

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dec 24 – **Nativity of the Lord – Vigil Mass** – 4 p.m.
A program of Christmas music will begin at 3:45 p.m.
- Dec 25 – **Nativity of the Lord – Mass** – 10 a.m.
- Jan 1 – **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
Mass – 10 a.m.
- Jan 5 – **First Sunday Social** following Mass
Our Daily Bread – prepare/serve meal
- Jan 7 – **Ultreya** – 7 p.m. – St. Mary
- Jan 9 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapter 17
- Jan 12 – **CCD** – 9 a.m.
- Jan 14 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting – 6 p.m.
- Jan 16 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapter 19
- Jan 19 – **CCD** – 9 a.m.
- Jan 20 – **Bingo** – Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
- Jan 23 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapter 20
- Jan 26 – **Ladies Auxiliary** meeting following Mass
- Jan 30 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – chapter 21

PARISH CENSUS – If you have not filled out a census form for you and your family, please do so this weekend. It is important to have current contact information on all parishioners.

OUR DAILY BREAD – St. Joseph will be responsible for preparing and serving the meal on Sunday, **January 5**. We are in need of servers and volunteers to prepare the food. The menu will include baked beans, potato salad, and dessert (cookies, brownies, cakes). If you would like help in any way, please contact **Linda Clark** at the parish office.

BACKPACK BUDDIES Our parish donations of mac and cheese are needed weekly to assist this local ministry. Monetary donations may also be made. Place your donation in the regular collection and designate **“Backpack Buddies.”**

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for Dec 27– **Team # 2** – Lynn Denmark and Cathye Frederic



O Lord our God,
make us watchful
and heedful as we await
the coming of your Son,
Christ our Lord,
that when he comes and
knocks,
He will find us not
sleeping in sin but awake
and rejoicing in His
praises; through Jesus
Christ
our Lord.
Amen

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sundays – No CCD & RCIA
- Dec 24 – **Vigil Mass for Nativity of the Lord** – 6 p.m.
- Dec 31 – **Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** – 7 p.m. Tuesday
- Jan 12 – **Youth Mass** 6th – 8th grade

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

2020 Contribution Envelopes are available in the back of church. Some families have different numbers this year. Please pick up yours today.

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.



Nativity of the Lord
Mass Schedule
Tuesday, December 24
St. Joseph Church – 4 p.m.
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St. Ann Church – 6 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25
St. Joseph Church – 10 a.m.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

SUMMONED BY GOD

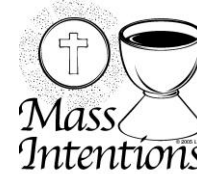
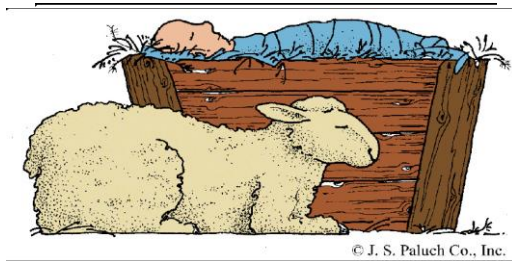
As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you. — Anonymous

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas. — Charles Dickens



Sat. 4 pm – Elarry Brumfield, Sr. (RIP)
Elarry Brumfield, Jr. (RIP)

Sun. 8 am – People of the Parish

Sun. 10 am – Grace French (RIP)

Tues. 4 pm – Jere' Larsen, Sr. (RIP)

Wed. 10 am – In thanksgiving for favors received

Thur. 8 am – Maria Ngat (RIP)

Fri. 8 am – Peter Vinh (RIP)

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.

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, Tony Garriga, Sandra Lyons, the family of Dixie McCormack, the family of Frances Kaiser, the unborn, all the faithful departed, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

COLLECTIONS – December 14 - 15

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,379.00
- Building Fund – \$ 324.50
- St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy – \$ 40.00
- Retired Religious - \$ 20.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 70.00
- Children's Collection – \$5.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,335.25
- Building Fund – \$ 343.00
- Christmas Flower Donations – \$ 10.00
- Children's Offertory – \$ 16.50

Upcoming Special Collections 2020

January 4 – 5 – Aged & Infirm Priests

January 25 – 26 – Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission

The **Choose Life Billboard Initiative** seeks to place billboards along Interstate 10 and other prominent roadways to promote respect for all human life and to bring awareness to alternatives to abortion. If you would like to support this initiative, you may send donations to St. James Catholic Church, 366 Cowan Road, Gulfport, MS 39507. Please include "Choose Life Billboards" on the memo line. If you have question, you may contact Penny Sullivan at 228-864-9061. **Choose Life: Pray, Pray, Pray**