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## Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00 am

Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass) 7:00 am

First Tuesday of the Month 6:00 pm

(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)

All other Tuesdays - Confessions 5:30 pm

(Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 pm

## July 16, 2017 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our responsorial psalm today is a beautiful song of the joy of the Earth, putting forth its bounty and rejoicing in its fruitfulness. We are filled with joy when we see images of the earth blooming. So many people describe their experience of God's presence in their appreciation of nature's beauty. This alone is good reason to protect the beauty and wholeness of nature. "You have visited the land and watered it, / greatly have you enriched it. / God's watercourses are filled; / you have prepared the grain" (Psalm 65:10). Sadly, we do many things to destroy nature, even though it belongs ultimately to God and to all people: "[A]ll creation is groaning in labor pains even until now" (Romans 8:22).

**YOU HAVE CROWNED THE YEAR WITH YOUR BOUNTY** "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Nature and people rejoice at these words, for they not only describe the beauty and fruitfulness of nature's gifts, which "shout and sing for joy" (Psalm 65:14), but profess a profound truth. This truth is that God's word is living and effective; that is, it accomplishes what it says. When God speaks a word of comfort or correction, what is said is done in its fullness.

**THE SOWER SOWS THE SEED** Haven't we all wondered sometimes which kind of ground we are as the seed falls? Do we spring up with joy, but then wither because the word has not taken root in us? Are we so tied up in worry and concern for material wellbeing that the word is choked off in us with cares? Or are we the rich soil on which the word of God falls, bearing rich fruit in our lives and making the lives of others better? We are probably all of these at one time or another in our lives. As we concern ourselves with these thoughts, we can hope that we are or are becoming the rich soil of open souls, open to God's effective word in us. If we are devoted to God, we ask God for help to be the souls who are receptive to God's word every day. There are those who "shall indeed hear but not understand . . . look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people" (Matthew 13:14-15). They shall not be converted and healed. But those who concern themselves with the things of God "see what you see" and "hear what you hear" (Matthew 13:16) and rejoice in God's wonderful gifts on this Earth. Blessed are those who are the good soil who hear the word of God and keep it.

Today's Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

**St. John the Evangelist VBS**  
**"A Treasure Tour**  
**of the New Testament"**  
**St. John School**  
**July 17-21, 2017**  
**9 am-12 Noon**



**K. C. BLOOD DRIVE**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 18**  
**K.C. HOME, 58715 PRICE STREET**  
**3:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

### Women's Silent Retreat

**"When Women Gather..."**  
**in silence to pray and reflect, God answers.**



**What:** A Summer Gathering  
**When:** Saturday, July 22, 2017  
**10:30 am-3:00 pm**  
**Where:** St. John Parish Hall  
**Lead by:** The Holy Spirit & Gwen Hayes  
**Register Today! Call the Church office at 225.687.2402.**



### PERPETUAL ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:  
*Jesus said to the crowds: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."*  
**Matthew 11:28-30**

Listed below are open hours in the Adoration Chapel:

- Monday: 12 Noon-1:00 pm
- Monday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Tuesday: 3:00 am-4:00 am
- Tuesday: 11:00 pm-12 Midnight
- Friday: 1:00 am-2:00 am
- Friday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 12 Midnight-1:00 am
- Saturday: 2:00 am-3:00 am
- Saturday: 5:00 am-6:00 am
- Saturday: 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

To volunteer for an hour, call JoAnn Daigle at  
 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

The Lord is the sower of seeds of vocations to priesthood and religious life. By prayer and a spirit of generosity, be encouraged to offer your talents and abilities if you feel God may be calling you to a Church vocation. Contact Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).



### UNIFORMS FOR KIDS

#### NOTE CHANGE OF DISTRIBUTION SITE

**Uniforms for Kids Distribution**  
**St. John Church Parish Hall**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday, July 25 & 26**  
**8:30 am-3:00 pm**



Please bring proof of food stamps and/or Social Security numbers of children. For more information, call the church office at 225.687.2402.

Students needing service hours and parishioners wanting to help are most welcome.

#### Weekday Worship & Scripture—Week of July 17, 2017

**Monday, July 17: 7 am Liturgy of the Word**  
 Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1  
**Tuesday, July 18: 5:30 pm Confession/Mass/Novena**  
 Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday, July 19: 7 am Mass**  
 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday, July 20: 7 am Mass**  
 Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday, July 21: 7 am Mass**  
 Ex 11:10--12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

### Baptism Seminars & Baptisms



**Baptism Seminars**  
**Monday, August 7, 2017**  
**Monday, September 11, 2017**  
**Monday, October 2, 2017**

**Baptisms**  
**Saturday, July 29, 2017**  
**Saturday, August 26, 2017**  
**Saturday, September 30, 2017**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

The Baptism Seminars are held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. Baptisms are usually held after 4:00 pm Mass on the last weekend of the month.

Please call the church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to register for the seminar.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend:  
 (Subject to change)

Entrance: He is the Lord

Music Issue 551

Preparation: Organ/Piano Instrumental

Communion: We Have Been Told

Music Issue 497

Sending Forth: For the Beauty of the Earth

Music Issue 585





## GROUP VISITS HISTORIC SITES IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



A group of local residents, including St. John School students, recently toured Washington D.C. led by St. John teacher, Donna Kirkland. While on tour, locals visited Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, multiple Smithsonian museums, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and other points of interest.

