

EVERY GOOD THING THAT HAPPENS TO US PROVIDES A GLIMPSE INTO THE JOY THAT WILL BE OURS IN HEAVEN

When good things happen to us, we get an idea of what the kingdom of heaven is like: it is always time for celebration. Happily, we do not have to wait until we die to join the celebration. For by placing our faith in Jesus and living according to his teachings, we can experience the blessings of the kingdom of God amidst our lives on earth.

BISHOP KIHNEMAN'S HOMILIES

Bishop Kihneman's homilies will be available each week in audio form on Nativity BVM Cathedral's website. To access these homilies, visit nativitybvm.podbean.com

NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB

Nativity Men's Club will have their first meeting after a summer break, on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Center. **All men of the parish are welcome to attend.** Please email Dennis Burke at djburke@cableone.net if you plan to attend. We would love for you to join us!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration will resume on August 4, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., in our Chapel, with Deacon Ben.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED –Have you ever thought of becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist? Among the five weekend Masses, our Cathedral Parish requires from 18 to 21 Eucharistic Ministers each Sunday to assist in the distribution of the Most Holy Body of Christ and his Precious Blood. At normal Sunday Mass celebrated without the bishop and his deacons, three to five Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed at each Mass. Because of the normal atrophy due to death, disability, and relocation, we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers at this time. Being called as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a great grace given by our Lord. So, please, help us with distributing the most Sacred Body and Blood of Christ. Forms for volunteering for this important ministry are in this weekend's bulletins and in the back of the Cathedral Church.

LECTORS NEEDED -There is an old adage which states: "When you proclaim the Word of God you become the Word of God". It is a genuine grace to proclaim the Holy Scripture before the gathered community of faith at Sunday Masses. Our Nativity Cathedral is in need of additional Lectors for our Sunday Masses. Please consider assisting in the celebration of Mass by proclaiming the Word of God to His holy people. Forms for volunteering for critical ministry are in this weekend's bulletins and in the back of the Cathedral Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FAMILY

Mon Jul 31	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34, Mt 13:31-35, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1, Lk 14:25-33
Tues Aug 1	Ex 33:7-11; 34-5b-9, 28, Mt 13:36-43, Rom 8:1-4, Mt 5:13-19
Wed Aug 2	Ex 34:29-35, Mt 13:44-46
Thur Aug 3	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38, Mt 13:47-53
Fri Aug 4	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Mt 13:54-58, Ez 3:17-21, Mt 9:35-10:1
Sat Aug 5	Lv 25:1, 8-17, Mt 14:1-12
Sun Aug 6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mt 17:1-9



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	8901.54
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	909.00
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	10.00
<i>Capital Improve.</i>	\$	594.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	630.95
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	11,045.49
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT

THANKSGIVING HOME GIVEAWAY!!!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY. Tickets are now available in the Church rectory. Tickets are \$100.00. This new home is here in Biloxi! Please contact the rectory for more information or to purchase tickets. Let's make this a great fundraiser for our St. Vincent de Paul.

CCD NEW!

Matthew 4:19-20 "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Do you have 1-2 hours a week to help with the faith formation of our most treasured resource—our children? We're looking for Catechists to teach or work in any aspect of our CCD program. The classes meet each week on Wednesday, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning in September through the middle of May. Teachers do not need to be experts in theology—just to be passionate about their faith and desire to share their love of Christ and the Church with children. Please call Nativity Cathedral office at 228-374-1717, or Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778 to sign up for this ministry. Thanks!

