

THE LORD CONTINUALLY CALLS US – DO WE HAVE EARS TO HEAR?

Samuel does not recognize God’s voice, but he is alert and obedient, listening and ready for action. We hear that he ran when called, and another time he rose. Eli gives Samuel the correct response: *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.* We live in a world of noise and distraction. Are we ready to answer? Can we even hear Him?

ROSARY RALLY/MASS/WALK FOR LIFE

The Rosary Rally is this weekend, January 14th, 2018 beginning at 1:00 p.m. This year’s Rosary Rally is here at Nativity B.V.M. The Mass will be at 1:30 p.m. with Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, II celebrating. The Walk for Life will be immediately following the Mass to the Biloxi Light House. Please join us for community and prayer.

A LOOK AT OUR STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS

As part of the 175th Anniversary Year, the first look at our stained-glass windows will take place on January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. We will examine the significance of Window #2, the depiction of Mary Mother of God, located in the apse of the sanctuary. Fr. Dennis will give a description of the symbolism and liturgical significance contained in the window. Edmond Boudreaux will give a history of the Lopez family who donated the window. Please come for this one-hour presentation.

FORGET YOUR TITHE? GIVE ONLINE!

We are excited to announce that Nativity Cathedral now accepts one-time and recurring donations conveniently from our website! To make a secure tithe/donation, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to www.nativitybvmcathedral.org/onlinegiving using any device
2. Choose One-time or Recurring donation
3. Select your preferred form of payment (electronic check or debit/credit card)
4. Enter your information
5. Submit your donation

Thanks in advance for your generous support as we launch this new and convenient way to provide for our growing and thriving parish community! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Pam Bozeman** at pamboze@bellsouth.net or **Fr. Colten Symmes** in the parish office at (228) 374-1717 or coltensymmes@gmail.com.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

<i>ENTRANCE HYMN</i>	# 204
<i>OFFERTORY</i>	# 384
<i>COMMUNION</i>	#379
<i>SENDING</i>	#428

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Jan 15	1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22
Tues Jan 16	1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28
Wed Jan 17	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3::1-6, Eph 6:10-13, 18, Mt 19:16-26
Thur Jan 18	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7, Mk 3:7-12
Fri Jan 19	1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19
Sat Jan 20	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Mk 3:20-21
Sun Jan 21	Jon 3:1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	10,371.53
<i>Capital Improvement</i>	\$	1,264.00
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	25.00
<i>Maintenance</i>	\$	839.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,499.53

RELICS OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER AT NATIVITY

Through the efforts of Bishop Kihneman and as part of our 175th Anniversary, Nativity Cathedral is hosting a first-class relic of Blessed Stanley Rother until February 2018. Blessed Rother’s reliquary is located in the sanctuary of the cathedral for the weekend Masses and in the Marian Chapel for the weekday Masses. Blessed Stanley Rother grew up on a farm in Okarche, Oklahoma. Upon entering the seminary, he struggled academically having failed Latin. He accepted an invitation to attend Mount St. Mary Seminary in Maryland where he finished his studies and was approved for ordination. After serving 5 years in his local diocese, Fr. Rother went to Guatemala to serve the native Tz’utujil Indians for 13 years. By 1975, Guatemala was embroiled in a terrible civil war. Fr. Rother witnessed the assassination of many of his parishioners. Warned of imminent danger for his own life in 1981, he returned to the United States. However, he returned to Guatemala after only three months to be with his people. On the evening of July 28, 1982, three masked men entered the rectory and shot Fr. Rother to death. He was beatified in Oklahoma City on September 23, 2017. Please pay a visit to Fr. Rother’s relics and say a prayer for an increase in vocations.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION

