

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER MARCIN WIKTOR AND FATHER TOMASZ GOLAB!

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral wishes to extend our best wishes and congratulations to Father Marcin Wiktor and Father Tomasz Golab upon their ordination to the Sacred Order of Priesthood! We pray that the Lord blesses them in their priestly ministry as they serve our diocese! Father Marcin and Father Tomasz, may you bring many souls to Jesus Christ and His Church! Ad multos annos!

USM CIVIC CHORALE CONCERT

This Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 p.m., the University of Southern Civic Chorale will be in concert in our Cathedral Church. The event will showcase Advent and Christmas music pertaining to the current Liturgical Season. Come and avail yourselves to an afternoon of beauty and music.

DONATIONS FOR DONUTS DATE CHANGED

Nativity Men's Club is hosting their 2nd Annual DONATIONS FOR DONUTS this weekend, December 1st and 2nd. In support of our St. Vincent DePaul Society, please bring your food donations and place them in the boxes out front of the Church. Also, donuts and coffee will be served after the 7 am and 9 am Masses. **ALSO:** Nativity's Men's Club is planning another Disaster Relief trip to Panama City, Florida. Donations for the trip will be accepted this Sunday, December 2nd, 2018, at the 7:00 a.m and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Items needed are: Pet food, Cat litter, cleaning items, brooms, mops, detergents (allergen-free), hygiene products (men and women), canned foods, dry food, baby food and formula, baby wipes, gallons and quart size plastic bags. **THE DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER WILL BE IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH FOR DROPPING OFF YOUR DONATIONS.** As always, money is always welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

THE ANOINTING MASS

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick: This year's Anointing Mass will take place on December 8, 2018, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 10:00 a.m. During this Mass we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you are currently ill, debilitated, or of old age, we invite you to join us for this special Mass. December 8th is also a Holy Day of Obligation. Attending this Anointing Mass will also provide you the opportunity to satisfy your obligation to Mass. Please plan on coming.

CATHEDRAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The Cathedral's Advent Penance Service will take place in the Cathedral Church on Thursday, December 13th beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year our Advent Penance Service will join our Diocesan Adore Group who offer Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance. Be sure to plan on attending this inspiring event of God's Mercy and Love in the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

CCD/LifeTeen News

CCD/LifeTeen classes will meet at the regular time, Wednesday from 5:30-6:30. Thanks for your support of our program and for having your child at class!

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#711
OFFERTORY	#45
COMMUNION	#340
SENDING	#576

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 03	Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 16:15-20
Tues	Dec 04	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
Wed	Dec 05	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
Thu	Dec 06	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	Dec 07	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31, Eph 3:8-12, Jn 10:11-16
Sat	Dec 08	Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
Sun	Dec 09	Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	7,861.00
Maintenance	\$	1,313.80
Capital Improv.	\$	274.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	196.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	9,699.80

Thank you for your contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 04** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
BINGO, 5:30 p.m.
RCIA, 6:00 p.m. in SHC
- Dec 05** Cleaning Team “D”
CCD, 5:30 p.m, SHC
- Dec 06** Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 07** Mom's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

SCHEDULE

- Fourth Sunday of Advent– 4:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral
- Christmas Eve – 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral
- Christmas Eve – 11:00 p.m. in the Cathedral
- Christmas Day – 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

If you are interested in serving our Cathedral Parish as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Fr. Dennis at dcarver@biloxidiocese.org or by calling the rectory at (228) 374-1717. Because our Cathedral Parish celebrates 5 weekend Sunday Masses, we can sometimes require as many as 25 Eucharistic Ministers and 5 Lectors per weekend. We are blessed to offer so many Sunday Masses to our community and visitors. Please help fill this most important and worthy need by volunteering as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.

RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about Mariology with Father Dennis. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as they are on this journey of faith together learning and experiencing the teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

BINGO MANIA:

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for December 4th, 2018: Richards (Sally), Richardson (Debbie), Simnicht (Ron & Dusti), Smith (Scot & Alexandra), Snyder (Tommy & Alexandra) and Stanley (Robert & Remelyn). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Dec 08 4:00 pm 1. Gerrie Weldon 2. Helen Languirand 3. Liz Joachim 4. Gayle Mavar 5. Kalin Lloyd	Dec 08 4:00 pm Elizabeth Becker	Dec 08 4:00 pm Sam Burke Cole Burke
Dec 09 7:00 am 1. Jim Shugart 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh	Dec 09 7:00 am Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Dec 09 7:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis
Dec 09 7:00 am 1. Jim Shugart 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh	9:00 am Liz Wilkinson	9:00 am Trent Fulton
9:00 a.m. 1. Maggie Landry 2. Linda Bourgeois 3. Judy Trahan 4. Sharon Tash 5. Joan Strayham	11:00 am Johnny Williams	9:00 am Annabelle Landry Veronika Landry Julia Landry
11:00 am 1. Deacon 2. Susan Toche 3. Marianne Sherman 4. John Sherman 5. Rhonda Clark	5:30 pm Patrick Hall	11:00 am Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge Brandy Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich
5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel	CANTORS Dec 08 4:00 pm Lauren D. Clark	5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Sydni Wills
	Dec 09 9:00 am John Welter (CATHEDRAL CHOIR)	
	11:00 am Elizabeth Cobb	

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Dec 03	Patrick Murphy	Harold/Tillie Mallett
Tue Dec 04	Hugh Kavanagh	Collins-Sims Fly.
Wed Dec 05	Marilyn Galle	Hugh Kavanagh
Thur Dec 06	Int. of Ext. Society	Marilyn Galle
Fri Dec 07	Maria Gioi	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
Sat Dec 08	8 Nita Newman 4	Thomas Andrews
Sun Dec 09	7 - Delores Lee	9 - F. T. P.
	11:00 - Noel Obert	5:30 Marilyn Galle

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sr. Mary Jo Mike, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nicholas Rodolfich, Marsha Marie, Patrick Ryan, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Elie Hebert, Jerry Ellis, Lehwmom Skrmetti, 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.

PRAY FOR SR. MARY JO MIKE

Our beloved Sr. Mary Jo is once again battling cancer. Although she successfully beat cancer several years ago, it has reoccurred in the same area as last time. Sr. Mary Jo is under the care of a trusted oncologist at Oschner's Hospital in New Orleans. Let us gather together as a community of care and prayer holding Sr. Mary Jo in our prayers.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE: December 9th at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE: Sunday, December 24th - 3:30 p.m. - Pre-Service Music - 4:00 p.m. - Children's Choir Christmas Eve Mass.

UPCOMING SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERT SERIES EVENTS:

December 10th - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. - Nativity BVM Elementary/Cathedral "Christmas" Concert

December 16th - 2:30 p.m. - An Advent "Lessons & Reflections" Concert/Service. A Massed Choir will combine with the Cathedral's Choral Society - "Gloria In Excelsis" to share scriptural lessons for the Season of Advent with musical/choral reflections. This service brings the full meaning of Advent to life spiritually and musically.

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE AND THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED!

The Cathedral Choir will have an extra choir rehearsal this Sunday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Balcony of the Cathedral.

Would you like to support the Music & Fine Arts Ministry of our Cathedral & School, consider making a donation to our programming for music or a guest instrumentalist as a remembrance or special honor.

For more information regarding our Music & Fine Arts Ministry Programs - please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. - terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251-406-1454.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*We hear that St. Nicholas might be visiting Nativity School on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th. In the past, St. Nick has left treats and surprises in the shoes of children and adults!

*The next drawing for the \$3,000 Raffle will be held on Thursday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m. Congratulations to October's winner - Mrs. Jennifer Davis! Drawings continue through June...it is not too late to purchase at ticket! *Mrs. Keelin Cromar, Nativity School's school nurse, has arranged for a Children's Health Fair on Friday, December 7th from 9:00 - Noon. Partnering with other nurses, Mrs. Cromar will also coordinate with MGCC student nurses to provide learning and wellness opportunities for the children of our school.

WELCOME SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH

We are delighted to invite you see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus). **The exposition will take place after the Masses on December 8th and 9th.** Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. The life of the child with diagnoses such as Down Syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also, the adult patients need constant support, owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.

In the recent years a shelter and house of labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for a new start in life to find God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons, including hand painted crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you. ***They make excellent Christmas gifts!***