

St. Joseph's News

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

FLOWERS

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

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Our parish donations of mac and cheese are still needed weekly to assist this local ministry. You may also make a monetary donation.

FLOWER DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar for a weekend may use the sign-up sheet on the table in the vestibule to schedule a specific weekend. This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one on his/her special date.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Next scheduled sale will be on Saturday, **February 6** from 8 a. m – 12 p. m.

JERRY LEE'S RECEIPTS PROGRAM

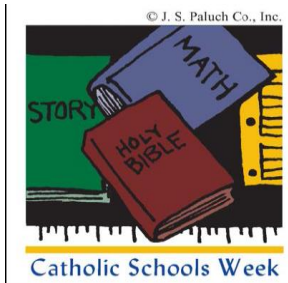
WAYNE LEE'S BUCKS BACK TO SCHOOLS

RCS is still collecting receipts from these locally owned grocery stores. Please save and bring in the eligible receipts and place them in the containers in the back of the church. We will see that the receipts get to the schools. This is an easy way to support local Catholic education.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for **Feb. 6 – Team 4**

Linda Clark and Donna Dart

MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH – Mass will continue to be live-streamed at **10 a. m.** each **Sunday** on the parish Facebook page. Go to www.stjosephmosspoint.com for copies of the weekly bulletin.



*Discover and Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
January 31 – February 6, 2021*

Faith Excellence Service

Catholic schools are committed to the celebration of faith, safety, academic excellence, student success, and empowering students to actualize their potential.

See the insert in today's bulletin for more information about Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Biloxi.

Living and Learning in the Light of Christ.

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 pm** – St. Ann

Sundays – **Mass – 8 am** – St. Ann (Facebook also)

CCD – 9:15 am

Feb 6 and 7 – Blessing of the Throats (both Masses)

Feb 7 – SVDP meeting 9 am

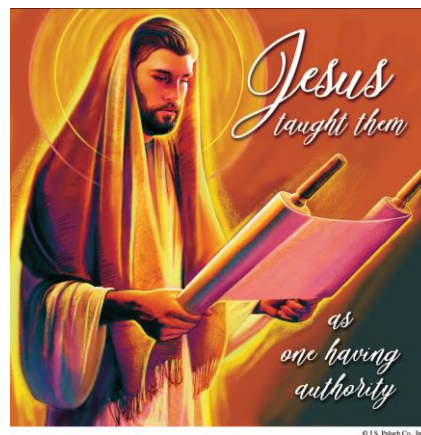
Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday 7 pm

Confessions –30 minutes before each Mass

Contribution Envelopes are in the vestibule of church. Please pick them up today!

Mass Intentions for 2021 are now being reserved. If you would like a Mass offered for your loved one on a certain date, please call or email the office.

Backpack Buddies of East Central are in need of grits more so than oatmeal at this time. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Box located at church entrance.



**Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri present
Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life**

For a great Lenten experience, join online **Thursday, February 4** at 10 am for the Ascension Press study of *Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life*. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on Him as you come to know and love Him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. To register or for more info OR to receive the recorded session, contact: wanda.bible.studies@gmail.com.

GIRLS RETREAT #89 – presented by Sacred Heart Retreats, **February 6 & 7**. Suggested donation is \$60. Contact **Jessica Sekinger** 228-216-5537 or **Christine Ladner** 228-216-0433.

SEARCH a day-long retreat experience for high school students (grades 11 – 12). Application forms are on the table in the back of church. The number of participants will be limited to 25 per location. Last retreat will be on February 27 at St. Clare, Waveland.

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In the Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths.

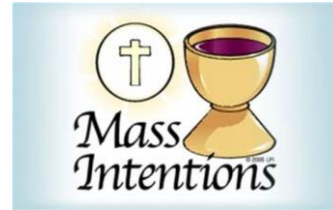
TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you”.

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – In thanksgiving for favors received
- 6 p.m. – People of the Parish
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – Deacon Frank Martin and Deacon Emery Elder (Health and healing)
- 10 a.m. – Marilyn Pinkney (RIP)
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Peter Phuong Tran (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Maria Me (RIP)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – All souls with no one to pray for them
- Friday – 8 a.m. – Special intentions and peace

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.



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, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Doris Batte, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Karen Freeman, Pat McAdams, Lance Paul, Allen Elmore, Mary McMahan, Gwen Blackledge, Earl Laiche, Caroline O’Banner, Darlene Slater, Frank and Sharon Martin, Shirley Spiriti, Sallie Wentworth, Mac McDaniel, Bernard Grant, Cooper Peacock, Norman Jardine, Freddie Walker, John Grunigen, Polly Grubbs, Emery Elder, Betty Bodden, Juanelle Goff, Jo Powers, all affected by the pandemic, all providing essential services, the unemployed, the unborn, the poor souls in purgatory, those who have no one to pray for them, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.

COLLECTIONS for January 23 - 24

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,723.00
- Building Fund – \$ 38.00
- Church in Latin America – \$ 157.00
- Saltillo Mission – \$ 460.00
- Memorial donation honoring Bill Powers – \$ 100.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 1,160.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,632.25
- Building Fund – \$ 100.00
- Church in Latin America – \$ 20.00
- Saltillo Mission – \$ 234.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 6.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 135.00

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February 17 – Churches in Eastern Europe and Churches in Africa

February 20 – 21 – Black and Indian Missions

Thanks to all for your generous support of the 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal. The Diocese of Biloxi has returned to St. Joseph \$ 645.80 for meeting & exceeding the parish CSA goal!

