

IT IS IN AND THROUGH JESUS ALONE THAT WE CAN ATTAIN SALVATION.

Our world often tells us that we should be strong, secure and self-sufficient on our own. We may be able to do this in certain areas of our lives, but not when it comes to salvation. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is our strength, our protection and our salvation.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The 2018 Diocesan Confirmation Ceremony will take place on May 20, 2018 at Nativity Cathedral. Any adult needing the Sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Attached to the bulletin is a Confirmation Registration Information Form. Please return this to the rectory.

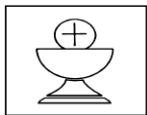
RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony with Father Colten. Please continue to pray for our new Catholics and their sponsors as they continue their journey of faith together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CCD

CCD classes continue on Wednesday, April 25 from 5:30-6:30 in the Sacred Heart Center. For any information or questions, please call Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778. Congratulations to all of our students who celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 22!

COMMUNION VISITATION



Jesus says of you and me, “You are the salt of the earth”. No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be “salt of the earth”. Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP provides assistance each Tuesday from 9-11:00 a.m. For those wishing to make regular contributions, envelopes are located in the vestibule. We also value your one time gift! Your continued support helps to ensure SVdP is able to provide support for those in need.

SUPPORT THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

The Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi is selling drawdown tickets to raise funds for those individuals who cannot afford to make a Cursillo. There will be 31 drawings for \$100.00 each during the month of May. On June 1st, there will be a drawing for \$5,000.00. Tickets are available in the parish office for \$50.00 each.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Apr 23	Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10
Tues Apr 24	Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30
Wed Apr 25	1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20
Thur Apr 26	Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20
Fri Apr 27	Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6
Sat Apr 28	Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14
Sun Apr 29	Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	8,757.26
Capital Improve.	\$	118.00
Maintenance	\$	1,404.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	185.00
Misc.	\$	420.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,884.26

CONFIRMATION AT NATIVITY

The Sacrament of Confirmation for our young people takes place this Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN	#468
OFFERTORY	#459
COMMUNION	#607
SENDING	#158

RELEVANT RADIO

Relevant Radio is an app for cellphones, tablets, and computers which broadcasts Catholic teachings, discussions and prayer. It is available free of charge. All that you have to do is download the app freely available on Apple itunes and Android App Store. In the following weeks look for various information in your pew for Relevant Radio.

DEADLINE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

The deadline for applying for tuition assistance for both Nativity elementary School and St. Patrick’s High School is Friday, April 27, 2018. Tuition assistance funds are normally exhausted after the April 27th deadline. If you are seeking assistance with your tuition, please submit your application no later than April 27, 2018.

St. Michael Catholic Church - \$10,000 Raffle

Tickets on Sale Now!

\$10,000 Drawing Tickets will be sold before and after Masses at Nativity this weekend. The tickets are \$10 each or a book of 11 for \$100 for a chance to win \$10,000! Drawing will be held on June 2nd at the Fais Do Do. Thank you for your support.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Apr 28 4:00 pm 1. Jim Coskey 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Helen Languirand 4. Barbara Ziz 5. Gayle Mavar	Apr 28 4:00 pm Rose Anne Kimball	Apr 28 4:00 pm Simon Randall Kingston Widell
Apr 29 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Nora Ziz 3. Linda Stewart	Apr 29 7:00 am Jim Shuggart	Apr 29 7:00 am Alec Ryan Liam Jerrel
9:00 am 1. Maggie Landry 2. Belinda Corley 3. Judy Trahan 4. Sharon Tash 5. Vicki Howard	9:00 am Al Simons, Jr.	9:00 am Trent Fulton
11:00 am 1. Johnny Williams 2. Sondra Williams 3. Judy Steckler 4. Sandy Steckler 5. Nanette Burke	11:00 am Linda Bourgeois	11:00 am Annabelle Landry Veronika Landry Julia Landry
5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel 3. Angela Cannon	5:30 pm Mary Townsend	5:30 pm Blake Walli Hadyn Hollis Terrence McDonnell Cameron McDonnell
	CANTORS	
	Apr 28 4:00 pm William Endicott	11:00 am
	Apr 29 9:00 am Susie Portas	5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Dylan Mitchell
	11:00 am Dennis Burke	

