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Donna Carville.....OCIA

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Susan Landry Secretary
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Masses

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm
Sunday...7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday6:00 pm
Wednesday.....7:00 am
Thursday7:00 am
Friday7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

No Stunt Man for Jesus

Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing, or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony.

That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony



in the Garden through the Crucifixion.

So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3).

Tom Schmidt



Pastor's Letter

May 18, 2025

Dear Family:

As I regularly reflect on our life and ministry in St. John the Evangelist Church Parish, I become more aware of the depth and wideness of God's graces offered to us. It is clear that the most active ministry in our parish is the ministry of Eucharist. Here, in our celebrations of Masses, in our sharing communion with the sick and homebound and in our adoration chapel, the Risen Christ is proclaimed and shared. Here, we experience our unity in Christ with one another.

Our second most active ministry is that of Catholic formation and education. Our Religious education and formation ministries are foundational for all the ways our church community reaches out her hands to bring compassion, hope and healing. Our parish school of religion and our many dedicated catechists enable us to build hopes for the endurance of our faith and our church. Our Religious Education Team has continued to change to meet the needs of our young people. Laurie Barbier, Wanda Ashley, Jennifer Adams, Donna Carville and the members of our OCIA Team serve us well in these ministries. We are grateful for their love of the Lord and the use of their many gifts to pass on the faith to our young people.

A key part of our Religious Education ministry also lies in our historic St. John School with over 170 years of service to our community. In these past few weeks, we have celebrated graduations, Junior ring ceremony, and soon we will celebrate the "Crossing Over" of our 8th graders into St. John High School. The end of this year brings a transition our school has not gone through for 19 years. At the end of the school year our beloved principal, Mrs. Cherie Schlatre, will retire.

I cannot let this moment pass without giving great thanks to God for Mrs. Schlatre. I cannot let this moment pass without giving great thanks to our sister in Christ, Mrs. Schlatre. In my 12 years of service as pastor and superintendent of St. John School, I have had the blessing of working beside Mrs. Schlatre. She has been a great leader and collaborator.

Her leadership in collaboration with our support organizations have brought us from the difficult times of low enrollment and debt to the successes we've been able to achieve until this day. There are many ways Mrs. Schlatre has made our school better. Yes, of course, there are the matters of fundraising and the campaign that has led to so many physical improvements to our school that we celebrate. Her leadership has continued to provide an excellent curriculum and a highly professional staff offering exemplary instruction. However, I believe her greatest impact will be the pastoral care she has given to students, families, teachers, alumni and me. Mrs. Schlatre's selfless way is in line with our patron, John the Evangelist. Just as St. John took on caring for the Blessed Mother, so our principal took every child under her loving wings. She does all this and has sacrificed much. While I would selfishly like to keep her, I honor her decision to step out and follow Christ in a new way. I am sure her gifts will be shared with our greater community in many ways.

I ask you all to pray for Mrs. Schlatre in this time of transition. My prayer is for her and her family to enjoy many blessings as she begins this new journey. May Mrs. Schlatre's family, who have also sacrificed much, enjoy the newness of life and love in the Risen Lord Jesus. We will miss you Cherie, but look forward to the journey ahead with you in a different role. We love you Cherie. Go with God's Blessing where God leads.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.



Plaquemine Lions Club

"World's Best" Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 25, 2025

The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets (\$12) Sunday, May 18 outside the doors of the church before and after all Masses. Dinners may be picked up from the Lions Club drive-thru Sunday, May 25 from 10am-12:30pm.

Benefit: Vision Impaired and Handicapped

HABEMUS PAPAM



POPE LEO XIV

O God, who chose your servant Pope Leo XIV in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favorably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

-Roman Missal

May Devotion

Our St. John community offers the opportunity to pray the Rosary outdoors at the homes of parishioners at 7pm.

Sunday May 18: Jimmy & Cheryl Ramirez
57930 Jumonville St.

Monday, May 19: Brent & Cherie Barbier
Island Bistro-23550 Myrtle Grove Rd.

*Tuesday, May 20: **George & Patricia Ramirez**
57741 Cardinal Street

Wednesday, May 21: Danny & Christina Cedotal
59345 Island Dr.

Thursday, May 22: Brad & Robin Heminway
59330 Sexton Dr.

Friday, May 23: Ronnie & Cindy Rodrigue
63370 Bayou Road

Saturday, May 24: Reuben & Mattie Hall
58360 Island Dr.

Sunday, May 25: Rod & Robin Bickham
60205 Grand St.

***Note change. Bring a lawn chair and a friend.**

Ritualsong

Fifth Sunday of Easter #1176

Entrance: This Is the Feast of Victory #618

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Now the Green Blade Rises #607

Sending Forth: He is the Lord - Sheet in Bulletin



SJS Ring Ceremony

We welcome the St. John High Class of 2026 Saturday, May 17 to 4pm Mass. The students will receive their rings following Mass.

Crossing Over

Join us for the 8th Grade Crossing Over Ceremony Friday, May 23 at 8am in St. Clement Church.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, May 18 from 4-6pm in church. Everyone is welcome! Come join us!!

Adoration Chapel Adorers Dinner

The Adoration Chapel Dinner was a beautiful moment to gather with everyone who are so committed to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. As the Adorers came together Tuesday, May 6 for a wonderful meal, we prayerfully remembered the deceased committed adorers who died in the last year:

Joann Daigle
Dianne Grace
Madeleine Samson

A special acknowledgement is made to Joann Daigle who served over 20 years as coordinator and for personally "filling in" countless hours during the years of Perpetual Adoration. Thank you to all adorers and substitute adorers and current coordinator, Susan Landry.

