

**St. Joseph's News**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 8 – CCD meets at 9 a.m. in the parish hall  
*“Forming Intentional Disciples”*  
 Confirmation prep meets at 5:30 p.m.

September 10 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting at 6 p.m.

September 12 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – ch. 4 – Deacon Emery Elder

September 14 – 15 – **Special Collection** – *Seaman Center*

September 15 – **Catechetical Sunday** – *“Stay With Us”*

September 16 – **Bingo** at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.

September 19 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – ch. 5 – Deacon Emery Elder

September 21 – 22 – **Knights of Columbus** – **Silver Rose**

September 22 – **CCD** – 9 a.m. in the parish hall  
 Youth Mass 10 a.m.– students from RCS  
 Ladies Auxiliary meeting following Mass

September 24 – **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

September 26 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – ch. 6 – Patty Waters

September 26 – 29 – **Men’s Cursillo** – in Dedeaux

**CONFIRMATION PREP** class will meet at TODAY at **5:30 p.m.** at the home of Al Bodden. This class is for all 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders planning to receive Confirmation during this school year.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI**

Food drive and collection of new or gently used children’s books –through **September 15**. We are in need of rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, and canned meats for the food pantry. Please bring your donations to the church.

**WELCOME** to St. Joseph Parish: the Theresa Williams family, John McDonald, and the Joey Burgett family.

**PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY** Copies of the names of the priests from the Biloxi diocese for the months of September and October are available in the vestibule.

**BACKPACK BUDDIES** Monetary donations may be placed 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 – **September 21 (8 a.m.- noon)** - Please support these sales as proceeds help those in need in our local communities.

**HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS** for **September 14– Team #3**– Elena May, Sharon Martin, Linda Huy and Judie Sellars

***Prayer for protection from storms***  
*O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.*  
*Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature.*  
*We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**St. Ann's News**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Sept 8 – **CCD classes begin** 9:15 am

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** is in need of additional items including canned foods to help the needy of our community. Please see a SVDP member on how you can help.

**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 parish office (228-588-0599) Wednesdays 8:30 am – 1:30 pm, **email** [hurleystann@gmail.com](mailto:hurleystann@gmail.com), or pick up an **envelope** in the back of the church.

**BACKPACK BUDDIES of East Central**

Items needed throughout the school year are oatmeal, grits, or cereal in single -serving packs. Box located at the church entrance.

**CO-ED ARISE** **October 4 - 6** – Arise is designed with the non-Catholic in mind and for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more info/application, contact 228-382-3215.

The office of vocations of the Diocese of Biloxi is in need of a car for the ministry of our seminarians. If anyone wishes to donate a vehicle, please contact the vocation office at [q.pleban@gmail.com](mailto:q.pleban@gmail.com) or call Deacon John Jennings at the diocese 228 702 2100

***A Grandparents Prayer***

*God, thank you for blessing my child with children that I love unconditionally.*

*I pray that you watch over, protect and guide them through a long and healthy life.*

*Give my grandchildren the **courage** to follow their **dreams** and stand for their beliefs.*

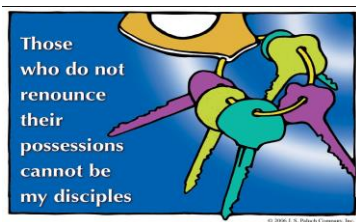
*Should the time come that I leave the Earth, please bless that I have left them with the certainty that **my love** for them is **forever and always.***

***Happy Grandparents Day***



**POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES**

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.



**COLLECTIONS – AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 1**

**ST. JOSEPH**

Regular Collection – \$ 3,745.00  
 Building Fund – \$ 210.00  
 Catholic University – \$ 348.24  
 Children's Offertory – \$ 2.55

**ST. ANN**

Regular Collection – \$ 2,511.75  
 Catholic University – \$ 240.00  
 Children's Offertory – \$ 3.00

*Thank you for your continued generous support.*

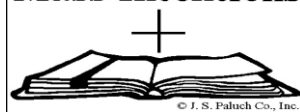
*Upcoming Special Collection*

**September 14 – 15 – Seaman Center**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEAMAN CENTER**

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend to support the diocesan Apostleship of the Sea. This ministry provides sailors at sea with the very basic fulfillment of their responsibilities as practicing Catholics. The funds support a center at the port and provide transportation for the seamen whenever they are allowed to leave the ship to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments.

**Mass Intentions**



Saturday 4 p.m. – Michael Bodden (RIP)  
 Sunday 8 a.m. – Doug and Shelia Burgett (special intentions)  
 Sunday 10 a.m. – People of the Parish  
 Tuesday 8 a.m. – All the faithful departed  
 Wednesday 8 a.m. – Maria Ngat (RIP)  
 Thursday 8 a.m. – Maria Me (RIP)  
 Friday 8 a.m. – Thu Tran (special intentions)

**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, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Steve Wade, Kay McBroom, Bishop Roger Morin, for our country and our community, those affected by Hurricane Dorian, all grandparents, the souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

**SURVIVING DIVORCE**

This twelve-week program may be the first step to healing. It begins on Thursday, **September 19**, at 7:00 p. m. in Fannon Hall, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Ocean Springs. The cost for participants is \$25 and includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings. Call the parish office 228-875-0654 or visit [stelseton.com](http://stelseton.com) for more information.