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GOODBYE AND BLESSINGS TO FR. COLTEN

How fortunate we at Nativity were to have Fr. Colten Symmes with us! For over two years we watched this talented, young priest relate so well to our young people. We saw his reverent approach to the celebration of the sacraments, and we enjoyed his well-crafted homilies. We were grateful for his enthusiastic implementation of new ideas and new approaches. We will miss Fr. Colten and his big dog Cruz. So, let us gather to express our farewell to Fr. Colten and to pray for his success in his new parish. It will be on Sunday, January 5, 2020 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by a going-away reception for him in the Sacred Heart Center.

GOD IS AT THE HEART OF ALL CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Today we celebrate and recognize the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – as the model of all Christian families. Saint Joseph set a good example for all of us as his family faced the crisis of Herod’s plot to kill Jesus. He listened to God’s voice and cared for his family according to the word of God.

CCD

There will be no CCD classes on Jan. 1. CCD classes, for K-5th grades, are held in the Sacred Heart Center, behind the Cathedral, on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 pm. If you need to register your child, please come any Wednesday during class time. If you need additional information or have any questions please call, text or email Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778, barbaraziz19@gmail.com.

RCIA

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens, Candidates and their Sponsors during this Christmas Season. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR SUNDAY LIVESTREAMING

We need a volunteer to occasionally assist in running the live streaming from the Cathedral Church for Sunday Masses. We have one volunteer; however, we need an additional one as well. 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.

BINGO MANIA

We will not have Bingo this week. Bingo will resume on January 7, 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH’S CLUB

The St. Joseph’s Club meets every Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. The Gospel for the following Sunday’s Mass is read and discussed. This gives us a heads-up on the Homily which will be delivered at Sunday Mass. The meetings usually are completed by 7:30 a.m. We urge men to join us as often as possible.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Dec 30	1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40
Tues	Dec 31	1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18
Wed	Jan 01	Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21
Thu	Jan 02	1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28, Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 23:8-12
Fri	Jan 03	1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34
Sat	Jan 04	1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42, Sir 26:1-4, 13-16 or 1 Cor 13:4-13, Lk 10:38-42
Sun	Jan 05	Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

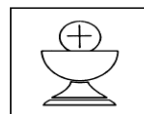
Regular Collections	\$	15,781.00
Maintenance	\$	6,459.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	1,000.00
Capital Improvement	\$	270.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	231.00
Miscellaneous	\$	540.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	24,281.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 31** Men of St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. SHC
- Jan 01** Cleaning Team “D”
Rectory is Closed
- Jan 02** Rectory is Closed
- Jan 03** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 6:00 p.m.



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.



Do you have trouble hearing the Mass? Our cathedral has the hearing loop system for use by all persons with hearing problems, who wear hearing aids or use cochlear implants. Pick up a receiver in the back of the church and be surprised at how clearly you can hear.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Jan 4 4:00 pm 1. Nanette Burke 2. Sondra Ahern 3. Gayle Mavar 4. Andrea Gilich 5. Dale Dorcik	Jan 4 4:00 pm Jim Compton	Jan 4 4:00 pm Keegan Cuevas
Jan 5 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Linda Stewart 3. Joan Strayham	Jan 5 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield 9:00 am Steve Theobald 11:00 am Linda Bourgeois 5:30 pm Mary Townsend	Jan 5 7:00 am Wyeth Stewart Alex Stewart 9:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis Bryan Stoddard 11:00 am Chaz Byers Izabelle Byers McKinzy Mathis 5:30 pm Sydni Wills
9:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Judy Trahan 3. SharonTash 4. Belinda Corley 5. John Brauchle	CANTORS Jan 4 4:00 pm Dennis Burke CATHEDRAL CHOIR Jan 5 9:00 am Phil Frisby 11:00 am John Welter	
11:00 am 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Deacon 3. Susan Toche 4. Rhonda Clark 5. Linda Welter		
5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel		

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Dec 30	John L. Krohn	Anna Mae Gilich
Tue Dec 31	Vicki Gollotte Cobb	Eileen McAuliffe
	6:00 pm	Bishop Roger Morin.
Wed Jan 01	10:00 AM	Collins-Sims Fly.
Thu Jan 02	Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Vicki Gollotte Cobb
Fri Jan 03	Vicki Gollotte Cobb	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
Sat Jan 04	8 Mary Balius	<u>4</u> Fr. Janko Segaric
Sun Jan 05	<u>7</u> John L. Krohn	<u>9</u> F.T.P
	11:00 – Michelle Phillips	5:30 Collins/Sims Fly.

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS
 Lionel Sentell, Harry Kostmayer, Sr., Nolan Broussard, Sr., Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Heather Boudreaux, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Lehmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

The NES Children's Choir will share in the 9 a.m. Mass for January 26th in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

ADULT CHORAL MINISTRY:

"Gloria In Excelsis" – "GIE" – the Cathedral's Choral Society will resume their rehearsals on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. Any interested individuals who would like to join us are welcome!

"Cathedral Choir" – The Cathedral Choir will share in the Epiphany of our Lord on Saturday, January 4th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

THANK YOU!

The Music & Fine Arts Ministry would like to THANK all those members and friends of Nativity Cathedral who have attended our special concerts/programs and services throughout the year. Additionally, we are most GRATEFUL for those who have chosen to donate towards the funding of our program in the form of honorariums and memorials. Such gifts allowed us to have a harpist, violinist and guest cantor for the Christmas Eve and Morning Masses. Additionally, our Ministry is so very appreciative of all those parents & guardians of the Children's Choir, the choristers of that Choir and all of the members of the Cathedral Choir and Cantors that have given so much of their time and talent to make our Music & Fine Arts offerings to our family so rich and meaningful. Please consider saying a word of "Thanks" and encouragement to these wonderful individuals when you can! A Church is known usually for three points: 1. The warmth and inviting nature of its congregational family. 2. The preaching and spirituality of the clergy and staff. 3. And the music of its worship. Please consider making a contribution to our Music Ministry; whether that is through joining us by your participation, financially contributing to our Ministry or attending our special offerings. "Thank You!" and Happy New Year!

For more information regarding any of these program/event offerings or any other aspect of our Music & Fine Arts Ministry Program - please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251 406-1454.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought of assisting our cathedral parish by becoming an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister? It is both a joy and an honor in this much needed assistance during our weekly celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. Doing this small act of kindness literally brings Jesus Christ into the lives of many hundreds of people. Please consider becoming an Intentional Disciple of Jesus by helping our parish. Please email or call Fr. Dennis at dcarver@biloxidiocese.org or (228) 374-1717.

BE A CALLER!!!

Over the past few years our Bingo Mania has yielded well over \$90,000.00. 100% of these funds are designated to benefit our Nativity BVM Elementary School. Would you consider volunteering as a Bingo Caller once a month? It's fun! All it entails is about 3 hours once a month on a Tuesday evening. Would you help us help our school?

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL NEWS!

School resumes on January 6, 2020. We look forward to seeing all of our saints!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 9-11:0 a.m. For those wishing to make regular contributions, envelopes are located in the vestibule. We also value your one-time gift! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	# 98
OFFERTORY	# 93
COMMUNION	# 90
SENDING	# 91