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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

4PM CONFESSION
 5PM MASS

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS
 10AM HOLY ROSARY &
 DIVINE MERCY
 11AM MASS

WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS
 THURS. 7:30 MASS
 FRI. 7:30 MASS,
 DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW
 (CONFESSIONS ARE
 AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES
 BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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*Our
 Lady of the
 Assumption*
 CLINTON, LA

Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

TUESDAY: 6:15 PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018



WHOEVER EATS
MY FLESH
AND DRINKS
MY BLOOD
HAS ETERNAL LIFE,
AND I WILL RAISE THEM
ON THE LAST DAY.

John 6:54

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THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today,

and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Bernard
Tuesday: St. Pius X
Wednesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Rose of Lima
Friday: St. Bartholomew
Saturday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary

SANCTUARY LIGHT: AUGUST 18 — AUGUST 24

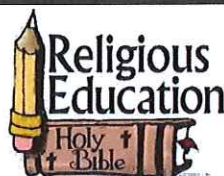


The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Madeline & Joseph Hemba and Darrin Vince**.
The Adoration Chapel will burn in the memory of **Robbie Lee Albert**.
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn for a **Special Healing**.

In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the family of:

Mary Snyder, parishioner of SJB and wife of Jimmy.
May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family and may she and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence light, happiness and peace.



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The first class

is Sunday, August 26th.

Deadline to register your child(ren)

for the 2018-2019 school year is TODAY!

Register online or turn in your completed forms today.

Teacher's breakfast is

Saturday, August 25th

Wise Fools

When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning "wise fools." The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings invite us to a banquet of wisdom. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God's will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, taking time to think and pray about what you read. Don't do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. The gospels are especially good "food" because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

If we want to grow in God's wisdom, we have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else's faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions. God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won't be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

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COMING SOON

SVDP

"Count your Blessings Dinner & Auction"

This weekend will be the last opportunity to purchase tickets for the dinner to be held on August 28th at 6pm in the gym.

The soup will be prepared by Chef John Folse. Chef Folse will be in attendance to describe and serve the soup at the meal.

The silent auction will begin after the Masses on August 25th & 26th. Please come to the gym to view the items (appx. 150) and place initial bids. We have many beautiful items, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and local businesses. Refreshments will be served for you to enjoy as you view the items.

The silent auction will conclude during the dinner on August 28th. We will also have a live auction with several items including fishing trips, vacation opportunities, and a church pew. Please join us for the evening of fun , food, and shopping!

PLEASE NOTE: We do need some help setting up for the auction. This will be on Thursday, August 23rd at 10am in the gym.
(Sorry we made a mistake with the date last week!)

Don't forget to purchase your chance to win:

LSU Football Season Tickets & Parking Pass Raffle

Tickets are **\$5.00 per chance or 5 chances for \$20.00** to win two season tickets in the lower south endzone, plus a parking pass.



Tickets available after Masses, from any Men's Club member, and in the office. The drawing will be on September 2nd.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 08/12/2018

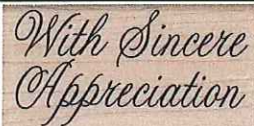
St. John the Baptist

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	9,772.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	635.76
Building Maintenance	\$	601.00
Youth Ministry	\$	156.00
Religious Education Donation	\$	60.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	100.00
Daughters of Mary	\$	5,266.01
Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$	2,896.32

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	1,545.32
Unidentified (Loose Cash)	\$	316.00
Building Maintenance	\$	10.00
Daughter of Mary	\$	1,327.00

The Diocese of B.R. invites you to Evening Prayer Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00pm at St. George as we pray with the Most Rev. Michael G. Duca on the eve of his installation as the sixth bishop of B.R. A reception will immediately follow.



Martha Simmons

expresses her sincere appreciation for the beautiful plaque, flowers and cake presented to her at Wednesday's reception in honor of her 40+ years of dedication to our parish. If you missed the presentation, visit our St. John the Baptist Catholic Church facebook page to see pictures.

NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, August 19

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass

Monday, August 20

-8:00 am: 24 Hour Adoration begins

-10:00 am: Bible Study

-6:00 pm: Prayer Group

-6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, August 21

-5:00 pm: Adult Choir

Wednesday, August 22

-7:00 am: Mass

Thursday, August 23

-7:30 am: Mass

Friday, August 24

-7:30 am: Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, August 25

-4:00 pm: Reconciliation

-5:00 pm: Mass

-6:00 pm: SVDP Silent Auction begins

-6:30 pm: Armada Prayer Group

Sunday, August 26

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass / Opening Mass for Religious Ed

-5:00 pm: Life Teen



NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

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-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass

Tuesday, August 21

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

-7:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, August 26

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Religious Ed Class #1



We are so excited to be kicking off our Religious Education classes soon!

If you have not yet registered, please do so.

Below is a list of all the class dates for this school year.

We look forward to seeing your family!

Please call the Religious Ed office if you have any questions (654-5885).

Thank you & God Bless!

Christ Our Life



K-5th Sunday Mornings 9:15 am-10:45 am

09/09, 09/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 12'/09,
01/06, 01/27, 02/10, 03/10, 03/24, 04/07



6th -8th grade Sunday night 5-7 pm

09/09, 09/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 12'/09,
01/06, 01/27, 02/10, 03/10, 03/24, 04/07



9th – 11th grade Sunday night 5-7 PM

08/26, 09/16, 09/30, 10/21, 11/04, 11/25, 12/02, 12/16,
01/13, 02/24, 03/17, 03/31



24 Hour Adoration is Monday, August 20th

Please call the church office 654-5778 or email suzanpayne@gmail.com

Thank you so much!



Inviting All Married Couples

Steep your marriage in Faith:

“Infused”

Saturday, August 28th

In the Old Church

*Following 5:00 p.m. Mass Dinner
provided*

Babysitting available (must preregister)

RSVP suzanpayne@gmail.com or 654-5778



The St. John's Rosary Altar Society would like you to consider joining us! The Altar Society is the oldest organization for women at our church. We meet in the Parish Hall on the first Thursday of the month from September to June. Meetings start at 10am, usually last about an hour and are followed by a pot luck lunch.

In addition to meetings, there are various committees with specific jobs, such as **Bereavement, Candles, Courtesy, Decorations, Funerals, History/Publicity, Membership, Memorial Fund, Sacristans, Social, Telephone and Weddings.**



Working as a **Sacristan** is the foundational job of the Altar Society. It is one that really brings us closer to God and his church. Sacristans work as a team for one month a year to set up for weekend Masses, clean the linens and vessels, fill holy water fonts, replace candles and any other tasks to ensure that the church and Altar are ready for Mass and other services.

We also sponsor the annual **Easter Bake Sale** on Palm Sunday weekend. You are invited to bake something for the sale, help us sell goodies and buy some for yourself.



Under the direction of the Decorating Committee Chair, we **decorate for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter.**

Every spring the Altar Society hosts a **Confirmation Reception**. This includes setting up tables and flowers, providing a cake, punch and other refreshments, serving and cleaning up.



The Altar Society also hosts the **March Birthday Party for Lane Nursing Home** residents. We have been doing this for a long time. Celebrating with these special people is a wonderful thing. Both the residents and society members really enjoy it! Refreshments and gifts are provided by us. Everyone is invited!

Occasionally, we do sewing of Vestments or other items needed by the priest or church. Sewing is a special talent! If you are a seamstress, we would love you to share your talent with us. ☺



We all have different talents, interests and availability. We let members choose where they would like to be active and it varies from year to year.

If you are interested in working on any of these committees, want to know more about them or are ready to join, please contact the President.

The current officers for 2018-2019 and their contact information is listed below:

President, Susan Gaines: 225-235-0383
Vice President, Kinta Castello: 225-202-1290
Secretary, Karen Frazier: 225-324-3152
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Thank you so much for your consideration! We hope you decide to join us!!! ☺

Our next meeting is September 6th at 10am in the Parish Hall

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