

A THANK YOU FROM FATHER FLANNERY

Dear Parishioners of Nativity parish: I wish to express my gratitude to you all for the warm reception you gave me in my visit to your wonderful parish. I sold 148 books in all. That would have given a total of \$2,220. However, the grand total amounted to \$2,755. Many people gave more than the cost of the book. I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your generosity and your long history of generous support of the Saltillo Mission. I will be visiting Saltillo after Easter with Bishop Kopacz (Bishop of Jackson), and I will assure the parishioners of the mission of your prayers and support. Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Michael Flannery

2018 CSA-PRAYER AND OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

This year's Catholic Sharing Appeal calls us to a quieter place in our world, our homes, and especially our hearts. As we enter into God's love more deeply through prayer, please remember those in our communities who long for God's love and presence in their lives. Help us to be perfect examples of His love to our brothers and sisters through our prayers, works and lives.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Cathedral is seeking volunteers to assist in cleaning the church. We have four teams who help once a month in this most needed ministry. We are currently asking for help with "Team B" who cleans the church on Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m. The volunteer work consists of cleaning and straightening the pews, sweeping the terrazzo floor in the pew area and vacuuming the cathedral. This is a humble and unseen work that benefits our entire community of faith. If interested, please call the parish office at 374-1717. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19, 2018

The Parish Life Committee of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is planning a St. Joseph Altar on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Sacred Heart Center from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited. Please come and view the altar and have lunch with us.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This is such a beautiful and holy time to come and spend with Jesus in Adoration. Won't you prayerfully consider giving the gift of your time to our savior and be pleasantly surprised to receive the gifts He will give you in return. First Friday Adoration is March 2nd from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in the Marion Chapel.

WELCOME NATIVITY SCHOOL AND CCD CHILDREN

It is always such a pleasure to have the children of Nativity Cathedral Parish present at Sunday Mass when they sing and pray as a group. This weekend, they will be singing and reading for us at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Special thanks are given to Barbara Ziz, our CCD Coordinator, to Sr. Mary Jo Mike, our school principal, and especially to Mr. Terry Maddox our Director of Fine Arts and Minister of Music.

DAILY MASS IN LENT

A wonderful way to keep the extra prayer of the Lenten Season is to attend daily Mass in our beautiful Marian Chapel. The daily Mass Scriptures of Lent journey with the Lord on his way to Calvary. Think about attending either the 6:30 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. Mass in Lent.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon Feb 26 | Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38 |
| Tues Feb 27 | Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12 |
| Wed Feb 28 | Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28 |
| Thur Mar 01 | Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31 |
| Fri Mar 02 | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| Sat Mar 03 | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Sun Mar 04 | Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25 |



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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| Regular Collections | \$ | 8,854.00 |
| Capital Improve. | \$ | 275.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 936.00 |
| Nativity Elem. | \$ | 290.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$ | 10,355.00 |

CCD

Regular class will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 5:30-6:30 in the Sacred Heart Center. If you need additional information or have any questions, please call Barbara Ziz, at 228-918-9778. The Sacrament of 1st Penance will be celebrated on Saturday, Mar. 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral. Practice for this Sacrament will be held on Thursday, Mar. 1, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral.

RCIA CATECHUMENS

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the Four Marks of the Church with Father Colten, and Joe Carmel will be leading our prayer service. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as we approach the Easter Sacraments and as they continue their journey of faith together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

RITE OF ELECTION

We are blessed to annually host the Diocesan Rite of Election for those people throughout the entire Diocese of Biloxi who are involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This holy rite brings those who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil together for presentation to Bishop Kihneman. Please join me in welcoming them to our Cathedral on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

FIRST CONFESSION

We are preparing to welcome our little ones to their First Confession on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Thanks are extended to all of our CCD and Elementary School teachers who are so diligently preparing them for this important sacrament.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In keeping with the Via Delarosa of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honoring his death on a Friday, we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral Church. Come and keep company with the Lord in his walk of Passion and Sorrow in Lent. Stations are held each Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church.

| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| Mar 03 4:00 pm 1. Jim Coskey 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Gayle Mavar 4. Helen Languirand 5. Patrick Hall | Mar 03 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey | Mar 03 4:00 pm Keegan Cuevas Sabree Sanders |
| Mar 04 7:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh | Mar 04 7:00 am Sr. Mary Jo Mike | Mar 04 7:00 am Emma Theobold Alec Ryan |
| 9:00 am | Terry Simons | 9:00 am Tristan Davis Kingston Davis Justin Useforge Jamey Useforge |
| 11:00 am | Johnny Williams | 11:00 am Aiden Tarrant Greyson Ross McRae Ross Nicholas Gruich |
| 5:30 pm | Kristy Arguelles | 5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydni Wills |
| CANTORS | | |
| Mar 03 4:00 pm William Endicott | Mar 04 9:00 am Peter Abide | |
| 11:00 am | Sean Ross | |
| 1. Sandy Steckler 2. Judy Steckler 3. Robert Moniot 4. Marianne Sherman 5. John Sherman | | |
| 5:30 pm | | |
| 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel 3. Kristy Arguelles | | |

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| Mon Feb 26 | Nita Newman | Peggy Brashier |
| Tue Feb 27 | Collins-Sims Fly. | Gerald Pickard |
| Wed Feb 28 | Maria Hoang Thi Khoai | Peggy Brashier |
| Thur Mar 01 | Poor Souls in Purgatory | Stanley Dellenger |
| Fri Mar 02 | Daughter/Sister (S.I.) | Glenn/Joyce Pisarich |
| Sat Mar 03 | 8 Thomas E. Connell | 4 Bros. Jordan/Gary (S.I.) |
| Sun Mar 04 | 7 Betty Lou Callegari | 9:00 F.T.P. ₂ |
| | 11:00 am Andrew Cvitanovich | 5:30 Nita Newman |

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Linda Welter, Hugh Kavanagh, Gwen Gee, 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 Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Michael Zorich,, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skrmetta.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*During the Lenten season, children at Nativity School join together each Friday at 10:20 a.m. to pray and reflect on the Stations of the Cross. From our preschoolers through our sixth graders, the children have the opportunity to take part in this traditional Lenten Prayer of the Church. *The fifth-grade students recently participated in a religion assessment program. The purpose is to provide guidance on what the children are learning and what areas of the Catholic faith need to be addressed more completely.

*Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now taking place. For information about the school's programs, Pre-School – Grade 6, or to visit the school, please call Ms. Cheryl at the school office, 432-2269. *Nativity BVM School is 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 are on sale and the drawing will take place on March 29th. All proceeds will go to the school's Technology Fund. For more information please call the school or visit our website! *Nativity School Parents, Friends of the School and the Nativity Men's Club will hold a Lenten dinner on **Friday, March 2nd. Meals are dine in/take out from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the school.**

Bible Study / Play Group

Join fellow parish moms for a Bible Study/Play Group. We will have coffee, conversation and Bible study every Friday at 11:30AM at the Sacred Heart Center. Children welcome! Call Keelin Cromar 240-401-8236 for more information.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Next Sunday, March 4th, we will have coffee and donuts after the 9:00 Mass. Please plan to enjoy this time together.

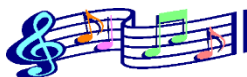
BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for February 27th: Stanley (Robert & Remelyn), LoCoco (Nicholas & Talla), Burke (Sam & Sarah), Canon (Ryan & Summer), Byers (Robert & Jennifer) and Callegari (Matthew & Jackie). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 26** Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 27** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 28** Cleaning Team "D"
CCD 5:30 p.m., SHC
- Mar 01** Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Mar 02** First Friday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Chapel
Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral

MUSIC NOTES



First Penance will be observed on Saturday, March 3rd. Our Choral Ensembles – the Sanctuary Choir & our Choral Society - "Gloria In Excelsis" invites folks to prayerfully consider becoming members. All interested individuals wanting to inquire/participate in the Music & Fine Arts Ministries Program should contact Terry Maddox – Minister of Music @ 251 406-1454 &/or @terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

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| ENTRANCE HYMN | #134 |
| OFFERTORY | #601 |
| COMMUNION | #603 |
| SENDING | #630 |

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Every day during Lent at 7:45 a.m. in the Marian Chapel we pray Lauds (Morning Prayer). In doing so we join the Church throughout the world in praying this official prayer of the Church. A copy of the breviary will be supplied for you. Come and let us pray together in Lent.