

St. Joseph's News

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

The August 12 report showed total pledges from St. Joseph Parish are now at \$17,683 – **104% of goal!** Many thanks for supporting the ministries of the Diocese during these times when need is so keenly felt. Remember any contributions above the goal amount will be returned directly to the parish.

DAILY MASS will be celebrated in the church (Tuesday – Friday) at 8 a. m. **Rosary** will be prayed at 7:30 a. m. and the ***Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions*** will be prayed each Thursday morning immediately following Mass.

PRAYER GROUP

A prayer meeting is held in the parish hall every **Tuesday** starting at 5:15 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayer group begins at 5:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Exposition and Adoration begins in the church immediately following Mass on Tuesday, **August 25**, and closes at 3:30 p.m. with Benediction. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church.

“Christian life is expressed in the fulfillment of the greatest commandment, the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic worship is the expression of that love which is the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation. This worship springs from the love and serves the love to which we are all called in Jesus Christ.” *St. John Paul II*

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS

We are currently in need of additional volunteers for each of the four teams that clean the church each weekend. Call the parish office for more information and to have your name added to one of the cleaning teams.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The next scheduled sales will be on September 5 and 19 from 8 a. m. – noon.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **August 29 – Team 1**
Cynthia Grierson and Patty Waters

MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH

Please remember to observe social distancing and sit together with your family group. Allow 6 feet of distance between your family and others. Wearing a face mask is required. Ushers will not take up collection. Baskets will be set up at the entrance. Please practice social distancing in the communion line and exiting the church at the end of Mass. Copies of the missalette are available at the entrance of church. This will be your personal copy.

The faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass. If you are vulnerable, continue to remain at home. If you are sick, please stay at home.

Mass will continue to be live-streamed from St. Joseph at **10 a. m.** each **Sunday** on the St. Joseph Facebook page.

You may go to **www.stjosephmosspoint.com** to view copies of the weekly bulletin.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 pm** – St. Ann
Sundays – **Mass – 8 am** – St. Ann (Facebook also)

CONFESSIONS – 30 minutes before each Mass

COVID TESTING

Singing River Hospital System will provide drive-thru testing in the St. Ann parking lot on **Thursday, August 27**, from 8 a.m. till 12 p.m. It will involve no out pocket expense to you, but please bring any insurance information so that they can file.

Help us honor Molly Danielle the daughter of Gregory and Rachel Moseley with a drop off baby shower on Sept. 6th. You may drop off gifts at the home of Jenny Moseley, 11100 Kendricks Rd., Lucedale, MS We will also have a drop off location in the Parish Center.

All attending Mass are required to wear face masks. We will use every other pew with 6 feet of distance between people. Families may sit together.

As it has always been, if you are ill, you are not required to come to Mass and during this time should remain home.

The dispensation of attending Mass is still in place.

If you would like to receive communion after Mass on Sunday, but not attend, please sit in your car and Deacon will bring you The Holy Eucharist.

NEW WINE

The Catholic Diocese will offer this 3-year program which provides education and formation for adults interested in being involved in lay ministry. Applications (which are now due by **Wednesday, September 9**) are available in the church.

2021 DIACONATE FORMATION CLASS

Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted on the following dates: September 19th at St. Clare, Waveland; September 26th at Sacred Heart, Hattiesburg; and October 3rd at St. Mary, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory with your wife. You may call Deacon Mike Saxer, (228) 216-8060 or Deacon Mike Harris, (228) 342-1536 for more information.

BE A ROCK

Peter’s history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn’t feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God’s power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter’s great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem.

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God!

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”.



Saturday – 4 p.m. – Jackie Walker (RIP)

6 p.m. – Robbie Guardia (RIP)

Sunday – 8 a.m. – People of the Parish

10 a.m. – Georgia Mansfield (RIP)

Tuesday 8 a.m. –Father Dominic Dong (RIP)

Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Father Linh (RIP)

Thursday – 8 a.m. – Huan Joseph (RIP)

Friday – 8 a.m. – Hong Maria (RIP)

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.

James 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 and Marilyn 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, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Bill Massey, Doris Batte, Terri Byrd, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Karen Freeman, Pat McAdams, Norman Jardine, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Gwen Blackledge, Bill and Jo Powers, Earl Laiche, Caroline O’Banner, Darlene Slater, Sharon Martin, Shirley Spiriti, Sallie Wentworth, all those affected by the pandemic, all those providing essential services, the unemployed, the unborn, healing for our country, all the faithful departed, the poor souls in purgatory, all teachers and students as they return to school, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.

COLLECTIONS for August 15 - 16

ST. JOSEPH

Regular Collection – \$ 2,914.00

Building Fund – \$ 235.00

Catholic Extension – \$10.00

ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 3,602.75

Building Fund – \$ 281.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 5 – 6 – Catholic University

September 12 – 13 – The Holy Land

September 19 – 20 – Seaman Center

Thank you for your generous support!

