

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44

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Sorrowful Mother Shrine Chapel (Bellevue, Ohio) - stained glass, Jesus Zealous for Souls - detail

Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

Parish Staff

Pastor..... Fr. Todd Lloyd
Par. Vicar.....Fr. Amalraj Savarimuthu
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Don Musso
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Mark Berard
Permanent Deacon.....Deacon Mark Reynaud
Bus. Mgr/Dir. of Ministry..Geri Guarino
Receptionist.....Andrea Leger
Secretary.....Caryn Didier
Bookkeeper.....Darlene Moscona
Director of Music.....Chad LeBlanc
Asst. Director of Music....Michael McDowell
Public Relations.....Penne Leier
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Office of Christian Formation (225) 751-6230
West Giffin, Director
Celeste Rabalais, School Coordinator
Child Protection Coordinator.....Roslyn Landry
Child Protection office - (225) 753-5526

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m.
and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during
school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

8033 Baringer Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Principal: Cheri Gioe
School Phone 751-0273 / Fax: 753-7259

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

7853 Broker Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

Respect Life News . . .

Pregnancy Crisis Help

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, STOP and call the parish office (225) 752-6230 to be put in touch with a member of the Respect Life Committee. We can provide love and compassion, support and multiple resources available to help you through this challenging time. You are not alone.

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mark room.

All are welcome.

Because of the Mardi Gras Holiday the next gathering is Tuesday, February 28th..

Catholic Committee on Scouting Counselor Training

Many Catholic scouts are missing out on religious emblems because their units may not have a trained counselor.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting will host counselor training on Sunday, February 26th at Most Blessed Sacrament from 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the St. Mark Room.

Additional information including an application is on our website www.ccosbr.org.

This training will prepare a counselor or two in each unit to work with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls in scouting units.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Gora, 225-266-9001. The role of Religious Emblem Counselor strengthens the Scout Duty to God goal and is a critical part of Catholic scouting.

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Lent begins Ash Wednesday - February 22nd

**Masses with distribution of ashes are at
8:45 a.m., 12:00 noon, & 6:30 p.m.**

Confession one hour before each Mass

Daily Masses during Lent

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:45 a.m.; Thursday (with the school children) at 8:15 a.m.

Thursday evenings during Lent - Begins Feb. 16th

Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will also have recitation of Novena Prayers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluding at 7:00 p.m. We will offer this every Thursday evening except during Holy Week when it will be moved to Wednesday. The dates are for nine consecutive weeks: Feb. 16th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 2nd, Mar. 9th, Mar. 16th, Mar. 23rd, Mar. 30th, April 5th, and April 13th

Friday evenings during Lent

We will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. in church on the following Friday evenings: Feb. 24th, Mar. 3rd, Mar. 10th, Mar. 17th, Mar. 24th and Mar. 31st

Saturday mornings during Lent

Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and end with Benediction.

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Baton Rouge

In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, as in the rest of the Church in the United States, Catholics ages 18-59 are bound by a *grave obligation* to observe a *solemn fast* on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics ages 14 and up are to *abstain from meat* on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday as well.

To **fast** means to consume only one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink "between meals" (excepting only water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

To **abstain from meat** means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although not necessarily eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat. The consumption of fish, shellfish, and reptiles (e.g., turtle, alligator) is permitted if desired.

Each in his or her own way, every Christian is *bound to do penance* by virtue of divine law. *Only ill health or some similar situation of urgency excuses*. Christ Jesus' own challenges to "prayer, fasting and almsgiving" are paramount (see the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). We seek forgiveness for sin (especially in the Sacrament of Penance) and come to appreciate ever more the great sufferings and sacrifice which Jesus experienced for the sake of our salvation.

Please Note Below . . . We will not be cooking dinners on the first Friday of Lent

MBS LENTEN DINNERS

FRIDAYS

MAR 3 - MAR 31

5:00 - 7:00

FISH DINNER \$10

SHRIMP DINNER \$10

WEEKLY ENTREE \$10

CRAWFISH PIE \$3

NEW THIS YEAR

NO DRIVE-THRU

FRIED SHRIMP IS BACK

WEEKLY SPECIALTY ENTREE

MAR 3 Shrimp & Corn Soup

MAR 10 Shrimp Stew

MAR 17 Crawfish Etouffee

MAR 24 Crawfish Casserole

MAR 31 Shrimp Fettuccine

Due to construction, we will go back to selling dinners inside the Ott Center (next to the gym).

DINE-IN or TO-GO

Hosted by the
MBS MEN'S CLUB

Cash, Checks, &
Cards Accepted

Dinners begin the 2nd
week of Lent (March 3)

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Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy



All are invited to join us for nine evenings of prayer... **Thursdays: February 16 & 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; April 5 and 13.**

Preceding the feast of Divine Mercy, April 16th, we will venerate the holy image of Divine Mercy, pray the chaplet given to St. Faustina, and offer to Jesus in the novena our own souls and those of the whole world.

Most Blessed Sacrament Church
5 p.m. Confession
6 p.m. Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Adult Confirmation for Practicing Catholics

Any adult (18+) who is seeking full initiation into the church through the sacrament of Confirmation is now able to sign up for the next available session of classes.

We will begin meeting SOON on March 6th, and we'll conclude on the Solemnity of Pentecost—Sunday, May 28th.