It is time to renew our Magnificat subscription for 2018. For those of you who subscribe through Nativity, please turn in your payment of \$34.95 to Jackie Hewitt at the rectory. Also, anyone not currently receiving the Magnificat, let us know if you are interested in receiving it. The deadline for this is NO LATER THAN February 15th, 2018.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Jan 20 4:00 pm 1. Jim Coskey 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Helen Languirand 4. Kalin Lloyd 5. Liz Joachim Jan 21 7:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Marcia Mayfield 3. Jim Shugart 9:00 am 1. Barbara Ziz 2. Traci Kessler 3. Michael Kessler 4. Sharon Tash 5. Judy Trahan 11:00 am 1. John Sherman 2. Marianne Sherman 3. Judy Steckler 4. Sandy Steckler 5. Rhonda Clark 5:30 pm 1. Teresa Arguelles 2. Angela Cannon 3. Kristy Arguelles	Jan 20 4:00 pm Jim Compton Jan 21 7:00 am Joe Koonce 9:00 am Al Simons, Jr. 11:00 am Daliance Kirkland-Ross 5:30 pm Youth Ministry CANTORS Jan 20 4:00 pm William Endicott Jan 21 9:00 am Nicholas Rodolfich 11:00 am Rocky Greathouse/Choir	Jan 20 4:00 pm Simon Randall Kingston Widell Jan 21 7:00 am Makayla Pfarrer Alec Ryan Liam Jerrel 9:00 am Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge Clayton Stoddard Ava M. Stoddard 11:00 am Hadyn Hallis Greysen Ross McRae Ross 5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydni Wills

MASS INTENTIONS

		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	Jan 15	Collins-Sims Fmy.	Sam Ardoline
Tue	Jan 16	Betty Lou Callegari	Walker/Irene Tucei
Wed	Jan 17	Sue Strangi	Peggy "Eley" Brashier.
Thur	Jan 18	Sue Strangi	Mary Rosella McAuliffee
Fri	Jan 19	Peggy "Eley" Brashier	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
Sat	Jan 20	8 Thomas E. Connell.	4 Brothers Jordan/Gary (SI)†
Sun	Jan 21	7-Betty Lou Callegari	- 9:00 F.T.P.
	11:00 am	Noel Obert	5:30 Sue Strangi

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gerrie Weldon, Lehwmon Skrmetti, Buddy Pullen, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Kim Wilkerson, Pete Skrmetta, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kidding, Marie Manning, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Michael Zorich, and Karen Skremetta.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Hoping to travel with family and friends? Nativity BVM School will be selling raffle tickets for the **ULTIMATE FAMILY VACATION**. Only 335 tickets will be sold/\$75.00 per ticket. The winner will receive \$1,000 spending money and \$4,000 in gift cards to either Disney Properties or Universal Properties or both. Additionally, donors have added a \$250 gas card and a set of family t-shirts and totes to the prize package. Tickets begin to go on sale on January 22nd with the drawing taking place on March 29th. All proceeds will go into the school's Technology Fund. For more information please call the school or visit our website! *The celebration of the 100th day of school (January 18th) will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. We are so grateful to God and to each of you for all the ways we have been blessed these 100 days! *Parents and Guardians preparing for First Penance and First Communion are invited to attend a meeting for the parents and children on Thursday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity School. Following a pizza supper, Fr. Dennis will meet with the adults while the teachers will have activities for the children. This meeting is for all second grade children in the elementary school as well as those in the religious education program or any children in gr. 3 and above who have not made these sacraments. *Mark your calendars! The annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week will begin on Sunday, January 28th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. Please plan to join us in prayer, song and celebration!

*The annual Nativity School Open House will be held on Sunday, February 18th from 11:00-2:00 p.m. All current, former and future children and families, as well as any parishioners, are welcome to attend!

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:

REHEARSALS RESUME: - "GLORIA IN EXCELSIS" – Nativity Cathedral's Chorale Society will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Balcony of the Sanctuary. - CCD Children's Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. on the Stage of the Sacred Heart Center. - The Sanctuary Choir will resume their rehearsals on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Balcony of the Sanctuary. Anyone that is interested in joining/wishing to participate in these Musical Offerings is warmly encouraged and invited to attend. For more information, please contact: TERRY D. MADDOX: Office: 228 967-7230. Cell: 251 406-1454 E-Mail: terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 15** RECTORY CLOSED Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 16 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 BINGO 5:30 p.m.
 RCIA at 6:00 p.m., SHC
Jan 17 Cleaning Team "B"
 CCD 5:30 p.m., SHC
Jan 18 Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for January 16th: Stanley (Robert & Remelyn), Stevenson (Mark & Chere), Stoddard (Bryan & Kerry), Stoddard (Clay & Jody), Strayham (Nicholas & Tracie), Sullivan (John & Valerie) and Tarrant (Gerald & Alicia). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

RCIA.

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the Fourth Commandment with Father Colten. Please pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as they study the beliefs and traditions of our faith and continue this journey together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348

CCD

CCD classes will meet each Wednesday during January from 5:30-6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all of the students!