

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 25 – 26 – **Special Collection – Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission**
- Jan 26 – **Ladies Auxiliary** meeting following Mass
Confirmation prep. – 5:30 p.m.
- Jan 28 – **Adoration** – 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Jan 30 – **Mass** – 8 a.m. – Fr. Arockia Doss
RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapter 21
- Feb 2 – **First Sunday Social**
- Feb 4 – **Utreya** – St. Mary in Gautier – 7 p.m.
- Feb 6 – **Mass** – 8 a.m. – Fr. Arockia Doss
RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapter 22
- Feb 9 – **CCD** – 9 a.m.
- Feb 11 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting – 6 p.m.
- Feb 13 – **Mass** – 8 a.m. – Fr. Arockia Doss
RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapters 23 and 24
- Feb 15 – **RCS 75th Carnival Ball**
- Feb 16 – **CCD** – 9 a.m.
- Feb 17 – **Bingo** at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
- Feb 18 – **Finance Council** – 6 p.m.

FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of **Hilton** and **Helen Floyd** and **Alvin Stachowski** and were given by Duncan and Elena May.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Tuesday, January 28

Can you spend just 30 minutes with me?

A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church.

FLOWER REQUESTS

Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar for a weekend may use the sign-up sheet in the back of church to schedule a date.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE – next sales –

February 1 and 15 (8 a.m. – noon) – The store is also in need of additional volunteers to help with the sales.

BACKPACK BUDDIES Our parish donations of mac and cheese are needed weekly throughout the school year. You may place a monetary donation in the regular collection and designate “Backpack Buddies” on the memo line.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for Jan 31 – Team # 3 –

Sharon Martin, Linda Huy and Judie Sellars



January 26 – February 1

- Wednesday – **Open House**
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Friday – **CSW Mass** – 8 a.m.
Delmas Activity Center

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

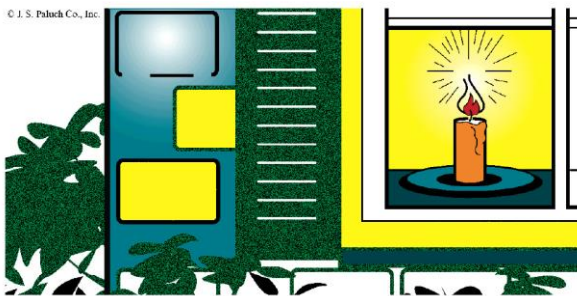
- Sunday – **CCD & RCIA** 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Chapter 21
- Jan 26 – **Youth Mass** 6th – 8th grade
- Jan 29 – Liturgy of the Word – 7 p.m.
- Feb 5 – Liturgy of the Word – 7 p.m.
- Feb 9 – **Youth Mass** Pk – 1st
- Feb 12 – Liturgy of the Word – 7 p.m.
- Feb 19 – **Pastoral Council** – 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 26 – **Finance Council** – 5:30 p.m.

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.

WOMEN'S GIFT will present a silent retreat directed by Fr. Dominic Pham based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola at Kelly Retreat Center the weekend of **February 21-23**. Openings are limited and registration deadline is **February 14**. For more information, contact Mildred Bolden at 228-547-0974 or email mil476@yahoo.com

The St James Pro-Life Billboard Initiative wishes to thank the parishioners of St Joseph the Worker and St. Ann Mission for your generosity in donating \$1,897 in support of the Pro-Life billboards. We now have 7 billboards in the areas of Hattiesburg, Meridian and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, with more coming. Please keep the unborn in your prayers & God bless you all.

Thank You!



WELCOME

Rev. Anthony (Tony) Arguelles and **Rev. John (Jack) Sajdak** will be celebrating the Masses at St. Joseph and St. Ann this weekend. Fr. Tony is retired pastor from OLV and Fr. Sajdak is on winter vacation visiting with Mary Ann and Mike Daniel.

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.



Next weekend at all Masses, the blessing of the throats will be given asking that through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, those blessed will be protected from all illness.

COLLECTIONS – January 18 - 19

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,226.00
- Building Fund – \$ 248.00
- Backpack Buddies – \$ 9.01
- Children's Collection – \$ 15.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,548.25
- Children's Offertory – \$ 13.00
- Building Fund – \$ 391.70

Upcoming Special Collections

- February 26 (Ash Wednesday) – Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa***
- February 29 – March 1 – Black and Indian Missions***



MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. 4 pm – David Huy, Sr. (RIP)
- Sun. 8 am – People of the Parish
- Sun. 10 am – Dixie McCormack (RIP)
- Thurs. 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, 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, Pat McAdams, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Kay McBroom, Deacon Emery Elder, Karen Zettler, Kris Allen, Christi Seely, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, the family of Mary Jo Garrett, the unborn, all the faithful departed, peace in our world, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

This weekend, we take up the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. Many people there do not have access to church programs and ministries. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters living there to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Envelopes in the pews provide an option to give to the Church in Latin America or to the Saltillo Mission.