

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 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 28 – Lenten Dinner – 5 p.m.
Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.
- 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 next weekend. They are always in need of rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, soups, and canned meats for the food pantry.

CYO BINGO – Ham, Cake & Wine Bingo - **Mar 1** – in the parish hall following Mass - We will have pulled pork sandwiches, sausage dogs, nachos, coleslaw, chips and dessert available to purchase for lunch. Anyone interested in donating a ham, cake or bottle of wine, please contact Becky Fagan @ 228-217-4566.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR 2020

We will host the annual St. Joseph Altar on March 21 - March 22. The blessing of the 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: March 14** –from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE – next sales – **March 7 and 21** (8 a.m. – noon) – The store is also in need of additional volunteers to help with these sales.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Feb 28** – **Team # 3** – Sharon Martin, Linda Huy and Judie Sellars



Knights of Columbus
Lenten Fish Fry dinners will be offered each Friday during Lent beginning at 5 p.m. Dine-in and take-out orders will be available.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday – **NO CCD & RCIA** this Sunday
- Feb 26 – **Ash Wednesday** – a day of fast and abstinence
Finance Council mtg. – 5:30 pm
Mass with Distribution of Ashes – 7 pm
- Mar 14 – **Confirmation** – 4 pm at St. Joseph
- Mar 20 – 22 – **Diocesan Youth Celebration**
- Mar 22 – 24 – **Lenten Mission** (at St. Joseph) 6 – 7:30 pm
- Mar 25 – **Penance Service** – 7 pm
- Apr 26 - **1st Holy Communion** – 8 am

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is low on dry and canned foods to help feed our community. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated: canned meats, dry beans, peanut butter & jelly, spaghetti & sauce, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, etc.

If you would like to lead the **Stations of the Cross** on a Friday during Lent, please contact the office or use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

If you would like to **Coordinate the Breakfast** for **1st Holy Communion** or **Graduation**, please let Tiffany Bosarge know as soon as possible.

Senior Citizen Activity Program – every Tuesday at East Jackson County Storm Shelter - 18413 Hwy 613. Senior Exercise (9 – 10 am), **Senior Activity Program** (10 am – 12:30 pm)

SACRED HEART BOYS YOUTH RETREAT
March 13 - 15 at the Dedeaux Hilton. This is open to all boys 9th – 12th grade. For more information, Please Contact Melvin Ray, retreat director, at 228-861-5546. Application forms are available in the church.

2020 CATHOLOC SHARING APPEAL
"**Bring Christ to the World**" - Next weekend, Catholics throughout the Diocese of Biloxi will join together in support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal. As in the past, each of you will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church. Please prayerfully consider joining Bishop Kinneman, our pastor, and your brothers and sisters in Christ in supporting this year's appeal.

CONFIRMATION
Please keep in your prayers the youth of St. Joseph: **Emily Denmark, Aden Felts, Zak Felts, Hudson Hans, Jessica Hatfield, Jaxon Hiestand, Alex Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen and Noah Wieniewitz** and the youth of St. Ann: **Daniel Goff, Alex Fuentes, Jason Micor, Victoria Moseley, Chloe Nobles, Michael Semrick, and Jeb Stewart** as they make their final preparations to receive this sacrament on Saturday, **March 14**, at the **4 p.m.** Vigil Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Church.

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord’s message, through Moses, was to “take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, “Great in theory, but not always realistic!”

Then Jesus in today’s Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we’re tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the “real world.”

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Our parish will take up the annual collection for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** on Ash Wednesday. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by tension and division. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

On Ash Wednesday our parish will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

COLLECTIONS – February 15 – 16

ST. JOSEPH

Regular Collection – \$ 2,369.00
 Building Fund – \$ 334.00
 Children’s Collection – \$ 4.00

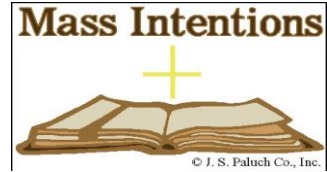
ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 1,560.75
 Children’s Offertory – \$ 2.50
 Special Collection: CYO – \$ 336.25

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. – The living and deceased members of the Cox and Blackledge families
- Sunday 8 a.m. – Anita Bradley (RIP)
- Sunday 10 a.m. – People of the Parish
- Tuesday 8 a.m. – In thanksgiving for favors received
- Wednesday 12 noon. – Peter Phuong Tran (RIP)
- Wednesday 7 p.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, Terri Byrd, Roun McNeal, the family and friends of Father Mike Kelleher, the unborn, all the faithful departed, peace in our world, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Each Friday
 7 p.m.
 St. Joseph Church
 St. Ann Mission**