

FORMED

- How many of you would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ?
- How many of you know someone who has fallen away from the Church perhaps a friend, a family member, or a co-worker, and you want to reach them, but you just don't know how to?

This is WHY our parish has invested in FORMED – that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our faith with others, especially those closest to us.

FORMED is a fantastic website that has been called a “Catholic Netflix,” with inspiring movies and video-based programs, audio presentations, and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors.

It is my hope that you avail yourself of FORMED in the coming weeks. If you have not created your login, it is very easy to do so! Go to our parish website and click the image for FORMED on the home page or type into your browser <https://nativitybvmcathedral.org/register>. It's free to all Nativity Parishioners.

CCD

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." and so we're asking for help with our youth program for CCD. If you have just a couple of hours each week to devote to helping our youth grow in their faith (and you're sure to grow in yours, too), would you please contact Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778, or barbaraziz19@gmail.com, to see how you can help with our program. CCD classes meet on Wednesdays in the Sacred Heart Center, from 5:30-6:30. We would love to have you join this important ministry!

CCD/LifeTeen registration will take place after Masses on the weekend of Aug. 24-25, and will also be held at the Sacred Heart Center, on Wednesday, September 4, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. LifeTeen lessons will begin on Sunday, September 8, from 4:00-5:15 p.m. in the Youth Ministry area of the Sacred Heart Center, and CCD classes will begin on Wednesday, September 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center. We look forward to growing in our faith with our youth!

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. The Nativity Parish will begin R.C.I.A. classes again in the Fall. 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.

PRIEST CELEBRANTS FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 17TH AND AUGUST 18TH

August 17th, 4:00 p.m., Msgr. McGrath, August 18th, 7:00 a.m., Fr. Sebastian, 9:00 a.m., Father Sebastian, 11:00 a.m., Bishop Emeritus Roger Morin and 5:30 p.m., Fr. Dennis.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday evening, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday, August 15th, we will have Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., Noon and 6:00 p.m., in our Cathedral.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Aug 12	Dt 10:12-32, Mt 17:22-27
Tues Aug 13	Dt 31:1-8, Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed Aug 14	Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20, Wis 3:1-9, 1 Jn 3:14-18, Jn 15:12-16
Vigil Mass	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2, 1 Cor 15:54b-57, Lk 11:27-28
Thu Aug 15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56
Fri Aug 16	Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12
Sat Aug 17	Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15
Sun Aug 18	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	12,767.85
Maintenance	\$	1,064.00
Capital Improvement	\$	750.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	35.00
Miscellaneous	\$	640.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	15,256.85

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 13** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
BINGO, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall
- Aug 14** **Cleaning Team “D”**
Assumption of BVM, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 15** Nativity Cathedral Rectory Closed
Assumption of BVM, 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,
Noon and 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 16** Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL RECTORY CLOSED

The Nativity Cathedral Rectory will be closed on Thursday, August 15th, 2019 to observe the Holy Day of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our office will reopen on Friday, August 16th at 9:00 a.m.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The Cathedral’s next finance council meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 27th at 4:00 p.m. in the rectory dining room. Thanks to all the members of Finance Council. You have tremendous talent and advice.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Over the summer Nativity BVM Elementary School sponsored a summer camp for children. With several of our teachers and a smidgen of outside help, we had on the average about 20 children per day attend our camp. With the regular summer projects of sports and art, we took several field trips with the kids.

In preparation for the new school year, we undertook a substantial cleaning of our school facility. We sorted through old, outdated materials to discard. Several needed repairs were made to the school and a few cosmetic updates were made.

We welcome several new teachers to our faculty. They come to us with a long tradition of association with our school and with substantial experience in other Catholic schools.

After the annual Opening of the School Year Mass on August 6, 2019 the teachers readied themselves for the first day of school on August 8th. We have a wonderful faculty, great kids, and devoted families. The legacy and love of Nativity BVM Elementary School continues.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Aug 17 4:00 pm 1. Maggie Landry 2. Dale Dorcik 3. Sondra Ahern 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Gayle Mavar Aug 18 7:00 am 1. Joan Strayham 2. Marcia Mayfield 3. Linda Stewart 9:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Linda Bourgeois 3. Sharon Tash 4. Joan Trahan 5. Belinda Corley 11:00 am 1. Deacon 2. Judy Steckler 3. Sandy Steckler 4. Edith Richardson 5. Susan Toche 5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel	Aug 17 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey Aug 18 7:00 am Jim Shuggart 9:00 am Al Simons, Jr. 11:00 am Rhonda Clark. 5:30 pm Mary Townsend CANTORS Aug 17 4:00 pm KC Arnold Aug 18 9:00 am Phil Frisby 11:00 am Elizabeth Cobb	Aug 17 4:00 pm Veronika Landry Julia Landry Aug 18 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart 9:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis McKinzy Mathis 11:00 am Brennan Tarrant Aiden Tarrant Annabelle Tarrant Bailey Joy Tarrant 5:30 pm Breanna Smith Samantha Sharplin

