

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL (CSA)

“Prayer and Our Call to Discipleship”

Lent is traditionally a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In our journey with the Lord this Lenten season please pray that the Holy Spirit keeps our hearts and minds open to ways that we can help or be of service to those that are less fortunate than us and those who are struggling with their walk with the Lord.

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 takes place in our Cathedral Church this 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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for our students who are receiving this Sacrament will be on Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 at the Cathedral. You are all welcome to attend! Practice for the Sacrament will be on Wednesday, March 27, at 5:30, at the Cathedral.

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The Cathedral Parish will be welcoming the St. Patrick High School Students to our Sacred Heart Center on March 27th as they engage in the annual retreat. Let us join together in welcoming and praying for our young people.

WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 28th 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 meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested please e-mail Keith Gibson (keithgibson4@aol.com) or Joan Strayham (rnjoans1@gmail.com)

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38
Tues	Mar 26	Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Mar 27	Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19
Thu	Mar 28	Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
Fri	Mar 29	Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34
Sat	Mar 30	Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14
Sun	Mar 31	Jos 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	8,890.50
Maintenance	\$	1,443.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	135.00
Capital Improvement	\$	95.00
Miscellaneous	\$	389.95
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,953.45

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 25	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
Mar 26	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m. BINGO, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall
Mar 27	Cleaning Team "D" BINGO, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall CCD, Cathedral at 5:30 pm, SHC
Mar 28	Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m. Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
Mar 29	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.

NATIVITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Nativity Elementary School is "Marching" right along as we just finished our third quarter this week. All is going well at the school. Students and teachers are working hard as we round the corner to our finish line. Our second grade class will make their First Reconciliation next Saturday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

PRINCIPAL INTERVIEWS

We have begun the process of reviewing all applicants for the principal's position at Nativity BVM School. In addition, the process of interviewing has begun. The interview committee consists of the Nativity BVM School Advisory Board, the acting principal, and the rector of the Cathedral. Once the process is completed, the final recommendation will be given to the Superintendent of the Diocesan Schools who, in turn, will interview the applicant. From there, the Bishop will give a final interview. Please pray the Lord will guide us in the decision.

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 29th: shrimp po-boy, Zapps chips & cookie.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 30 4:00 pm 1. Helen Languirand 2. Maggie Landry 3. Liz Joachim 4. Gerrie Weldonz 5. Kalin Lloyd Mar 31 7:00 am 1. Jim Shugart 2. Linda Stewart 3. Nancy Powell 9:00 a.m. 1. Vicki Howard 2. Joan Strayham 3. Belinda Corley 4. Judy Trahan 5. Sharon Tash 11:00 am 1. Deacon 2. Susan Toche 3. Robert Moniot 4. Judy Steckler 5. Sandy Steckler 5:30 pm 1. Janice Thornton 2. Kristy Arguelles	Mar 30 4:00 pm Jim Compton Mar 31 7:00 am Joe Powell 9:00 am Terry Simons 11:00 am Peter Abide 5:30 pm Elizabeth Becker CANTORS Mar 30 4:00 pm Lauren D. Clark Mar 31 9:00 am Dennis Burke 11:00 am John Welter	Mar 30 4:00 pm Veronika Landry Julia Landry Mar 31 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart 9:00 am Army Gollott Sophia Carreon Tristan Davis Kingston Davis 11:00 am Rush Newman Chaz Byers Izabell Byers Sabree Puz McKinzy Mathis 5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 25	Daminh Chuong	Leslie "Ann" Bruffey
Tue Mar 26	Maria Hoang Thi Khoai	Darnell Soljan
Wed Mar 27	Elie Hebert	Nita Newman
Thur Mar 28	Kathleen Hebert	William/Evelyn Collins
Fri Mar 29	Josh Bozeman	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
Sat Mar 30	<u>8</u> Collins-Sims Fly.	<u>4</u> Hugh Kavanagh
Sun Mar 31	<u>7</u> Ben Wimberly	<u>9</u> F. T. P.
	11:00 – Joseph Hoang	5:30 Jerry O'Keefe

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lionel Sentell, 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, Lehmon 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 join the Cathedral Choir to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with Saturday, April 13th's beginning ceremony/Mass for Palm Sunday at the 4:00 p.m. Mass celebration that day.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Cathedral Choir will sing for the "Rite of Election" Service on Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 p.m. The Choir will sing for the 9:00 a.m. MASS on Sunday, March 31st. We will observe the RCIA's "Second Scrutiny" at this MASS.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":

Rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. ON STAGE IN THE ACADEMY OF SACRED HEART BUILDING.

NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL'S CONCERT SERIES: - "REFLECTIONS ON HOLY WEEK." SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 3:00 P.M.

This hour-long concert-service narrative travels with Jesus through the Passover evening of Maundy Thursday, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to chambers of the religious and the political through that night and ultimately to the Hill of Golgatha/Calvary; - to our Savior's crucifixion. Reflective choral renderings of the scriptures make this a "powerful, spiritual preparation" for one's Holy Week Journey.

In the words of Pope Francis:

"Fast from anger and be filled with patience." "Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope."

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

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#462
OFFERTORY	#121
COMMUNION	#661
SENDING	#630

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for **March 26th** Mitchell (Joseph & Michele), McCaleb (Williams, Robby & Shanel), McLoughlin (Michael & Lisa), McNeil (Kyle & Monique), Nguyen (Tai & Addis) and Nguyen (Thu Thuy & Bryan, David). **REMEMBER!** If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement

JACKIE HEWITT ON VACATION

Our Cathedral secretary, Jackie Hewitt, will be away from the parish on a well-deserved vacation from March 28th through April 1st. Let us together encourage her to take a relaxing and enjoyable time away.

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.**