

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL (CSA)

“Prayer and Our Call to Discipleship”

This year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal calls us to a quieter place in our world, our homes, and especially our hearts. As we enter into God’s love more deeply through prayer, please remember those in our communities who long for God’s love and presence in their lives. Help us to be perfect examples of His love to our brothers and sisters through our prayers, works and lives.

RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the Holy Spirit with Bishop Kihneman, and John Starks will be leading our Prayer Service. Please pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as they study the beliefs and traditions of our faith and continue this journey together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

The Annual Rite of Election for RCIA Candidates throughout the diocese will take place in our Cathedral Church on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Please pray for those who will be coming into the Catholic faith at Easter.

CCD CLASSES

Our regular classes for March will be on March 20, and 27. Thanks for your tremendous support of our program and for having your children attend classes. For any other information, please contact: Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778, for CCD (K-5th) or Kristy Arguelles 228-324-9934 for LifeTeen (grades 6-12)

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY / LIFE TEEN:

If you would like to provide a meal for our Life Teen program one Wednesday night, please contact Kristy Arguelles by email (NativityYouthMinistryBiloxi@gmail.com) or phone (228-324-9934). The youth REALLY enjoy closing out each night with fellowship over a meal! Thank you to ALL that have supported by providing a meal this year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

Congratulations are extended to our young Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Blessed Seelos Parish. May you receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 21st we will have our weekly Thursday Adoration from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Nativity BVM is hosting a men’s and women’s bible study this lent based on Dr. Edward Sri’s series titled “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass.” This five-part series will take participants on an exciting tour of the Mass. This series explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at mass. The groups will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting March 20! If you are interested please e-mail Keith Gibson (keithgibson4@aol.com) or Joan Strayham (rnjoans1@gmail.com)

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19, 2019

The Parish Life Committee of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is proud to announce the St. Joseph Altar will be on display at the Sacred Heart Center this Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. We invite everyone to join us, view the altar, have lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 18	Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38
Tues	Mar 19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a.
Wed	Mar 20	Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
Thu	Mar 21	Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
Fri	Mar 22	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat	Mar 23	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun	Mar 24	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9, Ex 17:3-7, Rob 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	11,724.51
Maintenance	\$	684.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	716.00
Miscellaneous	\$	380.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	13,504.51

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 18** Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 19** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 20** **Cleaning Team “C”**
BINGO, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall
CCD, Cathedral at 5:30 pm, SHC
- Mar 21** Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 22** Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC
Stations of the Cross, Cathedral, 6:00 pm

DAILY MASS IN LENT

A wonderful way to keep the extra prayer of the Lenten Season is to attend daily Mass in our beautiful Marian Chapel. The daily Mass Scriptures of Lent journey with the Lord on his way to Calvary. Think about attending either the 6:30 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. Mass in Lent. Saturday’s daily Mass is at 8:00 am. Morning Prayer is said each Lenten day at 7:45 am in the Chapel.

FOCUS

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), Eagle Catholic, and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will be hosting a “Spiritual Bootcamp” March 22-24 with the focus on the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. The retreat will be led by CFR Franciscan Father Gabriel and Jessica Navin, FOCUS Missionary and Spiritual Formation Project Lead on the FOCUS Formation Team. The retreat will begin at 7 p.m., Friday, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and will end at noon, Sunday. For more information, please contact St. Thomas at (601) 264-5192.

LENTEN DINNERS

Nativity BVM School is selling Lenten dinners this year. Pre-orders can be placed online by going to www.nativitybvm.org or calling the front office 228-432-2269. We also accept walk ups (until we run out of food) and serve from 3pm to 6:30pm in the school cafeteria. For more information, visit our school’s Facebook page. March 22nd: shrimp spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, bread & cookie. March 29th: shrimp po-boy, Zapps chips & cookie.

WELCOME HIBERNIA MARCHING CLUB

A warm welcome is extended to the Hibernia Marching Club who will be with us at the Cathedral at the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 23 4:00 pm 1. Dale Dorcik 2. Andrea Gilich 3. Sondra Ahern 4. Barbara Ziz 5. Kathleen Coskey	Mar 23 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey	Mar 23 4:00 pm Sam Burke
Mar 24 7:00 am 1. Jim Shugart 2. Marcia Mayfield 3. Nancy Powell	Mar 24 7:00 am Joe Powell	Mar 24 7:00 am Alec Ryan Liam Jerrel
9:00 a.m. 1. Vicki Howard 2. John Brauchle 3. Linda Welter 4. Traci Kessler 5. Michael Kessler	9:00 am Steve Theobald	9:00 am Terrence McDonnell Cameron McDonnell Nicholas Gruich
11:00 am 1. Deacon 2. Deacon 3. Rhonda Clark 4. Nanette Burke 5. Sondra Williams	11:00 am Linda Bourgeois	11:00 am Rush Newman Rhys Newman Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich
5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel	11:00 am Penny Payne	5:30 pm Breanna Smith Sydni Wills
	5:30 pm Patrick Hall	
	CANTORS	
	Mar 23 4:00 pm Lauren D. Clark	
	CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	Mar 24 9:00 am John Welter	
	11:00 am Dennis Burke	
	2:00 pm RITE OF ELECTION	
	Elizabeth Cobb CATHEDRAL CHOIR	