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Aug 12	Josh Bozeman	Wayne Leckich
Tue Aug 13	Gerrie Weldon	Stanley Dellinger
Wed Aug 14	Wayne Leckich	Jean Kridle
		6:00 p.m. Gerrie Weldon
Thur Aug 15	Msgr. Rick Bass	Doris/Gil Akins
	Noon Nora Ziz	6:00 p.m. Sr. Mary Jo Mike
Fri Aug 16	F. Walker/Irene C. Tucei	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
Sat Aug 17	8 Prince B. Baucan	4 Bros. Jordan/Gary (S.I.)
Sun Aug 18	7 Wayne Leckich	9 F.T.P.
	11:00 – Mercedes Broussard	5:30 Nora Ziz

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS
 Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Cheryl Terry, Heather Boudreaux, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O’Gea, Jennifer Fink, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Jerry Ellis, Lehmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Marie Manning, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich and Sr. Fatima Starks.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:
CHILDREN’S CHOIR:
 Our first Children’s Choir Mass of the new school year is scheduled for Sunday, August 25th at 9:00 a.m.

ADULT CHORAL MINISTRY:
 “Gloria In Excelsis” – the Cathedral Choral Society will begin their third season by resuming rehearsals on Tuesday, August 27th at 7 p.m.
 “Cathedral Choir” – will resume their rehearsal for the new spiritual season on Wednesday, August 28th at 7 p.m. in the Music Balcony of the Church.

WHAT CAN ONE DO?
 Do you like to sing? Can you sing? Would you sing for God and to serve in your Church/Cathedral home? Afraid? As the song says: “Be Not Afraid”! But: “I can’t read music” one might say! Well, what do you think the Music Director is there to do? Yes! Teach! Lead! Give Encouragement and direction and help us all find the musical path to serving God. Give choir &/or singing a chance! It is such a RICH BLESSING when in Mass you hear the congregation singing strongly the hymns, responses and prayers of our faith. You can serve the Music Ministry from the pew AND/OR the choir loft. Give one of our choir programs a chance – three chance to be more positive! Robert Fripp – an English Musician said: “Music is just a means of creating a magical state.” In our faith and practice we know music to be a form/state of spiritual utterance, prayer and proclamation/adoration of and to our God. Give us a try and listen for the direction of God!

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	#547
OFFERTORY	#386
COMMUNION	#348
SENDING	#430

BINGO MANIA
 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for August 13th: Williams (Troy & Melissa), Wilson (Aaron & Jacqueline), Wimberly (Trey & Shannon), Wood (Joseph & Amanda), Zidek (Patricia) and Baker (Roy & Jenny). If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!

NO WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This Thursday, August 15th, is Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have a 6:00 p.m. Mass. Therefore, we will not have Adoration this week. Thursday Adoration will resume on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

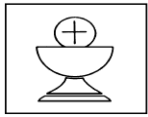
LIVESTREAMING AT NATIVITY

The Diocese of Biloxi will begin livestreaming Sunday Mass from Nativity BVM Cathedral. Viewing of these Masses will be available on the Diocese of Biloxi website, the Nativity BVM Cathedral website and on YouTube. This service is being sponsored by Bishop Kihneman and the Diocese of Biloxi for those who are ill, homebound or those who are unable to attend Mass. Please spread the word and take advantage of this generous service provided by the Cathedral.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR SUNDAY LIVESTREAMING

A volunteer is needed to occasionally assist in running the live streaming from the Cathedral Church for Sunday Masses. Most of the time, the live streaming will occur at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. However, there may be occasional weekends when it takes place at other Cathedral Sunday/Vigil Masses. A simple understanding of operating a windows-based laptop computer is needed. It requires a generalized understanding of the parts of the Mass. A tutorial will be given to the volunteer. If interested, please call Fr. Dennis at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

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.