spring Catholic Bible Study will be on the book of Isaiah, one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament and clear links to Jesus. It will take us both the fall and spring to do this study because of its fullness of wonderful news from our Lord and Savior - prophecies about the birth of Jesus and about His life as our suffering servant.

Classes will begin on **Thursday, September 19** from 1:30-3pm and 6:15-7:45pm; Monday classes begin **Monday, September 23** from 1-2:30pm.

The study guides (\$25) are available in the church office. You may pick up your copy before the study begins or you can purchase it at the first class. If paying by check, please make your check out to St. John Church.

Ritualsong

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time #1264

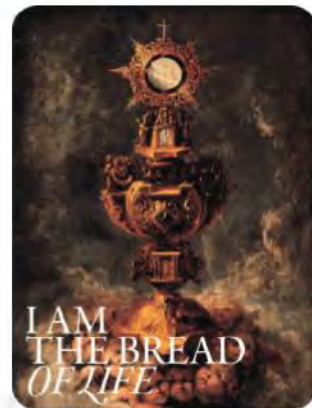
Entrance: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling #1060

Sending Forth: O God beyond All Praising #725

We welcome the PSR students to 11am Mass this weekend.



Eucharistic Adoration

Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

"Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!" —St. Margaret Mary

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact Patricia Ebert at 225.385.1501 or Bern Ebert at 225.385.1500.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

**Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Third Floor Conference Room**

Monday, October 7, 2024

Monday, November 4, 2024

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Dates are subject to change. Please contact Lily Skidmore at the church office, 225.687.2402, during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

St. John High School 2024 Homecoming Court



Congratulations to the 2024 St. John High School Homecoming Court who was recognized at 9am Mass on Sunday, August 25. Comprising the court are senior girls, front row, l to r: Annalyse Doyle, Claire Devillier, Ainsley Crowson, Camille Haydel and Amelia Gaudet. Senior boys, back row, l to r: Benjamin Gourgues, Caden Cannella, Hayden Bayham, Jaxon Walker and Jaran Primeaux. Join the homecoming festivities during the week of September 22. Visit www.stjohnschool.org for a schedule of homecoming events.

2024 Distinguished Graduate Nominations

If you know an Eagle alum who has done great things since graduation, nominate them for this year's Distinguished Graduate Award! The nomination form is in the news section of www.stjohnschool.org, and allows you to list the service and professional accomplishments that set your nominee apart! Nomination forms are due **October 1**—only completed nomination forms will be considered.



Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Are you seeking a simplistic way of life? You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 21-4pm 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; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; Henry "Tutie" Berthelot, M/M Edmond Berthelot, Sr., M/M Earl Breaux, Sr.; John D. Bourg; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Alger Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Scott Marino, Carolyn Vicknair; Alma Gregoire; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Donald Stockman; M/M Dave Gourgues & Mary Ann; Bill Touns, Jr.; M/M Frank Ragusa & Family, M/M Placito Mancuso & Family, M/M Mose Gibson & Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Nolan Bueche III; Kerne M. Coreil, Sr.; Wayne Gary, Jerry, Melton & Davis Fontenot; Caliste "Joe" Landry, Gloria Orcino Landry, Josh Landry, Kimberly Landry, Anthony Orcino, Sr., Carmella Orcino, Elden Flatau, Mary Orcino Flatau; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr. & Sr., The Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID

Sunday, September 22-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, September 22-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; M/M J. B. Richard, Jeneal Daigle & Son; A. J. & Lola Adams, Joe & Maggie Gullotto, George Gullotto; Harold Sr., Barbara & Frances Himel, Brenda Blank; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Denise Miranda; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Earl J. Settoon; Dianne Grace; The Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID

Sunday, September 22-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr., Nilda Vaughn

Tuesday, September 24-6pm Mass

The Souls in Purgatory Who died from COVID

Wednesday, September 25-7am Mass

John "Sonny" Bunch

Thursday, September 26-7am Mass

Scott Jude Marino & Kids of St. Jude

Friday, September 27-7am Mass

Dr. Herman Samson



Sanctuary Candle

September 15, 2024

St. John the Evangelist

Myrle Hebert Ostergren

St. Clement of Rome

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Allain

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dupont

Coffee & Donuts

September 22, 2024

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero

(7:30am Mass)



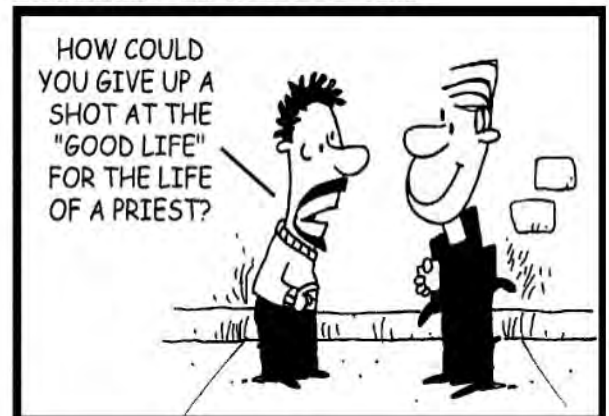
Blane & Deryl Ourso (9am Mass)

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, September 18 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Monthly Offerings/Contributions/Collections
(Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

Repairs and Maintenance Expenses & Other Expenses

August 2024

Stewardship	\$ 53,641.00
Repairs and Maintenance	8,275.00
Other Collections/Income	<u>4,365.00</u>
	\$ 66,281.00

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 24,665.00
Utilities/Telephone/Internet/Email	7,964.00
Office and Household Expense/Liturg	4,755.00
Contracted Services	3,704.00
Parish Share	13,242.00
Repairs/Maintenance Expenses	33,398.00
Pastoral Services	3,073.00
Cemetery/Maintenance Supplies	<u>2,011.00</u>
	\$ 92,812.00
	\$ 26,531.00

Scripture Readings

Week of September 15, 2024

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Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9;

Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12,
22; Lk 7:31-35

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

Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b,
15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;
Mt 9:9-13

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8;

Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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