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

When planning a baptism, marriage, or for subsidized tuition rates for our Catholic Schools, you must demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic and that you attend Mass. Using envelopes helps maintain a record of Mass attendance. The parish registration form can be found online at www.nativitybvmcathedral.org, or at the entrance of the Cathedral in the vestibule.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Aug 5 4:00 pm 1. Helen Languirand 2. Liz Joachim 3. Andrea Gilich 4. Ann Kavanagh 5. Gayle Mavar Aug 6 7:00 am 1. Vicki Howard 2. Marcia Mayfield 3. Dale Dorcik 9:00 am 1. John Brauchle 2. Linda Welter 3. Belinda Corley 4. Linda Bourgeois 5. Maggie Landry 11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Nanette Burke 3. Sondra Williams 4. Judy Steckler 5. Sandy Steckler 5:30 pm 1. Jim Shugart 2. Annette Luther 3. Teresa Ballinger	Aug 5 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey Aug 6 7:00 am Joe Koonce 9:00 am Terry Simons 11:00 am Johnny Williams 5:30 pm Janice Fields CANTORS Aug 3 9:00 am SCHOOL MASS Dennis Burke Aug 5 4:00 pm William Endicott Aug 6 9:00 am John Welter 11:00 am Dennis Burke	Aug 5 4:00 pm Keegan Cuevas Sabree Sander Aug 6 7:00 am Makayln Pfarrer Alec Ryan 9:00 am Trent Fulton Sofia Carreon Terrene McDonnell 11:00 am Hadyn Hollis Greysen Ross McRae Ross 5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Taylor Ychereskin

MASS INTENTIONS

		6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Mon	Jul 31	Collins-Sims Fly.	Chester Balius Fly.
Tue	Aug 1	Eileen McAuliffee	Stanley Dellenger
Wed	Aug 2	Clare Hornsby	Jerry O'Keefe
Thur	Aug 3	Kathleen Hebert.	Anna Jo Wentzell
Fri	Aug 4	Herbert/Bertha McDonnell	Arthur Baker
Sat	Aug 5	8 Betty Lou Callegari	4 Thomas Andrews
Sun	Aug 6	7 - Gladys Schmidt	9 - F. T. P.
		11 - Jeanne Harbison	5:30 Dr. Jessica Crowder

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Candy Widener, John Pat Skrmetti, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Kay Lawson, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Lisa Walker Kirkman, Raymond Egers, Betty Hilton, Walter Blessey, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Richard "Red" White, Jack Joachim, Jr., Eugene LaCaze, Mabel Viator, George Krebs, Marian Semski and Michael Zorich.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor and in loving memory of Steve Zorich, from his loving wife, Beverly and their children for their wedding anniversary.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Please keep in prayer our faculty and staff members during this coming week as we meet to plan and prepare for the upcoming school year. We look forward to the opportunity we have to minister at Nativity BVM School.

*Our school's theme this year is CALLED... Each month we will look at a particular aspect of our call. During the month of August, we will reflect on the fact that we Are CALLED... TO SERVE.

*Families of students who will be attending Nativity BVM School for the 2017 -2018 school year are invited to attend an Open House on Thursday, August 3rd from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Children are encouraged to bring their school supplies with them at that time.

*We will be looking for a LOT OF HELP! Through the generous donations of several people along with some grant money, we will be replenishing the rubber mulch on both playgrounds. We will let you know when the tons of mulch will arrive (literally) and hope that you can join us in "spreading the love!"

NATIVITY BVM SCHOOL

Child Nutrition Department - Job Notice

Nativity BVM Child Nutrition Program is in search of a full-time cook to prepare and serve meals to students and staff. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: food production, food safety and customer service. School Foodservice experience is a plus but not required. Hours are 7:30 to 1:15 Monday thru Friday beginning in October, however some training may be necessary, which may require an earlier start date. Please call Martha Montiforte, Child Nutrition Supv/Mgr at 228-297-2799 for more information. Application available at Nativity School front office. School Office: 228-432-2269.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 1 -Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
- Aug 2 - **Cleaning Team "B"**
- Mass at Seashore Retirement Home, 3:00 p.m.
- Aug 3 - Mass at Greenbriar Nursing Home, 10:00 a.m.
Opening School Mass, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- Aug 4 - First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Chapel

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for Aug 1st. Widel (Misty Broussard), Landry (Maggie), Mathis (Bill Lawson), Mejias (Alfredo & Blanca), Miller (Glenn & Kim), Riojas (Ramon & Amy) and Sanchez-Alvarez (Edgar & Juanita) **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.