

St. Thomas FYI October 13, 2023



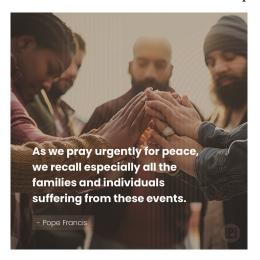
Is GOD CALLING YOU to serve HIS CHURCH as a PERMANENT DEACON in The Diocese of Biloxi?
God doesn't call the qualified.
He qualifies the called!
Information sessions:

October 14, 8am-1pm, at St. Mary's, Gautier
Contact your Pastor or Deacon for more information or
call Deacon Mike Harris director of the
Office of the Permanent Diaconate
at the Diocese of Biloxi at 228-342-1536



Parish Family Breakfast

Sponsered by the Knights of Columbus
Join YOUR St. Thomas family
for breakfast and fellowship.
Sunday October 15, 2023
8am – 11am \$8.00 a plate



Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.
Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and
compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, October 14, 8am-1pm, Diaconate information Session

Saturday, October 14, 12pm Fatima Rosary Rally

Sunday October 15, 8:00-11:00am KC Breakfast

Sunday, October 15, 11:00 am, Red Mass

Thursday, October 19, 7 pm K C ladies meeting

Friday, October 20, 2023 5:00pm Healing Mass

Saturday,October 21, beginning at 7:00am Mens Morning of Reflection

October 21 & 22 Second collection: World Mission

Sunday, October 22, 11am
White Mass
Wenesday, October 25, 6 p.m.
Confirmation Parent Meeting

October 28 & 29
Second Collection: SVdP Society

October 31, 7pm All Saints Vigil Mass

November 1, 8:30am & 12 noon All Saints Mass

November 2, 6pm All Souls Mass

November 9 - 12, 2023 ACTS Retreat for Women



Red Mass of the Legal Profession

Bishop Kihneman invites all members of the legal profession to attend the annual Red Mass on October 15, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Judges are invited to robe and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for the Mass, you are asked to RSVP by emailing rsvp@biloxidiocese.org, visiting https://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp, or calling 228-702-2100.

The Red Mass, a historical tradition in the Catholic Church, is an ecumenical event in that it is intended to bless the entire judiciary, members of the bar, lawmakers, and elected officials for the coming year. Immediately following there will be a reception in the Sacred Heart Center.

This year Judge Leslie Southwick of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will be speaking.



Fatima Rosary Rally

Hosted by
St. John Catholic Church
Saturday, October 14, 2023
Beginning at 12:00 noon
Knights of Columbus Hall
733 - 34th Street
Gulfport, MS



White Mass of the Healthcare Profession

Bishop Kihneman will recognize and bless members of the medical community at our annual diocesan White Mass on Sunday, October 22, 2023, 11:00 am, at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Doctors, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, are invited to wear their white coats and be part of the procession. In order to prepare for Mass.

Please RSVP by emailing rsvp@biloxidiocese.org, visiting www.biloxidiocese.org/white-mass-rsvp, or calling 228-702-2100.

Healing Mass
Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
Friday, October 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM
Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,
216 Saucier Ave.
Pass Christian, MS. 39571



KC ladies meeting Thursday October 19, 7 pm Important events to plan! Please plan to attend!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES



The Catholic Church is absolutely committed to the safety of our children. All staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults undergo background checks and receive training to provide a safe environment for our children. The Bishop requires that all parish youth ministries and religious education programs conduct safe environment presentations to all young people from pre-kindergarten through high school on an annual basis during October. Bishop Kihneman writes: "The purpose of the program is to explain to young people that they have a dignity as children of God; that they must respect their own dignity and the dignity of others; and that there are appropriate ways of touching one another." SRE Safe Environment classes for children in grades Pre-K through 5th will be held the morning of October 15th.

BABY BOTTLE BOUNCE TO AID SINGLE MOMS



In the month of October, the local council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Baby Bottle Bounce fund drive to support the work of Morning Star Pregnancy Care Center. The Knights acquired plastic baby bottles which are handed out among parishioners. Church goers are asked to fill the bottles with change, cash or checks over a several-week period during October, and return them to the church before the end of the month.

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 2 million members. What it means to be a Knight is spelled out in their motto: "We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better

husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first." To learn more about Knight membership, go to www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html Any practicing male Catholic, 18 and older can apply.



Second Collection October 21 & 22

World Mission Sunday, the annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated on October 22 this year. This collection is a unique, global effort for the entire Church to provide for the support of over one thousand local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.



The Better We Know Mary, the Better We Will Know Her Son

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in GOD's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, you will be placed in the

midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son.

Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. No charge. Donations accepted for snacks. Individual class study guide may be purchased at www.ascenionpress.com for \$26.95+S/H (includes internet video access for one year) or w/o access, Google for used study guides)

Seating is limited. To register or for additional information, contact <u>wanda.biblestudies@gmail.com</u> or go to <u>www.lighthouseideas.org</u>

Saturday, October 21 - November 11, 2023 9:00 am -11:00 am Sacred Heart Church 10046 LeMoyne Blvd, D'Iberville, MS

Location: Aquinas Hall (West side of Church-look for signs)

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING



We will have a confirmation parent meeting on Wenesday, October 25th at 6 p.m. The meeting is for parents of teens who will be confirmed this year. At least one parent/guardian must attend.

Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Jesus

'GRIEF THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS'

SEMINAR

St. Clare Catholic Church, Waveland, is hosting a seminar entitled 'Grief Through the Holidays' on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish community room. This event is free and open to anyone on their personal journey of grief and/or anyone thinking of beginning a grief group in their own parish.

This timely seminar is a collaborative event of the Grief Ministries at St. Clare Church and St. Rose de Lima in Bay St. Louis. Both of these grief ministries provide weekly group sessions using the book, 'Beyond the Broken Heart', a scripturally based guide to help in the journey through grief.

The seminar's special guest presenter will be Julie Yarbrough, author of several books including "Beyond the Broken Heart" that address the practical and spiritual challenges of grief. Her writings encourage us to release fear and examine grief's complexities. She stated, "If we did not love, our hearts would not be broken by the death of one we love. Grief is often referred to as a journey. The journey begins when one we love dies. Though the journey does not come with a precise roadmap, along the way we find answers to some of the most difficult questions of life and death through prayer, introspection, and soulsearching. We near the end of the journey when we move beyond our grief toward hope and new life." The session will begin at 9:00 with coffee, refreshments, and meet and greet. A resource table with grief specific literature will be set up for additional information. To register or have questions, please call St. Clare parish office at 228-467-9275; St. Rose parish office at 228-467-7347; or Sherry Ponder at 228-332-0256. ".....you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." John 16:20

Craft Fair and Bake Sale

The Ladies Guild of St Joseph Catholic Church
Depew Road in Gulfport
Saturday, October 28,9 AM to 6 PM &
Sunday, October 29, 7AM to 12:30.
This is a wonderful opportunity to do some early

This is a wonderful opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping and purchase delicious baked goods. Lunch will be available for purchase both days. There will also be an opportunity for shoppers to donate baby items for Catholic Charities of South Mississippi. For more information or to rent a table call Bridget at 228.239.3437.

CALLING TALENTED TEENS!

We are looking for talented teens in 7th & 8th grade to serve in our music ministry youth praise ensemble. This is a great way to develop musical skills and serve God with your gifts, leading music at Masses and youth events. Please contact Lauren Hymel for more information, music@saintthomaslb.org.

DIOCESE of BILOXI CALLED BY NAME



Will you answer?





October 15, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ.

Today I am announcing a special Called by Name Campaign to identify faithful young men and women in our diocese who, through God's providence, could have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. The campaign will take place on October 21-22, 2023.

As you know, our diocese has a great need for "more workers for the harvest." I firmly believe that our future priests and sisters will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need the entire Church to identify them, so that we can offer support and encouragement as they discern their vocations.

Next weekend, as you reflect upon the vocation story shared by your priest, please consider the following:

1) For Young People

For those of you discerning your life's vocation, be open to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a beautiful gift – be courageous and open to his call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. Do not be afraid. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy.

2) For All Parisioners

I invite you to think deeply about the youth & young adults in your parish who you believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the one who calls, he often uses our voices. Please write down at least one name using the envelope provided at Mass, or submit names online at biloxivocations.org.

This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to please participate thoughtfully, so that it will be a great success throughout the diocese. And please join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new leaders who are intentional disciples for the future of the Church!

May God bless you,

Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III Bishop of Biloxi Is

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SERVICE OF THE WORD





SERVICE OF THE LITURGY



- Mass
- Baptism
- Matrimony
- Funerals





SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

- Prison Ministry
- Home Visits
- Hospital Visits
- R.C.I.A.
- Retreats
- Youth







November 9 - 12, 2023

ACTS is a 3-day retreat offering an opportunity to experience God's grace, mercy, and love. We invite you to come renew your spirituality and prayer life, strengthen your faith and relationship with God, and build lasting friendships. You do NOT have to be Catholic to attend. ACTS stands for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The retreat will be held at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi, MS. Registration forms are available in the back of the church and in the office or scan the QR code

Total cost is \$125.00 with a \$75.00 deposit to reserve your place. The balance is due at the Thursday check-in.

Note: If you are unable to pay part of the fee, or wish to inquire about a scholarship, please contact your St. Thomas rep: Vanessa Polk at 334–414–1120, or any of the ladies on the bottom of the registration form. You can either mail your registration form and check in to the address on the form or drop them off at the office (attn: Vanessa).





ACTS Retreat Registration Form Our Lady of Fatima

LADIES' ACTS RETREAT (November 9 – 12, 2023) Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service (ACTS)

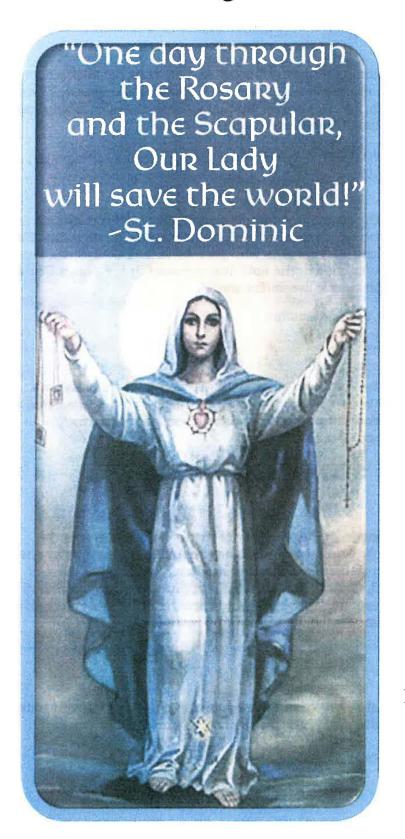
Thank you for choosing to attend the upcoming ACTS Retreat at Camp Wilkes Inc., 2109 Camp Wilkes Road, Biloxi, MS 39532. This will be an exciting time for you and our Team. You will get to meet new people, experience new levels of Adoration to God, get a different appreciation for the Community of your church, learn more about the Theology of your religion as it pertains to you personally and find out what Service to God and your fellow man is about.

The cost for the four days and three nights of lodging, meals, and spiritual renewal is \$125.00. You can pay in full or pay a \$75.00 deposit to hold your place. The remaining \$50.00 can be paid at check-in on Thursday, November 9th. If you are having financial difficulty, please speak to the director of the retreat for payment options or scholarship opportunities.

