

St. Joseph's News

SPECIAL COLLECTION at all Masses next weekend will be for the **Black and Indian Missions**. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Next scheduled sale will be on Saturday, **February 20** from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS for Feb. 20 – Team 2

Cathy Frederic and Jill Sullivan

MASSES AT ST. JOSEPH

Mass is live-streamed at **10 a.m.** each **Sunday** on the parish Facebook page. Go to www.stjosephmosspoint.com for copies of the weekly bulletin.



PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday
7 p.m.**

**St. Joseph Church
St. Ann Mission**

See the insert in today's bulletin for ways to make your Lenten observance more meaningful.



Knights of Columbus

Council 1605

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

\$10 per plate **TO GO ONLY**

Fish with assorted sides

St. Joseph Parish Hall

5 – 6:45 p.m.

Purchase tickets from a Knight



St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass – 6 p.m.** – St. Ann

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

CCD 9:15 a.m.

Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday 7 p.m.

Confessions – 30 minutes before each Mass

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

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.

MASS AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

St. Joseph – 12 noon

St. Ann – 7 p.m.



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.

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.



Saturday – 4 p.m. – Elarry Brumfield, Sr. (RIP)
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6 p.m. – People of the Parish
Sunday – 8 a.m. – Joe Farr (RIP)
10 a.m. – Bill Powers (RIP)
Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Luke Blackledge (RIP)
Wednesday – 12 noon – All broken families
Thursday – 8 a.m. – The living and deceased members
of the Cox and Blackledge families
Friday – 8 a.m. – Special intentions

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 Trocheset, 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, Margaret Saux, the family of Joe Farr, all married couples, 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.

"Witnessing the Eucharist within Us" Next weekend, Catholics throughout the Diocese of Biloxi will join together in support of the **2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal**. As in the past, each of us will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church in the Diocese of Biloxi. Our **Catholic Sharing Appeal** provides essential operating support for those offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout the seventeen counties that comprise this diocese.

COLLECTIONS for February 6 - 7**ST. JOSEPH**

Regular Collection – \$ 3,141.00
Building Fund – \$ 476.00
Flower Donations – \$ 100.00
St. Vincent de Paul – \$ 20.00
Black and Indian Mission – \$ 10.00
Churches in Eastern Europe & Africa – \$ 10.00
Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 340; Building – \$ 20

ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 2,343.25
Building Fund – \$ 170.00
Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 200

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*February 17(Ash Wednesday)
Churches in Eastern Europe and Churches in Africa
February 20 – 21 – Black and Indian Missions*

