

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass** – 4 pm  
 Rosary prayed – 3:30 pm  
 Sundays – **Mass** – 10 am  
 Tuesday – Friday – **Mass** – 8 am (rectory chapel);  
 Rosary prayed – 7:30 am  
 July 27 – Tuesday – **Eucharistic Adoration**  
 August 1 – **First Sunday Social** following Mass  
 hosted by the Knights of Columbus  
 August 7 - 8 – **Special Collection – Extension Society**  
 August 8 – **Blessing of Backpacks** at 10 am Mass  
 (Blessings for all teachers and students as they  
 begin the 2021 – 2022 school year.)  
 August 10 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting – 6 pm  
 August 22 – **Welcome Back Celebration**  
 August 31 – Tuesday – **Eucharistic Adoration**

**EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION** -  
 in the Adoration Chapel following 8 a. m. Mass on **Tuesday, July 27**. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

**FLOWER REQUESTS**

Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar for a weekend may use the sign-up sheet in the back of church to schedule a specific date/weekend.

**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 by noting **Back Buddies** on your check.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - Next scheduled sales will be on **August 7 and 21**, from 8 am till 12 noon. The store is always looking for additional volunteers to help in the store and with the Saturday sales. For more information, contact Paul Thompson, Sr. at 228-627-6785.

**HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS** for **July 31 – Team # 1**  
 Cynthia Grierson and Patty Waters



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**PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERS**

Lord Jesus, with the intercession of your grandparents, Sts. Joachim and Anne, shine your love and protection on all grandparents and all our elderly parish family members. Help us to welcome their wisdom, and together with them, praise you for the gifts of faith, hope and love. Give them strength and grace to embrace a living faith. And when our earthly life is through, may we all be reunited together, one day, in heaven. Amen

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass 6 pm** – St. Ann  
 Sundays – **Mass 8 am** St. Ann  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays** – Knights of Columbus mtg. 6 pm @ St. Jos  
**July 25 – Altar Server Training – 9:30 am**

**Confessions** – 30 minutes before each Mass

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** – Sunday, July 25, 9:30 am.  
 This class is for **EVERYONE** wishing to serve.

**CCD** will start back in September. **We need CCD teachers!** If you would like to be a CCD teacher, please contact Tiffany.

We also need a **Jr. CYO** and **Sr. CYO** advisors

The **closets** and **classrooms** need to be **cleaned and organized**. If anyone would like to help with these projects, Tiffany would LOVE your help.



**CURSILLO DRAWDOWN IS BACK ON!!!**

Our only fundraiser and we need everyone's help to make it a success. The **DRAWDOWN** and **SILENT AUCTION** will take place at Sacred Heart in Pascagoula at 6 pm on **September 11**. There will be 30 drawings of \$100 with the final draw at \$ 5000. Name never goes out of the drawing, so there are many chances to win! Please contact (St. Ann) **Annette Spiriti** (228-355-0687) or (St. Joseph) see **Denny Denmark** or **Lynn Denmark** for ticket information. You do not have to be present to win!

To express the closeness of God and of the church to every older person, Pope Francis has chosen "***I am with you always***" from the Gospel of Matthew as the theme for the first **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, which will be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. The Holy Father instituted this day because "grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on" what the elderly have received. The theme is also "a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share". Not only are grandchildren and youth invited to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation, and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith. In a recent encyclical, the Holy Father reminds each of us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation. This annual celebration will be "a gift to the whole church" and one that emphasizes the pastoral care of the elderly as "a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community."

**WEEKLY MIRACLE**

This week marks the beginning of a kind of “liturgical detour.” We have been listening to Saint Mark’s Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John’s Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord’s statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of life.” Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord’s Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – Robert Smith (RIP)  
6 p.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – People of the Parish  
10 a.m. – Tyler and Mitzi Denmark  
(Special intentions - marriage)
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Peter Phong Tran (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Maria Gnat (RIP)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – All Souls
- Friday – 8 a.m. – Peter Nguyen (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.



*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, 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, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joan and Kermit Loupe, Deborah Green, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Doris Batte, Roun McNeal, 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, Emery Elder, Betty Bodden, Juanelle Goff, Jo Powers, Margaret Saux, Denny Denmark, Billy Rayner, Charles Pinkney, Jimmy and Edie Lockhart, Claudette Roberts, Jill Jordan, Abby Bosarge, Jim Coggins, Kitty Griffin, Elena May, Sandra Bishop, Fran Bacak, Pope Francis, Donna Cox, all grandparents and seniors, nursing home and personal care residents, our homebound parishioners, protection from storms, the unemployed, the unborn, the poor souls in purgatory, and all military personnel stationed in harm’s way.

**Welcome Back Celebrations**

**Sunday, August 22 at St. Joseph Church**  
**Sunday, August 29, at St. Ann Mission**

There are fun activities planned with food and family time to mark the end of the pandemic, commemorate this experience for our parish family, and remember all of those who have died. This will be a time to celebrate Mass and come together to sing, pray, rejoice, and praise God for everything He has done for us.

**COLLECTIONS for JULY 17 - 18**

**ST. JOSEPH**

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,822.00
- Building Fund – \$ 277.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 2.00
- Catholic Charities of South Mississippi – \$ 25.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 210.00

**ST. ANN**

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,595.78
- Building Fund – \$ 60.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 7.57

*Thank you to those giving in person and electronically, it is much appreciated.*

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**August 7 – 8 – Extension Society**

**2021 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL (July)**

St. Joseph total pledged – \$ 17,172 (111% of goal)  
St. Ann total pledged – \$ 6,656.80 (73% of goal)  
**It is still not too late to make a gift. No gift is too small!** Please remember that every dollar donated over the goal is returned to the parish!

**ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

This will take place on **Sunday, November 7, at 2 p.m.** at the Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Registration forms are available in the church. Remember the registration deadline is October 15 for those planning to participate.