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 18	Chester Balius	Jacinto/Norine Baltar
Tue Mar 19	Lonnie Divall	Matthew McDermott
Wed Mar 20	Collins-Sims Fly.	Maria Hoang Thi Khoai
Thur Mar 21	Jeanne Harbison	Gabriel/Doris Kasovich
Fri Mar 22	Collins-Sims Fly.	Herbert/Bertha McDonnell
Sat Mar 23	8 Ben Wimberly 4	Bros. Jordan/Gary (S.I.)
Sun Mar 24	7 Hugh Kavanagh 9 11:00 – Greg Coale	F. T. P. 5:30 Mike Sicuro

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kevin Kavanagh, Nora Ziz, Bill Bergdoll, Marianne Sherman, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nicholas Rodolfich, Marsha Marie, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Jerry Ellis, Lehwmon 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.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Children's Choir will celebrate their next 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral on March 24th. The Cantors for this Mass will be McKenzie Corley and Eva Green.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Cathedral Choir will sing for the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 17th, and the 4:00 p.m. Mass on March 23rd. Mass on the 23rd will observe the "First Scrutiny" of the RCIA Program.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":

Our Cathedral/Diocese's Choral Society will continue their rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. ON STAGE IN THE ACADEMY OF SACRED HEART BUILDING.

OUR NEXT CONCERT/SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 3:00 P.M. – "REFLECTIONS ON HOLY WEEK."

In the words of Pope Francis: "Fast from hurting words and say kind words. "Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude."

If this Lent you are FASTING from something and looking to ADD another holy activity to your life – please consider joining our Cathedral Choir &/or our Tuesday night Choral Society – "Gloria In Excelsis". You can "give" to others through your offering of time and musical efforts and feed your soul and others through being a part of our Music Ministry Family. There is always a place for one more and you!

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

YOUTH CONVENTION

Please pray for our teenage youth as they attend the annual Catholic Youth Rally at the Biloxi Coliseum Convention Center this weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for **March 19th**: Lyons, (Patrick & Kimberly), Mabary (Shawn & Kendra), Malone (Anjanette & Fisher, Christopher), Callegari (Jackie), Mathis (Lawson, Bill) and Mejias (Alfredo & Blanca). **REMEMBER!** If you are unable to **attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement**

CIBORIUM DONATION TO THE CATHEDRAL

A ciborium will be dedicated this weekend to our Cathedral Parish in Memory of Jerry O'Keefe. We extend a welcome and thanks to the O'Keefe family for this generous donation.

WIN A FABULOUS VACATION

Nativity Cathedral will be raffling off a fabulous package of vacation trips. First place is an eight-day, all-expense paid trip on a European Avalon River Cruise for two. Air flight from New Orleans to Budapest included. In Budapest you board your luxury river boat which sails down the Danube River with many stops along the way. The option for the cruise is \$10,000.00 cash. Second place is an all expense four-day vacation for two at the Crown Plaza Time Square Hotel in New York. Round trip air fare is included. The option for this trip is \$1,500.00 cash. Third place is a weekend for two at the Monteleone Hotel on Royal Street in New Orleans. The option for this weekend is \$400.00 cash. **TICKETS ARE \$100.00!** The winning tickets will be drawn at this year's Uncorked and Uncapped Beer and Wine Tasting event, held at our Sacred Heart Center on May 11, 2019. If you are present at it and win you will receive extra spending money at \$1,000.00 for the European cruise, \$300.00 for the New York trip or \$100.00 for the New Orleans weekend. Buy your winning ticket for these fabulous vacations soon!

7th ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED BEER & WINE TASTING

SAVE THE DATE! On May 11, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Nativity BVM Cathedral will host its 7th annual Uncorked & Uncapped Craft Beer and Wine Tasting featuring an expansive silent auction, delicious food, wonderful assortment of craft beer and wine, and live music. You will not want to miss out on this fabulous event! Prices for the tickets are: \$50.00 for 1 ticket, \$90.00 for two tickets or \$450.00 for a table of 10. Tickets are now available.