

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANIVERSARY MASS**

The Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more are welcome to attend. A registration form is enclosed in this weekend’s bulletin and we will also have them in the back of the Cathedral. **The deadline for registration by mail is October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please note that registrations by phone, fax or email are not accepted.**

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW SERIES**



As part of the 175th Anniversary Year, the next presentation of our stained-glass windows will take place on **Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church.** We will examine the meaning of Window #9, Jesus and the Children. Fr. Dennis will give a description of the symbolism and liturgical significance contained in the

window; Edmond Boudreaux will provide a look at the window's donor, Albert B. Austin. **Please join us for this one-hour presentation.**

**175th ANNIVERSARY PARISH DIRECTORY—DATE CHANGES**

This weekend, we had our second photo session for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Directory. We only have one left. Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is important to our Parish so if you have not scheduled your appointment yet, please do so. Reminder cards will be sent to each parishioner with your date and time for your photograph. For those NOT yet signed up, you still have time to go to the website [nativitybvmcathedral.org](http://nativitybvmcathedral.org), click on Lifetouch Family photo. You may call Jackie at 228-374-1717 for assistance in scheduling, or you are welcome to call Traci Kessler at 228-669-6171 to schedule. They will be able to let you know what dates and times are still available.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

On October 7, 2018, we will have a parish picnic at the Lighthouse Park. We will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the park followed by a picnic. Please come and let us celebrate 175 years together.

**FATHER COLTEN AWAY**

Fr. Colten will be away from the parish attending the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors being held this year in Phoenix, AZ. He departed on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and returns on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

**THIS WEEKEND’S MUSIC**

ENTRANCE HYMN	#726
OFFERTORY	#547
COMMUNION	#331
SENDING	#630

**WELCOME ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

On Wednesday, September 19, 2018 students from St. Patrick High School will attend a retreat at Nativity’s Sacred Heart Center. Let us join together in asking our Lord to guide and protect our students.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon	Sep 17	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33, Lk 7:1-10
Tues	Sep 18	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a, Lk 7:11-17
Wed	Sep 19	1 Cor 12:31—13:13, Lk 7:31-35
Thu	Sep 20	1 Cor 15:1-11, Lk 7:36-50, Wis 3:1-9, Lk 9:23-26
Fri	Sep 21	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13
Sat	Sep 22	1 Cor 15:33-37, 42-49, Lk 8:4-15
Sun	Sep 23	Wis 2:12, 17-20, Jas 3:16—4:3, Mk 9:30-37



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	11,188.00
Maintenance	\$	1,425.25
Capital Improv.	\$	225.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	604.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,442.25</b>

**Thank you for your contributions!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sep 17 **Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.**
- Sep 18 **Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC**  
BINGO, 5:30 p.m.  
RCIA, 6:00 p.m. in SHC  
Cleaning Team “A”  
CCD, 5:30 p.m., SHC  
Liturgy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
**Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.**
- Sep 20 **Stained Glass Window Presentation, 6:00 p.m.**
- Sep 21 **Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC**

**CCD**

CCD classes begin on Wednesdays in the Sacred Heart Center, from 5:30-6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all of the children!

**LIFE TEEN** LifeTeen is coming to Nativity Parish for our

Youth in grades 6-12! LifeTeen will be a combination of our CCD and Youth Ministry program. It will meet on Wednesdays, from 5:30-6:30, in the Sacred Heart Center. LifeTeen is a Eucharist-centered movement within the Catholic Church, which leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, LifeTeen seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young Church. We hope that all Youth, in grades 6-12, in our parish will join this exciting movement!

**RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348 to register.

**CATHOLIC MOM’S BIBLE STUDY**

Join fellow parish moms for a Bible Study/Play Group. We meet on Fridays at 10:30 a.m., in the Sacred Heart Center. Children are welcome! Please call Keelin Cromar at 240-401-8236 for more information.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>Sep 22 4:00 pm</b> 1. Deacon Martin 2. Kalin Lloyd 3. Liz Joachim 4. Dale Dorcik 5. Gayle Mavar	<b>Sep 22 4:00 pm</b> Michael Bruffey	<b>Sep 22 4:00 pm</b> Sam Burke Cole Burke
<b>Sep 23 7:00 am</b> 1. Deacon Martin 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh	<b>Sep 23 7:00 am</b> Sr. Mary Jo Mike	<b>Sep 23 7:00 am</b> Alex Stewart Liam Jerrel
<b>9:00 am</b> 1. Deacon Martin 2. Sharon Tash 3. Judy Trahan 4. Jim Compton 5. Vicki Howard	<b>9:00 am</b> Al Simons, Jr.	<b>9:00 am</b> Sophia Carreon Tristan Davis Kingston Davis McKinzy Mathis
<b>11:00 am</b> 1. Deacon Martin 2. Sondra Williams 3. Johnny Williams 4. Robert Moniot 5. Rhonda Clark	<b>11:00 am</b> Linda Bourgeois	<b>11:00 am</b> Blake Walli Hadyh Hollis Terrence McDonnell Cameron McDonnell
<b>5:30 pm</b> 1. Deacon Martin 2. Tricia Creel 3. Roland Creel	<b>5:30 pm</b> Mary Townsend	<b>5:30 pm</b> Breanna Smith Taylor Yasar Sydni Wills
	<b>CANTORS</b>	
	<b>Sep 22 4:00 pm</b> Lauren D. Clarke	
	<b>Sep 23 9:00 am</b> Sabree Puzz Children's Choir	
	<b>11:00 am</b> Phil Frisby Cathedral Choir	

