

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 3 – 4 – **Special Collection** – Extension Society
- August 4 – **First Sunday Social** following Mass
CCD registration in the parish hall after Mass
- August 6 – **Ultreya** – St. Mary at 7 p.m.
- August 11 – **Blessing of Backpacks** for students and teachers
CCD registration in the parish hall after Mass
- August 13 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting at **6 p.m.**
- August 15 – **Feast of the Assumption**
Mass – 12 noon (**NO 8 a.m. Mass**)
- August 19 – **Bingo** at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
- August 22 – **RCIA** – 6 P.M.
- August 27 – **Adoration** – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- August 29 – **RCIA** – 6 P.M.
- August 31 – September 1 – **Special Collection**
Catholic University

RCIA CLASSES – The RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) process allows interested candidates to be introduced to the Roman Catholic beliefs and practices over a several month process. These weekly classes are also open to those who were baptized Catholic and have not been practicing the faith and any Catholic adults who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation. The classes at St. Joseph meet each Thursday beginning on August 22 at 6 p.m. Please call the parish office for more information.

CCD CLASSES – Registration for these classes will be in the parish hall after Mass **TODAY**. Parents of Catholic students attending public school will need to register their students at this time. Students attending RCS are also welcome to attend the classes. Dates and meeting times will be discussed at registration.

TEACHERS – We are currently seeking CCD teachers and volunteers. You may call the parish office for more information or come by during registration after Mass today.

BACKPACK BUDDIES
Monetary donations are still being accepted. You may place a donation in the regular collection identified as being for **Backpack Buddies**. Our parish donations of mac and cheese are needed weekly to assist this local ministry that helps provide weekend meals for needy children throughout the school year.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE – next sale – **August 17** (8 a.m. – noon)

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **August 11** – **Team #2**
Lynn Denmark and Cathye Frederic

RCS SCHOOL NEWS

- Teachers & Staff return to school on August 5
- RCES –Parent Night at 6 p.m. on August 6
- Students return to school on August 8
- PTO Meeting – RCHS at 6 p.m.
- Combined Mass – Elementary Gym on August 30

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- August 4 – **CCD Registration**
Youth serving lunch at Our Daily Bread
- August 7 – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – 6 p.m.
Mass at 7 p.m.
- August 14 – *Holy day of obligation* – Mass 7 p.m. (Wed)
Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Pastoral Council Meeting 6 p.m. (Wed)
- August 21 – **Finance Council Meeting** 6 p.m. (Wed)
- August 25 – **CCD classes** begin

THE YOUTH will be serving lunch at Our Daily Bread August 4th. If anyone would like to help the YOUTH with the meal or with a Monetary donation contact Jenny Moseley.

CCD REGISTRATION will begin August 4th. Classes begin on August 25th.

RCIA If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Deacon Frank, or sign the RCIA sheet in the parish hall.

CCD & CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS
If you are interested in being a CHILDREN'S CHURCH or CCD teacher, please see Jenny Moseley before August 11th.

PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL

Please let Father Peter, Deacon Emery, Deacon Frank or the parish office know when you or a relative is in the hospital so that the person can be visited. Many people are in the hospital, but do not list themselves as Catholic and can be missed during the regular weekly visits.

FUNERAL POLICY

If you are planning to have a funeral service at St. Joseph Church or St. Ann Church, please notify the parish office upon the death of a loved one. We may then reserve the Church/hall, notify the Bereavement committee and work together with the Funeral Home director.

WAYNE LEE'S offers "bucks back to school". This locally owned grocery store contributes a percentage of your total receipts to RCS school. Please save your receipts and ask your friends and neighbors to help and send them to the school for redemption.

NO ONE'S ENEMY

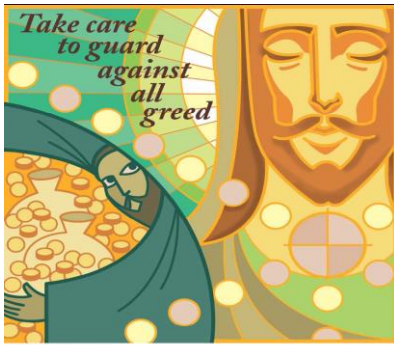
May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

—St. Eusebius of Vercelli

USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.



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COLLECTIONS – JULY 27 - 28

ST. JOSEPH

Regular Collection – \$ 2,126.00
Building Fund – \$ 192.00
Children's Offertory – \$ 1.00

ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 2,286.25
Building Fund – \$ 377.00
Children's Offertory – \$ 11.80

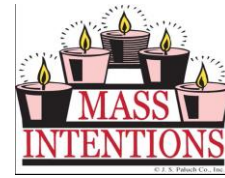
Thank you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Special Collection

August 31 – September 1 – Catholic University

EXTENSION SOCIETY COLLECTION

– Since 1977, the Diocese of Biloxi has been partnering with Catholic Extension to build the faith in Southern Mississippi. Join us and together we can build and repair churches, strengthen and grow essential ministries, and support our lay and ordained leaders. Please give generously to this weekend's collection to support the work of Catholic Extension in our Diocese and beyond.



- Saturday 4 p.m. – Robert Smith (RIP)
- Sunday 8 a.m. – Matthew St. Andrie (RIP)
- Sunday 10 a.m. – People of the Parish
- Tuesday 8 a.m. – All the faithful departed
- Wednesday 8 a.m. – Special intention for peace in the family
- Thursday 8 a.m. – Maria Ngat (RIP)
- Friday 8 a.m. – Peter Vinh (RIP)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday – 3:10 p.m.

MASS REQUESTS – If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for the intention of a loved one, a special occasion, or a deceased friend or family member, envelopes are available in the vestibule or you may call or mail your request to the parish office. A ten dollar donation is suggested for each intention.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen

PRAYER LIST: Arthur Trochesset, Barbara N. Thomas, Audria Viers, the Holt family, Janet Wells, Nicole Mary Green, Effie Williams, Gary Brown, Kelly Chamberlain, George Hinkel, Eva Hinkel, Wanda St. Andrie, Laurie Laffery, Steve Martinez, Jane Ivey, Glenda Jackson, Charles Pinkney, Elma Carter, Tom Browning, Judy Smith, Susan George, Jane Norton, Nikki Hans, Gloria Long, Burton Roton, Linda Huy, Conner Driscoll, Amsley Goodings, Betty Bodden, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Elizabeth and Jerry Brister, Mary Jo Garrett, Inge Bellone, Linda Greer, Nathan Rowe, Anita-Matthews, Denny Denmark, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Barbara Easley, Ron Hudson, Jimmy McCarty, Joanie and Kermit Loupe, Norman Jardine, Gail Seely, Deborah Green, Kenneth Hoskins, Greg Davidson, Krista Toehay, Jaina Snyder, Bill Massey, Dixie McCormack, Bruce Merrill, the family of Sheryl Sullivan, the family of Grace French, the souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Shirley Sullivan**. Please keep the Sullivan family in your thoughts and prayers and may God give them comfort and peace in their time of loss.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.