

St. Joseph's News

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Mar 15 – **CCD** – in the parish hall at 9 a.m.  
**Rite of Election** – 2 p.m. – Nativity BVM Cathedral
- Mar 16 – **Bingo** at Singing River Rehab – 2 p.m.
- Mar 19 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – ch. 35
- Mar 20 – **K of C Lenten Meal** – 5 – 6:45 p.m.  
**Stations of the Cross** – 7 p.m.
- Mar 21 – 22 – **St. Joseph Altar**
- Mar 22 – 24 – **Lenten Mission** – 6 – 7:30 p.m. (see insert)
- Mar – 24 – **Sacrament of Reconciliation** – 6 p.m.  
**Mass** following
- Mar 26 – **RCIA** – 6 p.m. – ch. 36
- Mar 27 – **K of C Lenten Meal** – 5 – 6:45 p.m.  
**Stations of the Cross** – 7 p.m.
- Mar 29 – **Ladies Auxiliary** meeting following Mass
- Mar 31 – **Adoration** – begins following 8 a.m. Mass

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR - March 21 - 22**

The blessing of the altar will take place in the parish hall next Sunday after Mass. The meatless pot luck meal will follow. 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.

**RCS** – **Lenten Fish Fry** – Fridays 5 – 7:30 p.m. – RCES

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE** – next sale – **March 21** (8 a.m. – noon)

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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday in Lent  
 7 p.m.  
 St. Joseph Church  
 St. Ann Mission

**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 – **CCD & RCIA** – 9:15 – 10:15 am  
**RCIA** – chapter 35
- Fridays – **Lenten Meal** – 6 pm  
**Stations of the Cross** – 7 pm
- Mar 20 – 22 – **Diocesan Youth Celebration**
- Mar 22 – 24 – **Lenten Mission** (see insert)  
**St. Joseph Church** – 6 – 7:30 pm
- Mar 25 – **Penance Service** – 7 pm
- Apr 12 – **Easter Egg Hunt** – 9:15 am
- Apr 26 – **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** – 8 am
- May 17 – **Graduation Mass** – 8 am

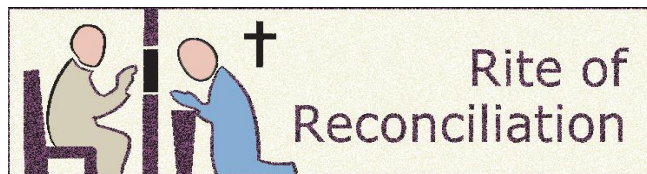
If you would like to lead a **Meatless Meal before Stations of the Cross** on a Friday during Lent, please contact the church office or use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

If you would like to **Coordinate the Breakfast for Graduation** on May 17<sup>th</sup>, please let Tiffany Bosarge know as soon as possible.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – April 12<sup>th</sup> – We need donations for **Easter Egg Stuffers** and **Candy** to fill the plastic Easter eggs. If you would like to help with this, a box is in the back of the church.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 14 (from St. Joseph) – **Emily Denmark, Aden Felts, Zak Felts, Hudson Hans, Jessica Hatfield, Jaxon Hiestand, Alex Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen** and **Noah Wieniewitz** and (from St. Ann) – **Daniel Goff, Alex Fuentes, Jason Micor, Rachel Moseley, Victoria Moseley, Chloe Nobles, and Jeb Stewart.**

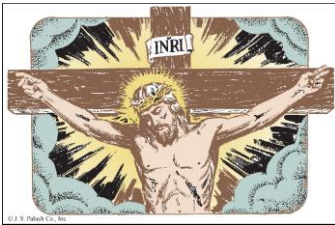


**Tuesday - March 24 - Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph - 6 p.m.**  
 with Mass to follow (closing of Mission)

**Wednesday - March 25 - Penance Service at St. Ann - 7 pm**

**THIRSTING FOR LIFE-GIVING WATERS**

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church revel in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists' portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people's expectations about him or the ways of God. This "reversal" is at play in today's Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say "I thirst" before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.



In today's Gospel, we discover that, just as the Samaritan woman at the well, NOBODY is the same after encountering the Lord Jesus. Your support of this year's **Catholic Sharing Appeal** can help bring many of our brothers and sisters who live and work in South Mississippi the opportunity to encounter Christ. Please consider a generous gift to this year's appeal. Pledge envelopes are available in the back of the church.

**COLLECTIONS – March 7 - 8**

**ST. JOSEPH**

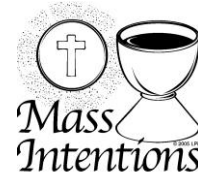
- Regular Collection – \$ 2,411.00
- Building Fund – \$ 382.00
- Children's Collection – \$ 3.00
- Easter Flower Donations – \$ 50.00
- St. Vincent de Paul – \$ 20.00
- Churches in Eastern Europe/Africa – \$ 20.00
- Black and Indian Missions – \$ 10.00

**ST. ANN**

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,565.75
- Children's Offertory – \$ 8.25
- Building Fund – \$ 229.00
- Easter Flower Donations – \$ 70.00

***Upcoming Special Collection***

***Holy Land (Good Friday) April 10***



- Saturday 4 p.m. – Lynne Ivey (RIP)  
Elma Carter (Special intentions)
- Sunday 8 a.m. – Mike and Terri Byrd (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- Sunday 10 a.m. – People of the Parish
- Tuesday 8 a.m. – In thanksgiving for favors received
- Wednesday 8 a.m. – Peter Phuong Tran (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.



*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, 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, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Kitty Griffin, the family of Norma Welch, those young people and adults attending the Diocesan Youth Celebration next weekend, the unborn, all the faithful departed, peace in our world, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

The bulletins for Easter weekend will include a list of those loved ones that we want to remember or honor with flowers. You may indicate on the envelope which names are "*In Memory of*" or "*In Honor of*". Please turn in your envelope with these names on or before **Palm Sunday, April 5.**