	<b>6:30 AM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Mon Sep 17</b>	Sonny Ross	Johnny Carver
<b>Tue Sep 18</b>	Maria Hoang Thi Khoai	Elizabeth Holland Redden
<b>Wed Sep 19</b>	Int. of Extension Society	Ann Tarrant
<b>Thur Sep 20</b>	Chester Balias Fly.	Norbert Lloyd, Sr.
<b>Fri Sep 21</b>	Johnny Carver	Gaspar/Mary Pisarich
<b>Sat Sep 22</b>	8 Johnny Carver 4	Josephine Esposito Allen
<b>Sun Sep 23</b>	7 - Int. of Extension Society	9 - F. T. P.
	11 - Katie Coleman 5:30	Bros. Jordan/Gary (S.I.)

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Marsha Marie, Patrick Ryan, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Elie Hebert, Jerry Ellis, Hugh Kavanagh, Lehmon Skremetti, Buddy Pullen, Helen Gutierrez, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Betty Hilton, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Our Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Johnny Carver from the students and staff of Nativity Elementary School.

**NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

\*Grandparents of Nativity School children and Wisdom People of the Parish...you are invited to a special Mass and celebration on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym.

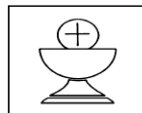
\*Congratulations to our first winner of the \$3,000 give-away— Mr. Richard Andrews. The next drawing will be on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are still available for Nativity BVM School's \$30,000 give-away. Tickets are \$100 and provide the purchaser ten chances to win \$3,000. To purchase a ticket, please contact any Nativity School parent or contact the school office at 432-2269. The drawings will be held on the first Thursday of most months at 5:30 p.m.

\*Thank you for your great support of the Nativity School Cakewalk at the recent Seafood Festival. Your donation of time and treats was greatly appreciated!

\*We are proud that our school provides for children with a variety of needs. We are the only Catholic School in our Diocese with a state recognized Special Education program. Our school also provides a specialized program (EXPLORE) for children who qualify for gifted education.

\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 60<sup>th</sup> annual Nativity School Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 -9:00 p.m. on the school grounds! Come and enjoy a great time together.

**COMMUNION VISITATION**



Jesus says of you and me, "You are the salt of the earth". No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be "salt of the earth". Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES**

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:**

**SANCTUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE:** Sunday, September 23rd – 11 a.m. Sunday, September 30th – 9:00 a.m.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE:** Sunday, September 23rd – 9 a.m. Student Cantors: Ava Stoddard & Emma Theobald.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT:**

Saturday, September 29th – 4:00 p.m. Mass – Special Musical Event – "Gospel Choir Mass" with the Cathedral's "Gloria In Excelsis" Choral Society and Mobile Vocal Arts Choral Society.

**WITH GREAT APPRECIATION:** Much appreciation to all those who participated in the Cathedral Choir -who served in the 175th Anniversary Mass. Their many efforts aided in this celebration being the beautiful, spiritual experience that was offered last weekend. "Thank You" very, very much! \_\_\_There is always a seat for you in our Cathedral Choir &/or Community Chorale Program – "Gloria In Excelsis". If you are interested in sharing a talent, or singing in one of our choral programs - or just have a thought or comment you'd like to share -please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251-406-1454.



**YOU MAY BE MISSING SOMETHING:**

Many of our Parishioners are missing the opportunity to hear the Mass in an uninterrupted, clear, distinct voice by not taking advantage of the hearing loop which has been installed in our Cathedral for your use. Ask anyone you see using these devices and they will give you a first hand assessment of the device. The receivers are available at every Mass. Ushers will assist you in locating them.

**BINGO MANIA:**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for September 18th, 2018: Terry (George & Cheryl), Theobald (Scott & Brooke), Tran (Kim & Hai), Vaughn (Melissa), Viglianco (Matthew & Robin) and Walli (John & Ashley). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**