

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb 16 – CCD – 9 a.m.
- Feb 17 – Bingo at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
- Feb 18 – Finance Council – 6 p.m.
- Feb 20 – RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapters 25, 26 and 27
- Feb 23 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting following Mass
- Feb 25 – Adoration – begins following 8 a.m. Mass
- Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday – a day of fast and abstinence  
(Mass and Distribution of Ashes – 12 noon)  
*Special Collection – Churches in Eastern Europe and Churches in Africa*
- Feb 27 – RCIA – 6 p.m. – chapters 28, 29 and 30
- Feb 29 – Cookie Baking Day – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Feb 29 – Mar 1 – *Special collection – Black and Indian Missions*

Can you spend just 30 minutes with me?

ADORATION – A sign-up sheet for Tuesday, February 25, is located in the back of the church. Adoration begins following morning Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

Food drive and collection of new or gently used children's books – through March 1. They are always in need of rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, and canned meats for the food pantry. Please bring your donations to the church on any weekend in February.

CYO BINGO – Sunday, Mar 1 – in the parish hall following Mass - Let's kick off the best Lent ever with a Ham, Cake and Wine Bingo to help our CYO raise money for convention, We will have pulled pork sandwiches, sausage dogs, nachos, coleslaw, chips and dessert available to purchase for lunch. Anyone interested in donating a ham, homemade cake or wine, please contact Becky Fagan @ 228-217-4566.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR 2020

We will host the annual St. Joseph Altar on Saturday, March 21 (viewing with punch and cookies served in the parish hall after the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass) and Sunday, March 22. The blessing of the St. Joseph Altar will take place on Sunday after Mass in the parish hall. The meatless pot luck meal and Tupa Tupa program will follow. You may make an offering at this time for flowers to be used on the altar "*in memory of*" or "*in honor of*". Photos are being collected of deceased loved ones, first responders, and military for the *Memory Table*. Statues and religious articles are also being collected for display on the altar. Items may be brought to the office during regular hours. **Cookie baking dates: February 29 and March 14** – both Saturdays times are from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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.

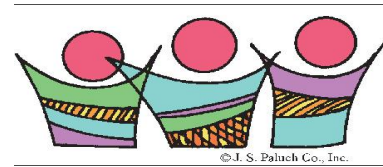
HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Feb 21 – Team # 2** – Lynn Denmark, and Cathye Frederic

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sundays – CCD & RCIA 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  
RCIA – Chapters 25, 26, & 27
- Feb 19 – Pastoral Council mtg. – 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday – a day of fast and abstinence  
Finance Council mtg. – 5:30 p.m.  
Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 7 p.m.
- Mar 20 – 22 – Diocesan Youth Celebration

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.



CATHOLIC DAY AT THE CAPITOL 2020

Wednesday, **March 4**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral Parish Center in Jackson. This year's topic is "*Access to Adequate Healthcare for All.*" To register, go to catholic charities jackson.org/events /catholic-day-at-the-capitol-2020

CO-ED ARISE – The upcoming CO-ED ARISE will be **March 6 - 8** at the Kelly Center Retreat in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. For more information or registration forms, please contact John Johnson at: [Johnjo.papabear@gmail.com](mailto:Johnjo.papabear@gmail.com)

SACRED HEART BOYS YOUTH RETREAT

**March 13 - 15** at the Dedeaux Hilton. This is open to all boys 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information, Please Contact Melvin Ray, retreat director, at 228-861-5546. Application forms are available in the church.

CHRISTMAS ON THE DANUBE

December 9 – 17, 2020. The price of the trip is discounted by \$400 if booked before April 1. The discounted price is \$3,999 per person, double occupancy. For more information call 228-697-7814 or email: [Christmasmarkets2020@gmail.com](mailto:Christmasmarkets2020@gmail.com)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND SERVICES

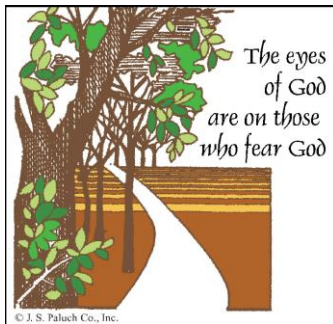
The Pascagoula location is looking for volunteers, both men and women. If you have an extra four hours a week, every two weeks or even once a month then come join us and turn those extra hours into blessings. Remember, if you are helping someone, then maybe you are God's answer to their prayer. If you have an interest, please give us a call at (228) 567-0001.

**CHOICE**

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.



**THE CURE**

The only known cure for fear is faith. —Lena K. Sadler

**WEIGHTY**

An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching. —John Ray

**COLLECTIONS – February 8 - 9**

**ST. JOSEPH**

- Regular Collection – \$ 4,408.25
- Building Fund – \$ 285.25
- Children’s Collection – \$ 3.00
- Backpack Buddies – \$ 15.00
- St. Vincent de Paul - \$ 20.00
- Church in Latin America and Saltillo – \$ 10.00

**ST. ANN**

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,906.60
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 16.00
- Building Fund – \$ 367.00
- Special Collection: CYO – \$ 25.00

***Upcoming Special Collections***

***February 26 (Ash Wednesday) – Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa***

***February 29 – March 1 – Black and Indian Mission***



- Saturday 4 p.m. – Elarry Brumfield, Sr. (RIP)  
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- Sunday 8 a.m. – James Commerton, Sr. (RIP)
- Sunday 10 a.m. – People of the Parish
- Tuesday 8 a.m. – All broken families
- Wednesday 8 a.m. – Peter Phuong Tran (RIP)
- Wednesday 7p.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)
- Thursday 8 a.m. – Maria Ngat (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.

***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, Joan 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, Bill Massey, Doris Batte, the unborn, all the faithful departed, peace in our world, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.

