

“WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE”

Our Parish Family of St. John the Baptist will be celebrating 150 years (1862 -2012) as a Faith Community in Red Bud this year. To make this Sesquicentennial Year a memorable one, the 150th year committee has been meeting for some time planning events and activities, developing the theme “We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe.” Please mark your calendar for the dates and events that have been planned.

- During February & March of 2012, we hope to gather “Profiles of the Past.” These are stories/remembrances that will be written by you, the parishioners, about people of our parish past and present whom we’d like to remember as adding to the parish life of St. John’s in great or in ordinary ways. To help with this project, call the parish.
- A Parish Mission is scheduled for April 21-26th with Redemptorist Fr. Pete Schavitz from Chicago. The focus of each evening’s message will be the Sacraments. We ask that you keep this week free so you and your family can attend. On April 29, the diocese will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with a special Mass at the Cathedral.

We are looking into having a parish float in the Firemen’s Parade the end of June. If you are interested in seeing this happen, please call the parish to volunteer.

We will include the Sesquicentennial theme in our July 13/14 summer picnic. We encourage all to invite back former parishioners and students for a parish homecoming. A special historical display will be in the school across from the Country Store. If you would like to help with this display of pictures, please call the parish.

Our Parish Feast Day is in August. We have set Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012 for a special Mass in the Park at 4 p.m. with music provided by our Youth Choir. (No 4 pm Mass in Church that afternoon.) A potluck will follow. The pool will also be reserved for the parish to use that evening.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, Bishop Braxton will celebrate a closing liturgy at 1 p.m. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the Parish center.

The 150th Committee is made up of Angie Liefer, Gladys Wittenauer, Mary Ann Fahey, LaVerne Krebel, Darlene Letcher, Kelly Donjon, Rhonda Juelfs, Carol Schaefer, Larry Mehring, Susan Cowell, Harold Siegfried, Beulah Robert, Jean Lewis, Arlene Wiegard, and Fr. Dennis. If you have any questions or ideas, come to our meetings or contact one of the committee members.