

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 19 – **Bingo** at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
 August 22 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. - ch. 1 – Deacon Emery Edler
 August 27 – **Adoration** – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 August 29 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – ch. 2 – Deacon Frank Martin
 August 31 – September 1 – **Special Collection**
 Catholic University

FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of **Antoinette Herman** and in honor of **Eva Hinkel** on the occasion of her 95th birthday and were given by Fran Bacak and George Hinkel.

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 begin this Thursday (**August 22 at 6 p.m.**) Please call the parish office for more information.

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 sales – **September 7 and 21 (8 a.m.- noon)** Please support these sales as proceeds help those in need in our local communities.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **August 24 – Team #4**
 Linda Clark and Donna Dart

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 21 – **Finance Council Meeting 6 p.m.** (Wed)
 August 25 – **CCD** classes begin

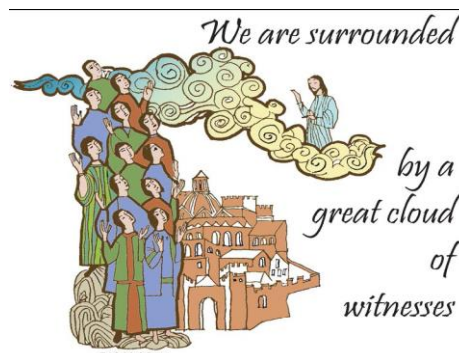
If you missed **CCD** registration you may still sign up. See Jenny Moseley. Classes begin on August 25th.

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.


REQUEST A MASS INTENTION

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass. **Mass Intentions** are for the living and deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions. **Masses** are usually booked 2-3 months in advance, so if you have a particular date on which you want the Mass, you may **call** the office (228-588-0599) Wednesdays 8:30 am – 1:30 pm, **email** hurleystann@gmail.com, or pick up an **envelope** in the back of the church.

Please check out the newest addition to the parish website (stjosephmosspoint.com) to keep up to date with activities for both St. Joseph the Worker and St. Ann parishes, even when you and your family are on the go! In addition to the weekly bulletins, the monthly calendar is now available on line. On the main menu, click on **EVENTS & NEWS** to access the monthly calendar. A paper copy is also available in the church for those who prefer to keep up with parish activities in a more traditional way.



MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS will be held on Sunday, **August 25** at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 12290 Depew Rd, Gulfport. This Mass is sponsored by Father Harry Wade Council 7910. If you have special needs and don't ordinarily attend Mass, or, if you would like to bring a friend or relative with special needs to this Mass, please know that you are invited and encouraged to join. For more information, contact, **Bari Matherne** at 228-209-2336.



RCS SCHOOL NEWS

PTO Meeting – RCHS - 6 pm - **Aug 27**
 Combined Mass – RCES Gym 8am - **Aug 30**

WAYNE LEE'S offers “bucks back to schools”. This locally owned grocery store contributes a percentage of the total receipts to RCS school. Please save these receipts and ask your friends and neighbors to help.

JERRY LEE'S RECEIPTS PROGRAM – RCS is again collecting store receipts dated **September 1, 2019** through March of 2020. The proceeds will be used to purchase supplies.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION are collected by RCS and the proceeds earned provide miscellaneous income to use with special projects for the students throughout the year.

Boxes in the church are labeled for these items and all items collected will be sent to the school at the end of each month.

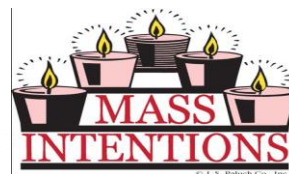
LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.



- Saturday 4 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday 8 a.m. – George David Smith (RIP)
- Sunday 10 a.m. – Antoinette Herman (RIP)
Eva Hinkel (Special intention)
- Tuesday 8 a.m. – In thanksgiving for favors received
- Wednesday 8 a.m. – All the faithful departed
- Thursday 8 a.m. – Grace French (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

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, Glenda Jackson, Charles Pinkney, Tom Browning, Judy Smith, Susan George, Jane Norton, Nikki Hans, Gloria Long, Linda Huy, Conner Driscoll, Amsley Goodings, Betty Bodden, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Mary Jo Garrett, Inge Bellone, Linda Greer, Nathan Rowe, Anita Matthews, Denny Denmark, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joanie and Kermit Loupe, Norman Jardine, Gail Seely, Deborah Green, Kenneth Hoskins, Greg Davidson, Krista Toehay, Jaina Snyder, Bill Massey, Duncan May, Pat McAdams, Dixie McCormack, Barbara Easley, the family of Jane Ivey, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Steve Wade, for our country and our community, the souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

COLLECTIONS – AUGUST 10 - 11

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,400.00
- Building Fund – \$ 451.00
- Backpack Buddies – \$25.00
- Children's Offertory – \$ 8.70

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,958.25
- Building Fund – \$513.00
- Children's Offertory – \$ 14.00

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Special Collection

August 31 – September 1 – Catholic University