To sign up, please fill out the Adult Confirmation Google Form by visiting our parish website or by clicking the link in the bio of our social media accounts. If you have any questions concerning the confirmation process or need help signing up, please reach out to West Giffin, Director of Christian Formation, at wgiffin@mbsbr.org. *Registration will close MARCH 1ST.*

Parish Adoration Night Tuesday, February 28th* M.B.S. Church 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited
to come enjoy the
peace and
tranquility of music
and prayer for one
hour in the church.



***Note the date change
due to Mardi Gras holiday. Adoration is
usually on 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

Another New Face at M.B.S. Church Office

Please help us give a warm welcome to Geri Guarino. She has joined the Most Blessed Sacrament Church Staff as our Business Manager/Director of Ministry. Geri is a native of Baton Rouge and has been very involved in the Baton Rouge community through the years. Geri grew up in Our Lady of Mercy parish and also a member



of St George Catholic Church where her daughter Kate attended St George School. After many years of being active in St George parish, Geri most recently moved to Orange Beach, AL and worked as Business Manager for St Thomas by the Sea Catholic Church. Although she enjoyed working for the church that many of us attend while on vacation, she quickly realized that there is No Place Like Home.

Geri's granddaughter Ella Grace attends MBS Early Learning Center, so she is very excited about sharing "Holy Ground" with her granddaughter being here on campus.

Please feel free to stop by the Parish Office to visit with Geri and/or discuss our many ministries here at MBS Catholic Church.

MBS Forward In Faith Gala - *Great Success*

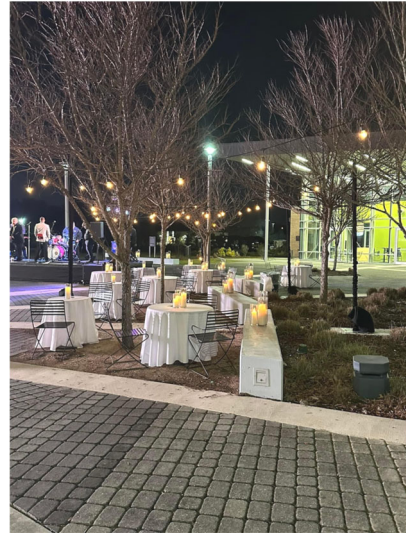


We recently celebrated our 2nd Forward In Faith Gala at the Goodwood Library. It was a beautiful night shared with our MBS community which in turn was a successful fundraiser toward the current construction of the two new buildings. We would like to thank all those in attendance and for their charitable donations. We would especially like to thank Penne Leier, the Auction Committee (picture below), and Michael McDowell for all of their time and great talent in making the Gala such a success.



Auction Committee

Kara Miller, Candace Muller, Adele Davis, Kellea LeBlanc, Penne Leier, Samira Nguyen, Chelsea Meng, Ashley Ferrer, Anna Boykin and Ally Smith



Live Auction - Michael McDowell & Fr. Todd



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. Feb. 18	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	The Eichelberger & Strong families St. Anthony High Alumnae and families Carl Dietrich Mike Lloyd Ashleigh & Alex Culivan Kenneth Savastano Scott Hymel Justin Averette
Sun. Feb. 19	8:00 am	For The People
	9:45 am	Matthew Guillot Dillard & Gayle Normand Judy Hartmann Rosalene Sanzone Frank Collura Will Lorino Barbara Simoneaux Warren & Doris Naquin Johnny Freeman Scott Hymel Justin Averette
	11:30 am	Judy Hartmann Michael Ross The Arthur Aucoin Family Beth Gaston Richard Jackson Randy & Lydia Lee Rosalie & Abel Mendoza Scott Hymel Justin Averette
Mon. Feb. 20	8:45 am	Mr & Mrs William Hebert Blanche & Dalton Boudreaux
Tues. Feb. 21	8:45 am	Dr. A.J. Giorlando
Wed. Feb. 22	8:45 am	Dr. A.J. Giorlando
	12 Noon 6:30 pm	Betty Voohries
Thurs. Feb. 23	8:15 am	
Fri. Feb. 24	8:45 am	

SUNDAY READINGS

(1st) Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
(Psm) 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
(2nd) 1 Cor 3:16-23
(Gosp) Mt 5:38-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd
-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Feb. 4-5, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$22,963.00
Feb. 1st Bank Drafts	\$36,542.50
Unidentified Contributors	<u>\$ 2,302.00</u>
Total	\$61,807.50

Capital Campaign \$16,481.00
(includes Feb 1st bank drafts)

Masses— Feb. 18-19, 2023	4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Celebrant - Subject to Change	Fr. Todd Deacon Don	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark B	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark B	Fr. Todd Deacon Mark B

February 18-19, 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	A Loya, Z Torregrossa	P Adolph, C Bourgeois	E Yurik, E Lee, R Rinaudo, J Culivan, B Magill, T Hollis, C Willis
8:00 am		K Simon, E Daugherty	E Daugherty, A Blount, S Vermaelen, K Hollier S Daugherty, E Barber, L Bayhi
9:45 am	R Verinder	D Ourso, S Menard	M Messina, J Stevens, K Decell, D Decell B Berthelot, L Evans, T Fox
11:30 am	I Garbutt, B Meek	A Fields, L Duplantis	M Taffaro, K Browning, MK Aucoin, C LeBlanc D Kennedy, C Edelen, D Gremillion