

St. Joseph's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass** – 4 pm
Rosary prayed – 3:30 pm
Sundays – **Mass** – 10 am
Thursday – Friday – **Mass** – 8 am (rectory chapel);
Rosary prayed – 7:30 am
August 7 - 8 – **Special Collection – Extension Society**
August 8 – **Blessing of Backpacks** at 10 am Mass
August 10 – **Knights of Columbus** meeting – 6 pm
August 10 – 11 – **NO 8 AM MASS** (Tues & Wed)
August 22 – **Welcome Back Celebration**
August 31 – Tuesday – **Eucharistic Adoration**

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.

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS

This group keeps the church clean for the weekly Masses and takes about one hour of your time once a month. Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile ministry.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Next scheduled sale will be on **August 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 **August 14 – Team 3**

Linda Huy and Judie Sellars

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass 6 pm** – St. Ann
Sundays – **Mass 8 am** St. Ann
August 8 – **SVDP mtg** – Barbara's house
Aug 8 – **Blessing of Backpacks**
August 29 – **Welcome Back Celebration**

Confessions – 30 minutes before each Mass

Blessing of Backpacks – Sunday, August 8

St. Vincent de Paul will have a meeting on August 8 after 8 am Mass at Barbara's house, 17701 Rayford Shumock Road. Hope to see you there!

Bulletin updates: Please submit any desired bulletin announcements via email – hurleystann@gmail.com

Backpack Buddies of East Central – No donations are needed during the summer months. Thank you for your donations throughout the school year.

ANNUAL MASS OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

This year 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. Deadline for registration is October 15. The form may be returned by mail to 1790 Popp's Ferry Road, Biloxi, MS 39532, attention Deacon Karl Koberger, FAX to 228-702-2178, or email to kkoberger@biloxidiocese.org

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** to purchase a \$50 ticket. You do not have to be present to win!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Do you know of someone who has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith? Ask them to join our RCIA process. We will again be offering RCIA classes soon. It is not too early to let us know, please spread the word. You may call the parish office with a name or email us at hurleystann@gmail.com or stjosephmoss@gmail.com

Welcome Back Weekend Celebrations

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

Mark the date and pick up your "Celebration Weekend Packet" between August 6 - 20 (either from the parish office or after any weekend Mass).

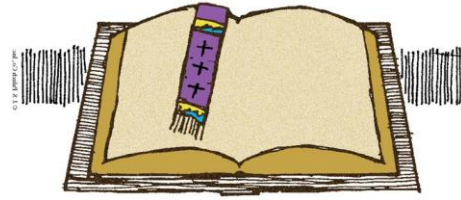
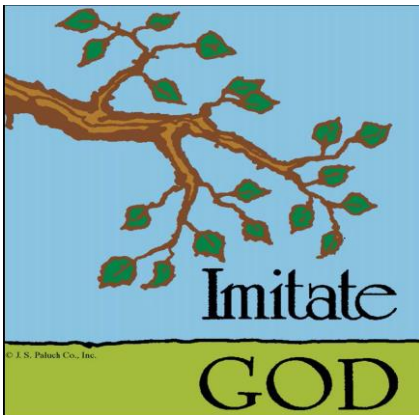
Bless these backpacks and those who use them as they learn and grow this school year. Bless these children and all entrusted with their care, may we grow in knowledge and grace, to worship and serve you from generation to generation. Let us live to make the world safe for the dreams of all of God's children. May we all participate in the transformation of the world as we witness to God's compassion and justice. Amen.



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STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.



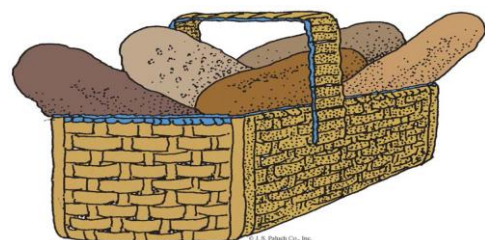
- Saturday – 4 p.m. – People of the Parish
- 6 p.m. – David “Bud” Smith (RIP)
- George D. Smith (RIP)
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – Matthew St. Andrie (RIP)
- 10 a.m. – Jo Powers (special intentions for healing)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – Norman Jardine
- (special intentions for healing)
- Friday – 8 a.m. – Peter Nguyen (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, Elena May, Sandra Bishop, Fran Bacak, Donna Cox, all students and teachers as they return to school, the families of Brenda Hiestand and Catherine Brown, our homebound parishioners, protection from storms, 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 July 31 – August 1

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 2,464.00
- Building Fund – \$ 482.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 1.00
- Online Giving – Offertory – \$ 820.00

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,398.33
- Building Fund – \$ 330.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 2.00
- St. Vincent de Paul – \$ 376.11

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Extension Society – August 7 - 8

EXTENSION SOCIETY COLLECTION

Since 1977, the Diocese of Biloxi has been partnering with Catholic Extension to build the faith in Southern Mississippi. Join us and together we can build and repair churches, strengthen and grow essential ministries, and support our lay and ordained leaders. Please give generously to this weekend’s collection to support the work of Catholic Extension in our Diocese and beyond.