

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 31 – September 1 – **Special Collection**
Catholic University of America
 September 1 – **First Sunday Social** following Mass
 September 3 – **Ultreya** – St. Mary's in Gautier, 7 p.m.
 September 5 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – ch. 3 – Deacon Frank Martin
 September 7 – **Altar Server Training** at 10 a.m.
 September 8 – **CCD** meets at 9 a.m. in the parish hall
Confirmation prep meets at 5:30 p.m.
 September 10 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting at 6 p.m.

FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of **Tom and Betty Murphy** and were given by Pat McAdams.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, **September 7**, 10 a.m. in the church with Father Peter Varghese and Deacon Emery Elder. Lunch will follow in the parish hall. This is for all current altar servers and those who would like to begin serving. Open to everyone (grade 3 or above)



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

(formerly Morning Star Charities) food drive and collection of new or gently used children's books – **September 7– 8 & September 14–15**. We are asking for rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, and canned meats for the local food pantry.



Food Collection

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 30** – Team # 1
 Cynthia Grierson, Melissa Miller, and Patty Waters

RCS SCHOOL NEWS

PTO Meeting – RCHS 6 p.m. on **August 27**

Combined Mass – RCES Gym 8 a.m. on **August 30**

WAYNE LEE'S offers "bucks back to schools". Please save these receipts and ask your friends and neighbors to help.

JERRY LEE'S RECEIPTS PROGRAM – collecting store receipts dated collected beginning **September 1**.

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.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug 25 – **CCD Meet the Teacher**
 Sept 1 – **NO CCD**
 Sept 4 – **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament 6 pm
Mass at 7 pm
 Sept 8 – **CCD classes begin** 9:15 am

CCD Meet the Teacher – Please join us after Mass today in the church to meet our CCD teachers this year.

Welcome to our St. Ann parish family: the Jason Hinkel family, Ms. Leona Loupe, the Louis Bienvenu, Jr. family, and the Jason Lennep family.

RCIA – Are you searching for answers to life's questions, looking for community, or just wondering what the Catholic Church has to offer? RCIA is a way to discover the treasure of the Catholic Faith. If you'd like more information or if you know someone who may want to join us, see Deacon Frank or call him at 228-327-5068.

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.

"Back to School" with the focus on BACKPACK BUDDIES of East Central – Please help us collect items for the children in our area that need the simple things of food. **BACKPACK BUDDIES** items needed throughout the school year are oatmeal, grits, or cereal in single - serving packs. Box located at the church entrance.

Please support the Advertisers found on the back of the Bulletin. Please share this information with friends and business in the community. These ads help defray the cost of the bulletins and missalettes. If you or someone you know would like to become an advertiser call
 1-800-635-0622



WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

I never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a great deal about their acts.



COLLECTIONS - AUGUST 17 - 18

ST. JOSEPH

Regular Collection – \$ 2,675.00
 Building Fund – \$ 327.00
 Children's Offertory – \$ 7.00

ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 1,342.00
 Building Fund – \$ 319.00
 Children's Offertory – \$ 7.00

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Special Collection

August 31 – September 1 – Catholic University

Next weekend, we will be taking up a special collection for the **Catholic University of America**. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the US bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Located in Washington, DC, the University provides education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students annually. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country. Your gift will make great things possible. You can learn more at: collection.catholic.edu

Mass Intentions



Saturday 4 p.m. – Kevin Stachowski, Sr. (RIP)
 Sunday 8 a.m. – Bishop Joseph L. Howze (RIP)
 Sunday 10 a.m. – People of the Parish
 Tuesday 8 a.m. – In thanksgiving for favors received
 Wednesday 8 a.m. – Maria Ngat (RIP)
 Thursday 8 a.m. – Peter Bellone (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.



Prayer Requests

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing, bless our family and friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. If you would like to add someone to this list, please call the parish office.

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.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Jane Ann Ivey**. Please keep her friends and 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.

