

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
 August 28 – 29 – *Special Collection* – **Relief for Haiti**
 August 31 – Tuesday – **Eucharistic Adoration**
 September 4 - 5 – *Special Collection* – **Catholic University**
 September 5 – First Sunday Social in the parish hall
 following Mass hosted by the members
 of the Ladies Auxiliary
 September 14 – Knights of Columbus meeting – 6 pm
 September 18 - 19 – *Special Collection* – **Center for
 International Seafarers and Truckers**
 September 19 – **Catechetical Sunday** - “*Say the Word and
 My Soul Shall Be Healed*”
 September 28 - **Eucharistic Adoration**

FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar this weekend are given in memory of **Tom** and **Elizabeth Murphy** and were given Pat McAdams.

THANK YOU to the dedicated members of the **flower guild** who provide the beautiful plants and floral arrangements for the altar on those weekends which are not requested.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

During the school year our parish donations of easy mac and cheese are 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 sales will be on **September 4 and 18**, 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 **Sept. 4 – Team 2**

Cathy Frederic, Jeannie Marek, and Jill Sullivan

Thank You ... No words can adequately express our thanks and gratitude for the prayers, cards, calls, flowers, words of consolation, memorial donations, and Masses offered for Emery. Special thanks to the members of Ladies Auxiliary for all of the wonderful food, to the choir for the beautiful music, to all of the priests, and especially to Father Peter for his words of comfort. The prayers and support of our parish family have meant so much to us during this difficult time.

Triss, Ashleigh, and Matt

St. Ann's News

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays – **Vigil Mass 6 pm** – St. Ann
 Sundays – **Mass 8 am** St. Ann
 September 12 – **CCD first day**

Confessions – 30 minutes before each Mass

CCD will start back on September 12. **We still need 3 more CCD teachers!** Please contact Tiffany Bosarge.

CCD registration continues this weekend, cost \$20 fee to cover books and materials.

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

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

Backpack Buddies of East Central School is back in session. Items needed throughout the school year are oatmeal, grits, or cereal in single-serving packs. Box located at church entrance.

CURSILLO DRAWDOWN

Our only fundraiser and we need everyone's help to make it a success. The **SILENT AUCTION** and **DRAWDOWN** 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. A 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 be offering RCIA sessions beginning in September. You may call the parish office with a name or email us at hurleystann@gmail.com or stjosephmoss@gmail.com

WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION

Even though the event had to be postponed in both parishes, we continue to pray for a time in the not too distant future when we can again safely gather and celebrate as a family. If you have not done so already, please pick up your family's kit this weekend.

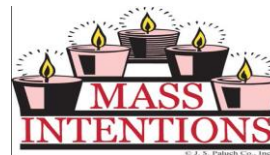
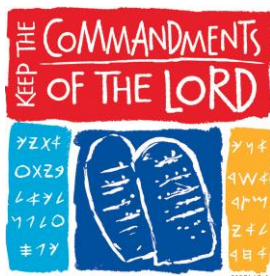
RELIEF FOR HAITI

This weekend's special collection will aid the people and the Church in Haiti following the recent natural disasters. The earthquake that struck followed closely by Tropical Storm Grace have caused the tragic loss of life and destroyed many Church properties, homes, and businesses. This will have a long-lasting impact on this already impoverished area.

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, intercede for us that this appeal will be successful.

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is still illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others’ attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.



- Saturday – 4 p.m. – People of the Parish
6 p.m. – Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)
- Sunday – 8 a.m. – Peter Bellone (RIP)
10 a.m. – Bishop Howze (RIP)
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. – Peter Phuong Tran (RIP)
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. – Maria Gnat (RIP)
- Thursday – 8 a.m. – In thanksgiving for blessings received
- 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, Freddie Walker, John Grunigen, Betty Bodden, Juanelle Goff, Jo Powers, Margaret Saux, Denny Denmark, Billy Rayner, Charles Pinkney, Jimmy and Edie Lockhart, Jill Jordan, Abby Bosarge, Fran Bacak, Norman Jardine, all first responders and healthcare workers, our homebound parishioners and those in nursing homes, the family of Deacon Emery Elder, the people of Haiti, 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 August 21 - 22

ST. JOSEPH

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,776.50
- Building Fund – \$ 195.00
- Memorial Donations (Deacon Emery Elder) – \$ 250
- Online Giving** – Offertory – \$ 1,235;
- Memorial Donations (Deacon Emery Elder) – \$ 115

ST. ANN

- Regular Collection – \$ 1,150.70
- Building Fund – \$ 268.00
- Children’s Offertory – \$ 2.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Catholic University – September 4 - 5

Next weekend, we will be taking up the national collection for the **Catholic University of America**. This is a research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. Your donation will support both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional faith-rooted education and the various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Your generous gift will make great things possible in the Church and nation. You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu

