

**JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE FOR US.**

Sometimes, in the midst of life’s storms, we might feel that Jesus has abandoned us. But Jesus walks with us every step along the way. During stormy times, it’s important to turn to Jesus because he will give us the grace, guidance and strength we need to endure and make our way out of the storm.

**NATIVITY BVM PARISHIONERS**

Fr. Dennis is continuing his road to recovery! Father has been visiting with parishioners, when he feels up to it. Short visits, of course, but he is thoroughly enjoying being able to see you. Please continue to keep Fr. Dennis in your prayers. He appreciates your prayers and support he continues to receive. Let us, therefore, continue to storm heaven asking for a quick and full recovery for him!

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

In Christ through Mary,  
- Fr. Colten Symmes

**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.

**RCIA.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. The Nativity Parish will begin R.C.I.A. classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.

**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

**RECTORY CLOSING**

Nativity Rectory will be closed on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 for the Assumption of Mary. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK FAMILY**

**Mon Aug 14** Dt 10:12-22, Mt 17:22-27  
**Tues Aug 15** Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56  
**Wed Aug 16** Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20  
**Thur Aug 17** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17, Mt 18:21-19-1  
**Fri Aug 18** Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12  
**Sat Aug 19** Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15  
**Sun Aug 20** Is 56:1,6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32, Mt 15:21-28



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

<i>Regular Collections</i>	\$	9,655.92
<i>Nativity Maintenance</i>	\$	1,775.94
<i>Nativity Elem.</i>	\$	80.00
<i>Capital Improve.</i>	\$	340.00
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$	794.99
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,646.85</b>
<b>CASH NEEDED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,400.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT**

**MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.**

We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

**CCD REGISTRATION!**

CCD Registration for all students in Kindergarten through 11th grade in our Inter-Parish CCD program will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 5:30-6:30 at the Sacred Heart Center behind Nativity Cathedral. Please bring any Sacramental information you may have for your child. The registration fee is \$30.00 for the first child and \$20.00 for any additional children in the family. Our CCD teachers are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students to our program! Please contact Barbara Ziz at 228-918-9778 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.

**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.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
<b>Aug 19 4:00 pm</b> 1. Deacon Ben 2. Mary Wimberly 3. Ann Kavanagh 4. Liz Joachim 5. Helen Languirand	<b>Aug 19 4:00 pm</b> Michael Bruffey	<b>Aug 19 4:00 pm</b> Simon Randall McKinzy Mathis
<b>Aug 20 7:00 am</b> 1. Deacon Ben 2. Vicki Howard 3. Dale Dorcik	<b>Aug 20 7:00 am</b> Marcia Mayfield	<b>Aug 20 7:00 am</b> Clayton Stoddard Ava Stoddard Alec Ryan
<b>9:00 am</b> 1. Deacon Ben 2. Linda Welter 3. Belinda Corley 4. Linda Bourgeois 5. John Brauchle	<b>9:00 am</b> Al Simons, Jr.	<b>9:00 am</b> Justin Useforge Jamie Useforge Terrene McDonnell
<b>11:00 am</b> 1. Deacon Ben 2. Deacon Richard 3. Judy Steckler 4. Sandy Steckler 5. Rhonda Clark	<b>11:00 am</b> Peter Abide	<b>11:00 am</b> HadyN Hollis Greysen Ross McRae Ross
<b>5:30 pm</b> 1. Deacon Ben 2. Angela Cannon 3. Kristy Arguelles	<b>5:30 pm</b> Janice Fields	<b>5:30 pm</b> Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Taylor Yasar
	<b>CANTORS</b>	
	<b>Aug 19 4:00 pm</b> William Endicott	
	<b>Aug 20 9:00 am</b> Phil Frisby	
	<b>11:00 am</b> John Welter	

## MASS INTENTIONS

		<b>6:30 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Mon	Aug 14	Mary Rosella McAuliffee	Peter Tran
		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Fr. William John Connell
Tue	Aug 15	Andrew Cvitanovich	Harrell Mallett
		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Father Dennis Carver (S.I.)
Wed	Aug 16	Collins Sims Fly.	Stanley Dellenger
Thur	Aug 17	Patricia Powell	Ella Mae Barq
Fri	Aug 18	Gaspar/Mary Pisarich	Thomas Dustin
Sat	Aug 19	<b>8</b> Sonny Ross <b>4</b>	Josephine Esposito Allen
Sun	Aug 20	<b>7</b> -Patsy Smolcich	<b>9</b> - F. T. P.
		<b>11</b> - Brad Knopp	<b>5:30</b> Megan/Kevin Guillory

## PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Father Dennis Carver, 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

\*Our school year is off to a great start! We are so pleased with the way in which the children have adjusted to the school routine!

\*You are invited to join us for Mass at the school on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Mass will be held in our school gym.

\*A School Information Night will be held on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

The evening will begin in the gym and then parents/guardians will be invited to go their child's classroom to meet the teacher and hear about plans for the school year.

\*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.

## 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 228-223-8129 or the rectory at 228-374-1717.

## 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](http://www.nativitybvmcathedral.org), or at the entrance of the Cathedral in the vestibule.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 14 – Men's Club meeting, 6:00 p.m., SHC  
The Assumption of Mary, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral

Aug 15 -Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC  
Bingo Mania 5:30 p.m.  
The Assumption of Mary 6:00 p.m., Cathedral  
Nativity Rectory CLOSED

Aug 16 - **Cleaning Team "D"**

## MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

ENTRANCE HYMN #421  
OFFERTORY #685  
COMMUNION #344  
SENDING #429

## BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. Amos (Albert & Dorthy), Codella (Armondo & Renae), Cromar (Jason & Keelin), Foster (Jay & Sheila), Fountain (Brent & Bonnie), Jordan (Robert & Aimee) and Mitchell (Joseph & Michele)  
**REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

## 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. 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Thomas Aquinas, Hattiesburg

Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Parish, Gulfport

Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.