

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Nov 30 – Dec 1 – **Special Collection – St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy**
- Dec 1 – **Confirmation prep** – 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 3 – **Ultreya** – 7 p.m. at St. Mary's
- Dec 5 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. the theology and spiritually of the Holy Mass (All are invited to attend.)
- Dec 8 – **Parish Christmas Dinner** – following Mass
- Dec 9 – **Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party** - 6 p.m.
- Dec 12 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapters 15 and 16
- Dec 15 – **CCD** meets – 9 a.m.
- Dec 16 – **Bingo** at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.

PARISH CENSUS

If you have not done so already, please take a few minutes today to complete the census survey. Thank you for taking the time to update our parish records.

RCIA – December 5th at 6 p.m.

Fr. Peter will give a power point presentation on the theology and spiritually of the **Holy Mass**. All are invited.

PARISH POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 8 – Parish Christmas dinner following Mass. The members of the Ladies Auxiliary will provide the meat, sweet potatoes, dressing, and beverages. You are asked to bring a favorite salad, dessert, or vegetable dish to complete the meal.

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 9, 6 p.m. home of Jo Powers. Bring an appetizer and a \$15 gift for Sneaky Santa. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR WHITFIELD

The collection of leisure gifts and personal care items for patients at the the hospitals in Whitfield and Meridian will continue through **December 11th**. Items to consider include: puzzles, cards, portable radios, stationery, game books, arts and crafts kits, hats, socks, slippers, caps, pjs, footies, and personal care items. Do NOT wrap your items or include anything in glass containers.

BACKPACK BUDDIES Our parish donations of mac and cheese are needed weekly to assist this local ministry.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE – next sales – **December 7 and 21 (8 a.m.- noon)**

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for Dec 7– **Team # 3** – Elena May, Sharon Martin, Linda Huy and Judie Sellars

MAKING ADVENT MORE MEANINGFUL

- Add a daily Mass to your weekly schedule.
- Take home a copy of *Our Journey Toward Joy*, a booklet of daily reflections, practices and prayers
- Pray the Advent Prayer daily

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sundays – **CCD** – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
- RCIA** – Chapter 15
- Dec 1 – **Adoration** of the **Blessed Sacrament** 9:15 a.m.
- Dec 4 – **Adoration** of the **Blessed Sacrament** 6 p.m.
- Mass** at 7 p.m.
- Dec 5 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. the theology and spiritually of the Holy Mass (All are invited to attend.)
St. Joseph Parish Hall
- Dec 7 – **St. Ann Craft Fair** (8 a.m. – 3 p. m.)

RCIA – December 5th at 6 p.m.

Fr. Peter will give a power point presentation on the theology and spiritually of the **Holy Mass**. All are invited.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – Would like to Thank you so much for your participation in the Thanksgiving Bags. We have delivered to the school and made a few home visits to those in need. With Christmas break approaching soon, we will once again be collecting food for Christmas meal bags. If you are able, please consider making a donation. Bags need to be turned in by December 15th.

Parish Census 2019 – If you haven't filled out a **Registration Form** for your family please pick up a copy in the front of Church. You may drop them off in the Church office.

St. Ann Craft Fair will be next Saturday (8 am – 3 pm). If you are interested in a spot see Millie Cade 228-217-4982 or Tiffany Bosarge 228-369-9019. Spots for the Craft Fair are \$25 and the proceeds go to the New Wine Scholarships.

Advent Retreat – As we approach the **Advent** season we need to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' arrival. This year **St. Ann's** will be hosting an **Advent Retreat**. To make this experience the best it can and should be, we are asking for volunteers to help coordinate. The retreat will be on Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 am. Please see Kelly Green or Zachary Moseley.

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.

AMAZING POSSIBILITIES

God sees them ALL. It's time you see them, too!

Join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for **BEST ADVENT EVER** – a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic holidays. Take the first step toward discovering your amazing future at BestAdventEver.com

WOMEN'S CURSILLO – **December 5 – 9** - Sacred Heart Center in Dedeaux. For more information, see or call Shelia Burgett (228-249-1450).

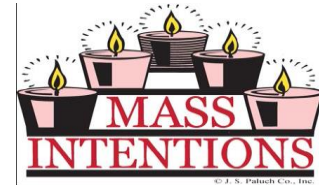
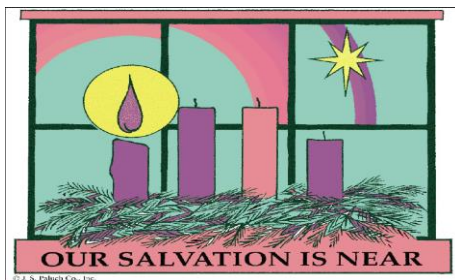
BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury



- Sat 4 pm – Clairphe & Edolie Delcambre, Dot Summerlin, Bill & Dutch Larsen, Olene & Charles Ferguson
- Sun 8 am – People of the Parish
- Sun 10 am – Grace French (RIP)
- Tues 8 am – Maria (RIP)
- Wed 8 am – Maria Ngat (RIP)
- Thurs 8 am – David Huy, Sr. (RIP)
- Fri 8 am – In thanksgiving for favors received

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sat. – 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, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Mary Jo Garrett, Inge Bellone, 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, Pat McAdams, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Kay McBroom, Deacon Emery Elder, Karen Zettler, Kris Allen, Christi Seely, Betty Bodden, Dixie McCormack, the unborn, all the faithful departed, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

COLLECTIONS – NOVEMBER 23 - 24

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,588.25
- Building Fund – \$ 75.00
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development – \$ 354.00
- Children's Collection – \$ 5.80
- Christmas Flowers – \$ 5.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,942.75
- Children's Offertory – \$ 6.50
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development – \$ 298.00

Upcoming Special Collection

December 7 - 8 Retired Religious

Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next weekend's special collection helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

Envelopes for Christmas Flower donations are available in the church. You may donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. These names will be printed in the special Christmas bulletin. Envelopes may be placed in the regular collection.

