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 Donna Carville..... OCIA

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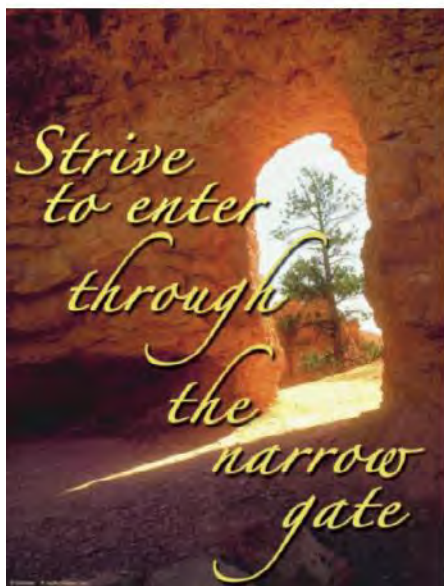
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Masses

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and

Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom. Tom Schmidt

Fr. Martin Moves In



Volunteers helping Fr. Martin move in and get organized for his start date of August 1, 2025 were folks from Father Martin's former church parish of St. Mark and our St. John parish. A grateful acknowledgement is made to the heavy lifters who helped Fr. Martin settle in.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

**Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Conference Room**

- Monday, September 8, 2025
- Monday, October 6, 2025
- Monday, November 3, 2025

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

- Saturday, August 23, 2025
- Saturday, September 27, 2025
- Saturday, October 25, 2025
- Saturday, November 22, 2025

During the early stages of pregnancy, please register online at www.stjohnchurchplaq.org under FORMATION or call the church office at 225.687.2402. Baptism preparation may be done at a seminar or online. For online information, email wandaashley681@gmail.com. Confirm with Lily Skidmore at the church office as dates are subject to change.

Ritualsong

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time #1256

- Entrance: Gather Us In #929
- Preparation: **Instrumental**
- Communion: All Who Hunger #1032
- Sending Forth: Sing a New Song #718



Eucharistic Adoration

An Invitation to Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

“By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.” —Blessed Carlo Acutis
The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To schedule an hour as a committed adorer or a substitute, contact Susan at 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.

Welcome!

We welcome the St. John Homecoming Court to 9am Mass and 2025 Miss Evangeline to 11am Mass.

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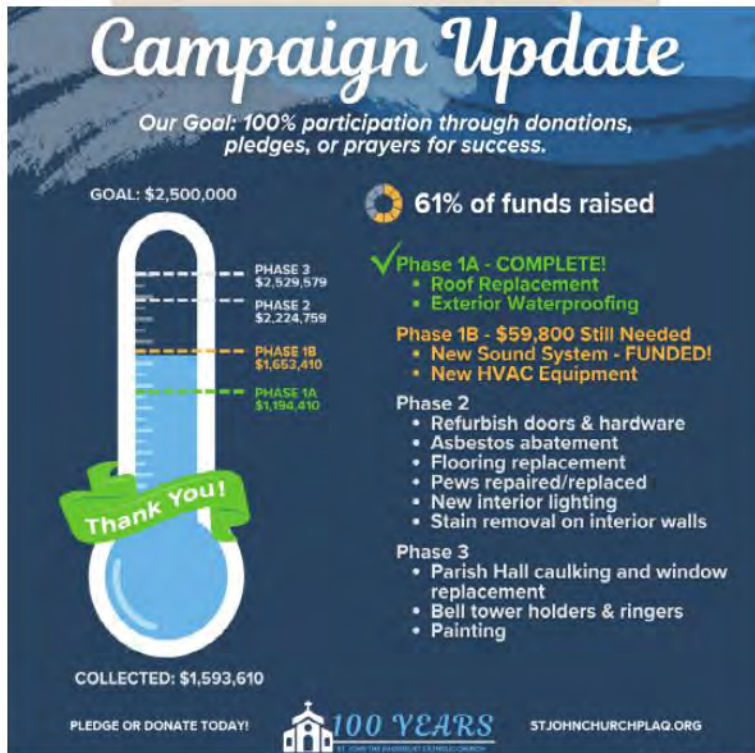
Brenda Lapeze

Donated by:

- Eugene & Denny Bujol**
- David & Elizabeth R. Collins**
- Steve & Sally Pastorek**

PSR Begins Soon! Enroll Now!!

PSR registration is open for grades 1 through 11. Please visit the church website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org to enroll your child. Catholic School students must register to receive Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation through the Church Parish. Being a student in a Catholic School does not insure your registration. A separate registration form has to be completed with your church parish.