	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon Apr 23	Ben Wimberly	Raymond Egers
Tue Apr 24	Kay Lawson	Scott Leslie & Fly (S.I.)
Wed Apr 25	Raymond Egers	Alice Griggs
Thur Apr 26	Maria Hoang Thi Khoai	Brenda Sargent
Fri Apr 27	Kay Lawson	Glenn/Joyce Pesarich
Sat Apr 28	8 Ben Wimberly	4 Josephine Esposito Allen
Sun Apr 29	7 Maria Hoang Thi Khoai	9:00 F.T.P
	11:00 am Andrew Cvitanovich	5:30 Bob Ferguson

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Elie Hebert, Jerry Ellis, Linda Welter, Hugh Kavanagh, Gerrie Weldon, Lehmon Skrmetti, Buddy Pullen, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Pete Skrmetta, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Betty Hilton, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skrmetta.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*The lucky \$3,000 raffle winners for April were Ms. Jackie Murphy and Mr. Bruce Marie. Ticket holders, there are still two more chances to win!

*Mark your calendars! Nativity BVM school will once again host the annual Diocesan Track Meet on Tuesday, April 24th at St. Patrick Catholic High School. Nine Catholic elementary schools are participating in this year's events. The meet begins at 5:00 p.m.

*Nativity School students in gr. 1-6 will be attending a Shuckers Game on Wednesday, April 25th, as part of the Shuckers Education Day.

*Sixth graders from Nativity will be joining other 6th graders from our Diocese for a retreat on Thursday, April 26th at St. Patrick High School

*Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is ongoing. Although several classes are filled, openings remain in many grades. For more information about the school and its programs, please visit our website at www.nativitybvm.org or call the school office (432-2269) to set up a tour.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES:

SANCTUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE:

April 22nd: 9:00 a.m.

April 29th: 11:00 a.m.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION:

Our Cathedral Choir and Choral Society – “Gloria In Excelsis” continues with their rehearsals this week on Wednesday and Tuesday respectively – both starting at 7:00 p.m. Our Cathedral Choir will sing through the Celebration of “Corpus Christi” and will perhaps also sing on the Weekend prior to the 4th of July. “Gloria In Excelsis” is working on two upcoming concerts: “A Celebration of Gospels and Spirituals” and “The Greatness of America – A Patriotic Concert”. We would love to have anyone that would be interesting in singing join us! All interested individuals wanting to inquiry/participate in the Music & Fine Arts Ministries Program should contact Terry Maddox – Minister of Music @ 251-406-1454 &/or @ terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 23** Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
Apr 24 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.
Apr 25 Cleaning Team “D”
 CCD Classes, 5:30 p.m., SHC
Apr 26 Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Apr 28 Beer & Wine & Silent Auction, 5:30 p.m.

NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL'S 6TH ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED WINE AND BEER TASTING!

It's time to purchase your tickets!!! Nativity BVM Cathedral's 6th Annual uncorked and uncapped wine and beer tasting is next Saturday, April 28th, 2018 – Exotic Wines – Craft Beers – Gourmet Food – Silent Auction and Live Entertainment. Tickets are \$45.00 per person, \$80.00 per couple and \$400.00 for a reserved table of 10.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

We are looking for artsy items for our upcoming Beer and Wine Tasting Event scheduled for April 28, 2018. If you have something of interest – an antique item, artwork, crafts, jewelry – that you would like to donate, please call Fr. Colten at (228) 374-1717. All proceeds from your donated auction item will go to the support of Nativity Cathedral Parish.