We gratefully acknowledge the Knights of Columbus for the use of the K. C. Hall, for donating, cooking and serving the Adoration Dinner and for all they do for our Church and community.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer as a committed adorer or as a substitute, contact Susan at susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com, 225.687.2402.

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:

Beulah Hebert Ferachi
Joe Guilbeau
Avery Landry

Donated by:
Eugene & Denny Bujol & Family

Scripture Readings

Week of May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rev 21:1-5a;
 Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday
 Tuesday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday
 Thursday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

St. John High School 2025 Maypole Court



The 86th Annual St. John High School Maypole Ceremony was held at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center on Sunday, May 4, 2025. As tradition dictates, senior maids and their young attendants process in the Maypole. The senior maid with the highest academic standing is named the Maypole Queen. To honor Our Blessed Queen Mother, the true Queen of May, a traditional May crowning is performed by the newly named Maypole Queen.

The senior girls are (with their attendants) top left, l to r, 2nd runner up Maliyah Myles, Queen Marley Ourso and 1st runner up Karsyn Vadnais. Top right, l to r, are Amalie Dupont, Shelbie Dupont, Maddie Dupont, Claire Devillier and Annalyse Doyle. Bottom left, l to r, are Ainsley Crowson, Amelie Blanchard, Kadence Billings, Saige Berthelot and Alison Boudreaux. Bottom right, l to r, are Olivia Sanchez, Victoria Rome, Gracie Gantt, Camille Haydel and Amelia Gaudet.

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

Repairs and Maintenance Expenses, Other Expenses

January 2025

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| Stewardship | \$ 65,112.00 | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 14,102.00 | |
| Other Collections/Income | 7,161.00 | |
| | | \$ 86,375.00 |

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| Salaries | \$ 45,167.00 | |
| Employee Insurance/Benefits | 2,600.00 | |
| Utilities/Telephone/Internet/Email | 3,717.00 | |
| Office and Household Expense/Liturgy | 4,598.00 | |
| Contracted Services | 7,751.00 | |
| Parish Share | 13,242.00 | |
| Property Insurance | 9,238.00 | |
| Repairs/Maintenance Expenses | 850.00 | |
| Pastoral Services | 175.00 | |
| Cemetery/Maintenance Supplies | 4,570.00 | |
| | | \$ 91,908.00 |
| <u>Profit/Loss</u> | | \$ < 5,533.00 > |

February 2025

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| Stewardship | \$ 75,085.00 | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 9,782.00 | |
| Other Collections/Income | 8,876.00 | |
| | | \$ 93,473.00 |

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| Salaries | \$ 40,639.00 | |
| Employee Insurance/Benefits | 2,600.00 | |
| Utilities/Telephone/Internet/Email | 3,351.00 | |
| Office and Household Expense/Liturgy | 1,456.00 | |
| Contracted Services | 6,296.00 | |
| Parish Share | 13,242.00 | |
| Property Insurance | 9,238.00 | |
| Repairs/Maintenance Expenses | 1,224.00 | |
| Pastoral Services | 2,320.00 | |
| Cemetery/Maintenance Supplies | 4,206.00 | |
| | | \$ 84,572.00 |
| <u>Profit/Loss</u> | | \$ 9,171.00 |

March 2025

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| Stewardship | \$ 64,718.00 | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 8,674.00 | |
| Other Collections/Income | 18,211.00 | |
| | | \$ 91,603.00 |

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| Salaries | \$ 22,438.00 | |
| Employee Insurance/Benefits | 2,600.00 | |
| Utilities/Telephone/Internet/Email | 5,448.00 | |
| Office and Household Expense/Liturgy | 3,104.00 | |
| Contracted Services | 6,065.00 | |
| Parish Share | 13,242.00 | |
| Property Insurance | 9,238.00 | |
| Repairs/Maintenance Expenses | 7,748.00 | |
| Pastoral Services | 1,109.00 | |
| Cemetery/Maintenance Supplies | 4,501.00 | |
| | | \$ 75,493.00 |
| <u>Profit/Loss</u> | | \$ 16,110.00 |

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 24-4pm 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 Edmond Gomez & Family; August Bourgoyne, Jr.; Conrad Joffrion, John & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Jr., Roy Landry, Sr.

Sunday, May 25-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, May 25-9am 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; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Joe & Lucy Ferachi & Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Jessie Billings, Debra Billings; Tracey Chapman, Jr.; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Rafflee; Allen, Flo & Paco Ourso

Sunday, May 25-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Cindy L. Capone; Nolan "Country" Ruiz; Leon Graffeo, JoAnn LeBlanc, John Desselle; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.

Tuesday, May 27-6pm Mass

Brenda Comeaux

Wednesday, May 28-7am Mass

Abel Daigle, Janette Daigle, Abel Daigle, Jr., Deceased Members of St. John Class of 1968

Thursday, May 29-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, May 30-7am Mass

J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family



Sanctuary Candle

May 18, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Vincent A. Ferachi

Dr. Larry G. Ferachi

St. Clement of Rome

Alfred & Mercedese Carville

Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 21 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, June 2, 2025

Monday, July 7, 2025

Baptisms

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Saturday, July 26, 2025

The Baptism Seminars are held in the church office conference room at 7pm. Baptisms are usually held once a month following 4pm Mass.

Dates are subject to change. Please register online or call the church office during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar. Contact Lily Skidmore at 225.687.2402.

Children's Liturgy

May 18 ~ 9am Mass ~ Carrie Chiaravalle

Coffee & Donuts

May 25, 2025

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero

7:30 am Mass

Ruel & Diana Seneca

9am Mass



Important Acadian Festival Notice

Any 2025-2026 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 2025 Acadian Festival Princess Court. Application period will be June 1 - June 30, 2025. 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.

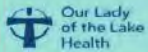


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