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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 02	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46
Tues	Mar 03	Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15
Wed	Mar 04	Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32
Thu	Mar 05	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12
Fri	Mar 06	Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26
Sat	Mar 07	Dt. 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48
Sun	Mar 08	Gn 12:1-4a, 2 Tim 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

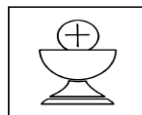


YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	9,832.00
Maintenance	\$	2,065.65
Capital Improvement	\$	416.00
Miscellaneous	\$	300.05
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,613.70

Thank you for your generous contributions!

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 02** Women of Mary, 5:30 pm
- Mar 03** Bingo Mania, 5:30 pm, Bingo Hall
Men of St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. SHC
RCIA, SHC, 6:00 pm
- Mar 04** Cleaning Team "A"
CCD, SHC, 5:30 pm
- Mar 06** Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm, Cathedral

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD

Daylight savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!!

NATIVITY BVM WEEKLY LENTEN PRAYER GROUP

Nativity BVM Cathedral is very pleased to be offering a Weekly Lenten Prayer Group: "Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God". This study, utilizing a program offered through FORMED, captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in His presence and resolving to live in and through His love.

This hour long Prayer Group will meet every Wednesday from March 4-April 1, 2020 at 6pm in the Sacred Heart Center Library. If you would like to join in this beautiful Lenten devotion, please contact Joan Strayham at mjoans1@gmail.com, telephone 228-861-5269.



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.

THE SEASON OF LENT CALLS US TO HUMILITY, TO AN HONEST UNDERSTANDING OF WHO WE ARE.

Humility is not false modesty, but the awareness of who we are: Sons and daughters of God, created by God. Yet we, like Adam and Eve, are often tempted to think of ourselves as more than creatures, as in control of the world. May God give us the grace to allow him to be God.

CCD

CCD classes will be held this week on Wed., Mar. 4 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 additional information or have any questions please call, text or email Barbara Ziz, [228-918-9778](tel:228-918-9778), barbaraziz19@gmail.com.

RCIA

This weekend the RCIA Candidates are celebrating their Rite of Sending Forth. This is an important step towards their Sacraments of Initiation and full participation in the Catholic faith community at the Easter Vigil. Please remember that we are called to accept them into our Community of Faith and we are to pray for each of them as they continue their faith journey. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19TH, 2020

The Saint Joseph Altar originated in Sicily many centuries ago. During a period of drought, famine, and starvation, the people turned to St. Joseph, asking for his help. Their prayers were answered, the rains came and the crops prospered. In Thanksgiving, families of farmers and fishermen built altars in their homes in honor of St Joseph to share their prized possessions, food. The St Joseph Altar 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 on Thursday, March 19, 2020, St Joseph's Day, from 10 AM to 3PM. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, donations are appreciated. We invite everyone to join us, view the Altar, have lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The men of St. Joseph meet 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.

CSA – CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

This weekend is the start of the 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal entitled "Bring Christ to the World". Bishop Kihneman invites each of us to help "Bring Christ to the World" through our prayerful and financial support of this year's appeal.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 07 4:00 pm 1. Jim Shugart 2. Ann Kavanagh 3. Kathleen Coskey 4. Helen Languirand 5. Liz Joachim Mar 08 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Danny Kavanagh 3. Colleen Kavanagh 9:00 am 1. Deacon Johnny 2. Linda Bourgeois 3. Traci Kessler 4. Gwen Vanderfin 5. Vicki Howard 11:00 am 1. Sandy Steckler 2. Judy Steckler 3. Linda Welter 4. Edith Richardson 5. Harville Richardson 5:30 pm 1. Kristi Arguelles 2. Elizabeth Becker	Mar 07 4:00 pm Michael Gulino Mar 08 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield 9:00 am Liz Wilkinson 11:00 am Rhonda Clark 5:30 pm Kristi Arguelles CANTORS Mar 07 4:00 pm KC Arnold Mar 08 9:00 am Peter Abide 11:00 am Dennis Burke CATHEDRAL CHOIR	Mar 07 4:00 pm Keegan Cuevas Mar 08 7:00 am Alec Ryan 9:00 am Aiden Tarrant Brennan Tarrant Annabelle Tarrant Bailey Joy Tarrant 11:00 am Chaz Byers Izabelle Byers McKinzy Mathis 5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 02 Mary Rosella McAuliffe	Stanley Dellenger
Tue Mar 03 Vicki Gollotte Cobb	Steve J. Zorich, Sr.
Wed Mar 04 Wayne Leckich	Ray Eggers
Thu Mar 05 Dr. Richard Covington	Mr. James Herren
Fri Mar 06 Thomas E. Connell	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
Sat Mar 07 8 Sr. Mary Jo Mike 4	Josephine Esposito Allen
Sun Mar 08 7 Mr. James Herren 9	F.T.P
11:00 – James Tanner	5:30 Annette Lurth (S.I.)

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Reggie D. Harvey, Elizabeth Moon Anderson, Rocky Long, 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 Skrmetta, 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 and our Homebound Parishioners.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Our Children's Choir and our NES Children liturgists will share in March on Sunday the 22nd at the 9:00 am Children's Mass.

ADULT CHORAL MINISTRY:

"Gloria In Excelsis" – "GIE" – the Cathedral's Choral Society rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the stage of the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Any interested individuals who would like to join us are welcome! We are preparing for our March 28th Concert-Service – "Reflections on Holy Week".

"Cathedral Choir"

The Cathedral Choir rehearses downstairs by the Confessional on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Any interested individuals who would like to join us are welcome! The Cathedral Choir will sing for the 11 am Mass for Sunday, March 8th and for the special Diocese "Rite of Election" Mass at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th.

DIOCESE LITURGICAL EVENT:

Our Diocese will celebrate the "Rite of Election" RCIA Mass on Sunday afternoon, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. Our Cathedral Choir along with other guest singers will share in the Mass. Our congregational family and members of the Diocese family are cordially invited to attend.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

The Lenten Season is a very special time of reflection, sacrifice and dedicated focus on our relationship with God. Have you considered making one of your Lenten practices a trial of joining our Cathedral Choir? Come and be a part of this ministry of sharing the sung praises and prayers of our faith and serving our congregation family and Diocese community! Come join the fellowship of our Music Ministry family. And pray for our ministry and all of the ministries of our Cathedral and for our clergy! 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.

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.

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL NEWS!

Registration for the 20-21 School Year is underway. Please visit our website at <http://www.nativitybvm.org> to register your returning student or to submit an application for a new student. We look forward to having a school full of saints!

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

St. Patrick Catholic High School is now enrolling for the 2020-21 school year. Our faculty and staff are called to educate scholars, train disciples, and support champions. To learn more about the St. Patrick experience, visit our website at www.stpatrickhighschool.net. For more information or to schedule a tour of the school, please contact Dr. Matt Buckley at 228-702-0500 or mbuckley@stpatrickhighschool.net.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for March 3, 2020: Puz (Don & Zina), Ramon (Missy), Rensch (Terri), Rhodes (Jamie & Whorton, Lee), Richards (Sally) and Richardson (Debbie). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 9-11:00 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	# 125
OFFERTORY	# 116
COMMUNION	# 373
SENDING	# 127