Please complete this registration form and return it, along with your payment, to an ACTS team member, or send it to Our Lady of Fatima, 2090 Pass Road, Biloxi, MS 39531. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Fatima ACTS.

Name:	Birth month/day:				
Name as you want it to ap	pear on your name tag				
Address:		City:		_ Zip:	
Cell phone:	Home phone:		Work phon	e:	
1st Emergency contact per	son:	Relationship:			
Emergency contact person	n's address:				
Emergency phone C:	H:		W:		
2 nd Emergency contact per	rson:	Relationship:			
Emergency contact person	i's address:				
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Allergies:					
Any special dietary, medic	cal or other needs for th	ne retreat v	weekend:		
E-Mail:					
Parish you belong to:					
Other religious affiliation:			_		
Director:	Co-Direc	Co-Directors:		Spiritual Companion:	
Patrice Torricelli (228) 760-3344 torricellidpaz@gmail.com s	(228) 257-3181	(601) 71	6-4040	(228) 424-4200	

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



UNDER THE OAKS

AT

OUR LADY OF THE GULF COMMUNITY CENTER

> SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

> > AT 12 P.M.

OUR LADY NEEDS US!

COME AND PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST! MORNING OF REFLECTION



JOHN EDWARDS

FOUNDER OF PEW
MINISTRIES AND HOST OF
"JUST A GUY IN THE PEW"
PODCAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

7:00 AM Doors open -Registration and donuts!

7:30 AM Welcome - Fr. Mark

8:15 AM Witness Speaker - Chris Brown

8:45 AM From Addict to Evangelist:
John's Powerful Conversion Story

9:45 AM Break

10:00 AM Restoring Your Identity: Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM The Most Important Thing: A Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ

12:00 PM Closing and Dismissal

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church 3117 W 4th St, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

This is a free event! There will be a freewill offering in lieu of ticket sales.

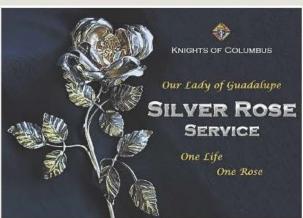




Join us ^{and} Bishop Louis F. Kihneman _{Sor the}

Silver Rose Rosary & Mass





The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to attend the Annual Silver Rose Service.

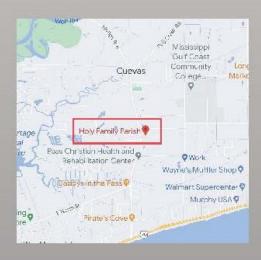
The Silver Rose honors Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying silver roses across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

In December 1523, The Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego and requested that a church be built in honor of her to aid in the evangelization of the native population. To help Juan Diego convince the local bishop, the Blessed Virgin instructed him to pick roses (in winter and not native to the area) growing on the hill. When he showed the roses to the bishop, an image of the Virgin was found on his cloak.

October 26, 2023

Rosary 6:15 pm Mass 7:00 pm

Holy Family Church Pass Christian, MS





AUGUST

25th - Queen Bee Bunco St Thomas Church Community Center, LB

OCTOBER

14th - Poker Run Mitchell Road, LB

27th - Cocktails & Cabooses
TrainTastic Interactive Model
Railroad Museum, GPT

DECEMBER

2nd - Saints Getaway raffle drawing Facebook Live

SEPTEMBER

9th - Tacos & Trivia SVS Gym

23rd - It's All Fun & Games! Bottle Party Desporte home, PC

NOUEMBER

5th - Winter Tea St Thomas Church Community Center

11th - Poker Tournament Gaddy home, LB

18th - CARTI GRAS Golf Tournament The Oaks, PC

JANUARY

12th - Jeep-a-Greet Coastal Daiquiri, LB

13th - Jeep-a-Gras parade
Downtown LB

27th - Drawdown/Silent Auction
LB Activity and Senior Center

FEBRUARY

2nd-CALB Royal Coronation Ball 3rd - Long Beach Night Parade