Thanks to everyone who donated throughout July, we were able to collect \$36,608.74, which was the final push needed to fund our new sound system! Thank you all for helping carry out Father Greg's legacy at St. John in this way.



Here are some progress highlights:

Phase 1A: 100% funded & construction is complete!

Phase 1B: **ALMOST FUNDED!**

We need \$59,800 to begin replacing our 22-year-old HVAC system. Our sound system project is completely funded! We are finalizing the design plans and hope to begin work in the fall. Thank you to all who have donated and pledged thus far! Stay tuned for some exciting updates and campaign-related opportunities this fall.

Help move us forward by donating or pledging today:

bit.ly/SJECC-100years

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TUESDAY,
AUGUST 26, 2025
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
PARISH HALL



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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) 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 2025.

A **"Come and See"** session will be held on **Tuesday, August 26** from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please encourage others to come who may be inquiring about the Catholic faith.

OCIA inquiry classes about our Catholic faith will begin Wednesday, September 10 from 6-7:30pm in the church office conference room, then twice a month on Wednesdays until December 10, 2025. After the Christmas season, OCIA catechumenate classes will resume until Easter Vigil Mass.

To register or for more information, please call Donna Carville at 225.687.2402.

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David "D. D." Dupont & Barbara Gerace

Donated by:
Gordon Gregoire & Family

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion weekly to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes or care facilities. Family members may contact Marsha Dupont at the church office, 225.687.2402.

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Fr. Greg Daigle

To honor his service to our school and church community

Donated by:
The Bart Schlatre Family



WOMAN'S Baby Bottle
NEW LIFE CLINIC Campaign

Helping Women in Unplanned Pregnancies

Baby bottles are placed at the doors of the church. Please fill a baby bottle or envelopes provided with cash or a check, or make a credit card donation online at www.womansnewlife.com/babybottle.

Your gift will provide free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, professional counseling and more for women in unplanned pregnancies.

On behalf of the mothers you will help, thank you!

Angels for Angels

Providing for School Children in Need

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items. Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom. Items needed are underwear, socks, and elastic waist athletic shorts (black, maroon and khaki) sizes 4T-8 and small hygiene articles such as feminine products, toothbrushes, combs, etc. Please place your purchased items in the baskets near the doors of the church.

For more information, call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.

"The Wild Goose" Bible Study

Growing in Faith

We will contemplate the 12-part series on the Holy Spirit called "The Wild Goose" by Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University in Steubenville this fall. Bible Study begins on Thursday, September 4 (1:30-3pm or 6:15-7:45pm sessions) and Monday, September 8 (1-2:30pm session). Given Fr Greg's reliance on the Holy Spirit, this study is excellent in guiding us all. Please call 225.687.2402 to sign up.

2025 International Acadian Festival Indian Princess Court



Congratulations to the senior girls who were chosen as the Knights of Columbus Council 970 International Acadian Festival Indian Princess Court. Front row, l to r, are Kendal Smith, Aleigh McPhate, Carlie Schexnaildre, Baileigh Barbay, Addyson Bunch, Emily Reeves and Caroline Schlatre. Back row, l to r, are Meredith Landry, Charli Neumann, Emma Grace Marcantel, Cinclare Landry, Kate LeBlanc, Emma Herpin, Calise Landry and Danae Martinez. The International Acadian Festival will take place at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park October 24-26, 2025.

Scripture Readings

Week of August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1b-2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



Children's Liturgy

September 2025

Sunday	Mass	Teacher
September 7	9am	Tracy Cox
September 14	11am	Alexis Schlatre
September 21	9am	Carrie Leonard
September 28	11am	Alexis Schlatre

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 30-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; William Callegan; Robert Mooney, Tony & Eva Doiron, Sylvia Gascon; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Jamie Cedotal Landry; Walter M., Marie, Walter J. & Wilfred Babin; Lois & Baco Romero, Lonnie Michel; Benny Joe Carringone; Lloyd Andrew Zeringue

Sunday, August 31-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, August 31-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Fr. Greg Daigle, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; Mrs. Ethel P. Businelle; Mary Ann Gregoire, Alma Gregoire; Paul & Emily Bourgeois, V. J. & Carolyn Vicknair; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Nolan "Country" Ruiz; Henry Vadnais, Jr.; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Nancy Angeron Taylor; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Raffle

Sunday, August 31-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Nicole Miller, Ruth "Se Se" Becnel, Michael Shepherd; Nolan J. Bueche III, Kynlee Bueche; Leon Graffeo, T. J. & Addie LaBiche, Beverly Polito; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Living & Deceased Members of St. John Class of 1969; Randy Normand; Lloyd Andrew Zeringue; Harry Marionneaux, Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier

Tuesday, September 2-6pm Mass

Yvonne G. Melancon

Wednesday, September 3-7am Mass

Larry Skidmore

Thursday, September 4-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Friday, August 5-7am Mass

Dennis Ourso

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"You have the words of eternal life." Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow Him into a life of service to others as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.