One highlight of the trip included a visit with Plaquemine native and St. John alumnus, Nicole Daigle, who arranged a special Senate Gallery visit. Nicole is pictured with the group in the Energy and Natural Resources Room in the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Photo credit Donna Kirkland

### St. John School News

**The 15th Annual St. John Alumni Softball Tournament** will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6.



We are in need of volunteers to help with the event. Anyone interested in volunteering to cook jambalaya, work in the concession stand, or umpire games is asked to call Connie Pearce at 225.776.2762, or call school at 225.687.6616.

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**Bingo** is held five nights each week at the St. John Fathers' Club Bingo Hall, 24837 Hwy 1, South.

The Bingo sessions are as follows:

Sunday—7:00 pm —Knights of Columbus Bingo

Tuesday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

Wednesday—7:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Bingo

Friday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

Saturday—7:30 pm—Fathers Club Bingo

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St. John is accepting **Box Tops for Education**, **Community Coffee Labels**, and **Coke Rewards bottle tops**! St. John is able to raise thousands of dollars for classroom supplies through these fundraisers, so please send your labels and bottle tops.

You may bring your coupons to Church in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop the coupons off at our Church Parish Office. We will see that the school receives them.

Thank you for supporting St. John School!!

### STEWARDSHIP

#### July 1 & 2, 2017



Stewardship.....	\$13,754.00
Building and Maintenance Fund.....	\$ 3,264.00

#### July 8 & 9, 2017

Stewardship.....	\$ 9,525.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 1,050.00
Candles.....	\$ 572.00

#### ONLINE GIVING — JUNE 2017

Stewardship.....	\$ 4,387.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 488.00
Social Responsibility.....	\$ 305.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$ 40.00
Education Fund.....	\$ 25.00
Religious Education.....	\$ 10.00
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$ 10.00

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Can't find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using **ONLINE GIVING** for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

To sign up for **ONLINE GIVING**, visit [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS — July 22-28, 2017

### Saturday, July 22-4:00 pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Chester Hernandez, Leonce Hernandez & Family, Henry Rayne, Sr. & Family; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; May W. Currier; James "Butch" & Sadie Tullier; Yves & Vera Ramirez & Family; Blanche, Saul, Robert, Raymond & Aubry Quebedeaux; Melvina Devillier & Larry Melancon; Dot Devillier, Rosalie Bueche; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, M/M James Miller, M/M John Coupel, Edward Miller; Harry & Winnie Gallagher; M/M Frank Ragusa Family, M/M Placito Mancuso Family, Mose Gibson Family, J. D. & Ella Collins & Family; Barry Gomez; Vivian Whittington

### Sunday, July 23-7:30 am Mass

St. John Parishioners



### Sunday, July 23-9:00 am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Laboure`, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Lane Panepinto; Maggie & Joe Gullotto, Lola & A. J. Adams; Madeline, John, Sr., John, Jr. & James Roth, Adolph, Sr., Adolph, Jr. & Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert; Josephine & George Ourso, George, Jr. & Dennis Ourso; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez; Betty Dupree

### Sunday, July 23-11:00 am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; CDA Court St. John #1214 Deceased Members; Rosalie Bueche, Dorothy Devillier; M/M Frank Canella, Anthony F. Canella, Victor J. Canella; Mary Ethel Jarreau; Doris Allen, Matthew Allen; Joan Repp

### Tuesday, July 25-6:00 pm Mass

Adam H. Vercher, Emily Vercher, Donald R. Vercher

### Wednesday, July 26-7:00 am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

### Thursday, July 27-7:00 am Mass

Dudley Nicolosi, Linda Mae & "Boogie" Schexnauldre

### Friday, July 28-7:00 am Mass

Murray & Dixie Suffrin



### Sanctuary Candle July 23, 2017

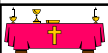
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St. Clement of Rome Church  
Frank Clement, Sr. & Family & Cecilia Clement

### Coffee and Donuts July 16, 2017



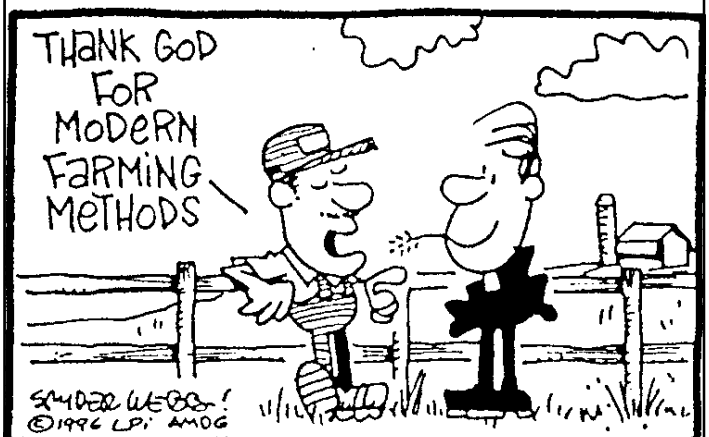
Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30 am Mass)  
Tommy & Diana LeBlanc (9:00 am Mass)



Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church on Tuesday, July 18 at 8:00 am.

Volunteers are welcome!

There will be no Children's Liturgy in July.  
We will resume on September 3.







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