

NATIVITY BVM PARISHIONERS

Many of you have already heard of the news regarding our beloved Rector, Fr. Dennis Carver. He suffered a minor heart attack on Saturday morning. He was admitted to the hospital and after examining his condition, the doctors advised Fr. Dennis that they would have to perform a triple by-pass surgery. The surgery was performed on Monday, July 31st. It was successful and the doctors informed us that all went as planned.

Fr. Dennis is now on the road to recovery. It will be a long and difficult journey. We ask that there be no visitations at this moment during this initial period of recovery. This initial recovery period includes a lot of therapy, which can be very challenging, and stressful, and tiring which means that all the rest he can get will be wanted and needed. Thank you for your understanding.

Please continue to keep Fr. Dennis in your prayers. He says he is so appreciative of your prayers and support that he has received. Let us, therefore, continue to storm heaven asking for a quick and full recovery for him! We will continue to keep everyone updated as he recovers.

St. John of God, patron saint of heart conditions, pray for us!

In Christ through Mary,
- Fr. Colten Symmes

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM.

“The word of the Lord” is something we hear in church, perhaps without giving it much thought. Peter and Daniel both remind us that the words of Jesus we hear in Scripture are none other than the words of the beloved Son of the Ancient One, who is the Most High over all the earth. We would do well to pay close attention to these words.

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 are in the back of the Cathedral Church.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour will be on August 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in the Marian Chapel. Please consider coming and spending an hour with our Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK FAMILY

- Mon Aug 7** Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21
- Tues Aug 8** Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36, 1 Cor 2:1-10a, Lk 9:57-62
- Wed Aug 9** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35, Mt 15:21-28
- Thur Aug 10** 2 Cor. 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26
- Fri Aug 11** Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28, Phil 3:8-14, Mt 19:27-29
- Sat Aug 12** Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20
- Sun Aug 13** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND

CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	10,802.78
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	1,516.00
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	25.00
<i>Capital Improve.</i>	\$	140.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	505.80
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,989.58
CASH NEEDED	\$	14,400.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT

CCD NEWS!

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!

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 are in the back of the Cathedral Church.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENT

The Biloxi diocese has announced plans for a new Formation Class for the Permanent Diaconate to begin in the fall of 2018. Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30 until Noon on the following days:

- Saturday, Aug. 19th, St. Thomas Aquinas, Hattiesburg
- Saturday, Sept. 9th, St. Joseph Parish, Gulfport
- Saturday, Sept. 19th, St. Elizabeth Seton, Ocean Springs.

For interested men, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory, and your wife is required to attend. For additional information, please call 228-702-2107.

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</p> <p>Aug 12 4:00 pm 1. Jim Coskey 2. Kathleen Coskey 3. Kalin Lloyd 4. Gerrie Weldon 5. Barbara Ziz</p> <p>Aug 13 7:00 am 1. Jim Compton 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh</p> <p>9:00 am 1. Bobby Weaver 2. Marianne Sherman 3. John Sherman 4. Judy Trahan 5. Barry Gilmore</p> <p>11:00 am 1. Deacon Ben 2. Sondra Williams 3. Johnny Williams 4. Susan Toche 5. Rocky Greathouse</p> <p>5:30 pm 1. Roland Creel 2. Tricia Creel 3. Kristy Arguelles</p>	<p>LECTORS</p> <p>Aug 12 4:00 pm Julie Capuano</p> <p>Aug 13 7:00 am Joe Powell</p> <p>9:00 am Michael Keesler</p> <p>11:00 am Rhonda Clark</p> <p>5:30 pm Maggie Landry</p> <p>CANTORS</p> <p>Aug 12 4:00 pm William Endicott</p> <p>Aug 13 9:00 am Nicholas Rodolfich</p> <p>11:00 am Phil Frisby</p>	<p>ALTAR SERVERS</p> <p>Aug 12 4:00 pm Sabree Sanders Sofia Carreon</p> <p>Aug 13 7:00 am Makayla Pfarrer Alec Stewart Wyeth Stewart</p> <p>9:00 am Annabelle Landry Veronika Landry Julia Landry</p> <p>11:00 am Aidan Tarrant Clayton Stoddard Ava M. Stoddard</p> <p>5:30 pm Jacob Arguelles Nicholas Arguelles Sydni Wells</p>
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Mon	Aug 7	Kathleen Hebert	Raymond Terry
Tue	Aug 8	Collins-Sims Fly.	Virgie Hester
Wed	Aug 9	Chester Balius Fly.	Arthur Baker, Jr.
Thur	Aug 10	Chip Donovan (SI)	Father Dennis Carver (SI)
Fri	Aug 11	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich	Dartha Alford Sweeden
Sat	Aug 12	<u>8</u> Pat Smolcich <u>4</u>	Joshua Bozeman
Sun	Aug 13	<u>7</u> -Gabe/Doris Kasovich <u>9</u> -	F. T. P.
		11 - Father Dennis (SI)	5:30 Chip Donovan (SI)

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Chip Donovan, 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.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*The big day is here! Nativity BVM School will open its doors and begin its 61st year at the current location on Tuesday, August 8th. We ask for God's blessing as we begin. We are grateful to you, our parishioners, who support our school in so many ways.

*We are pleased to announce that Mr. Terry Maddox, the Music Minister at Nativity BVM Cathedral, will also be the choir director at Nativity School. Mr. Terry will also provide music classes several times each month for the children.

*Joining Nativity School as its EXPLORE (Gifted Studies) teacher and art teacher is Mrs. Zina Puz. We welcome her to our school.

*Saving those little things can add up! Please remember to save aluminum beverage cans, Box Tops for Education and Community Coffee UPC codes for the school.

*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 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 7 – Men's Club meeting, 6:00 p.m., SHC
- Aug 8 -Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
 Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.
- Aug 9 - **Cleaning Team "C"**
 - Mass at Seashore Retirement Home, 3:00 p.m.
- Aug 10 - Mass at Greenbriar Nursing Home, 10:00 am
 Holy Hour, 6:00 p.m., Marian Chapel.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

- ENTRANCE HYMN** #536
- OFFERTORY** #608
- COMMUNION** #344
- SENDING** #721

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for Aug 8th. Baxter (Brandon & Nicole), King (Lee & Dannette), McHarg (Norman & Melissa), Randall (Amy), Stewart (Darrin & Linda), Vo (Tiffany) and Mitchell (Joseph & Michele). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

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.

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.