Sanctuary Candle

August 24, 2025

St. John the Evangelist

Josh Rodrigue

St. Clement of Rome

Pat Dupont, David Dupont & Kathy Dupont Fulton

Coffee & Donuts

August 31, 2025

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero

(7:30am Mass)



Patrick & Helen Pendley (9am Mass)

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

The St. John Altar Society annual dues (\$25) are due in August. You may join as an active or inactive member as these funds serve the needs of St. John and St. Clement. Just drop an envelope marked "St. John Altar Society" in the church collection. Please make checks out to St. John Altar Society. Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, August 20 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

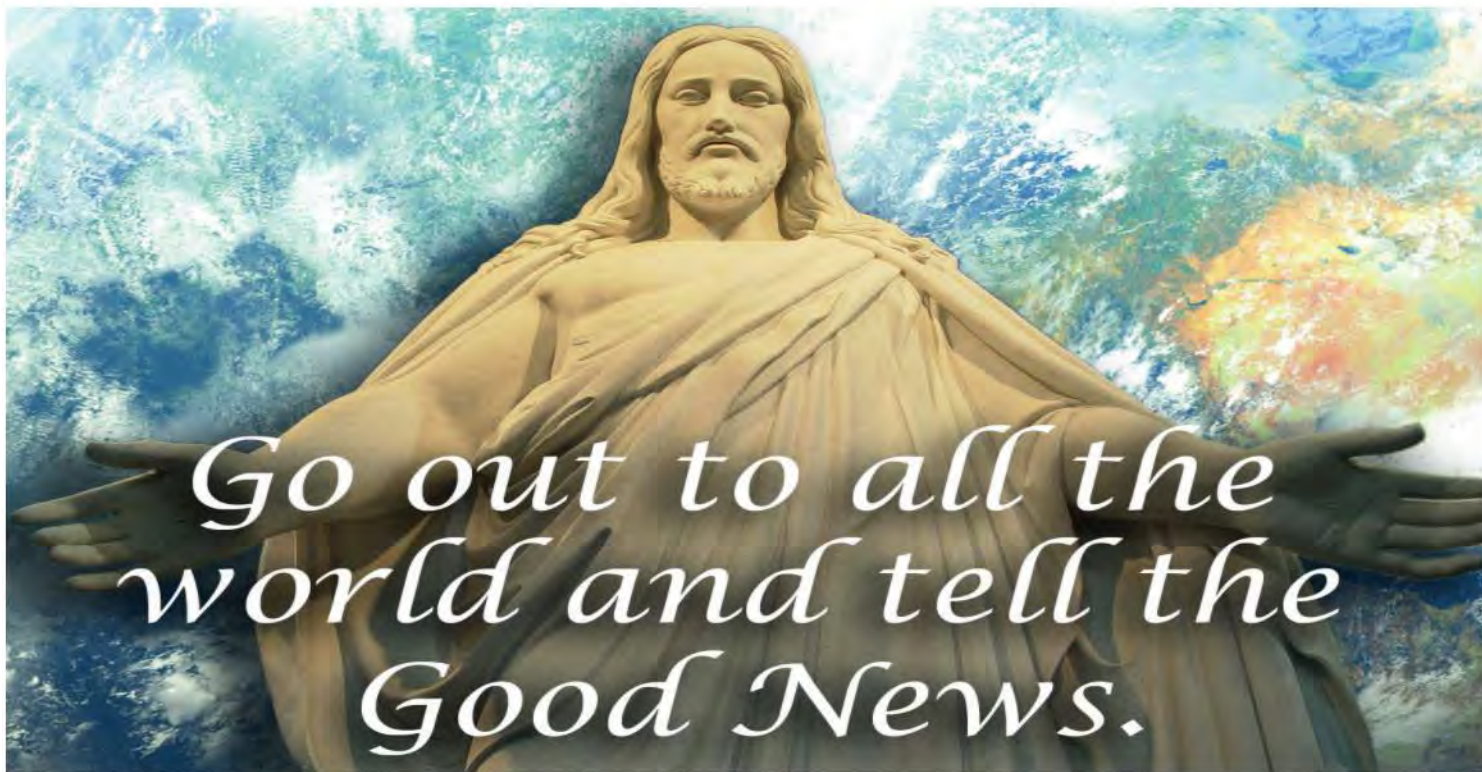
Kids Corner

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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