

St. Thomas Newsletter November 3, 2023





Second Collection

This Weekend, November 4 & 5

Maintenance & Restoration

Thank you for you generosity



Good Shepherd Showcase will be open before and after all Masses this weekend, November 4th & 5th. Now is the perfect time to start looking for that special religious gift for your loved ones. Please stop by and see our newest items.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4&5, 2023
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November 4&5, 2023 Good Shepherd Showcase

Sunday, November 5, 2023 CALB Winter Tea Party

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 Election Day

November 9 - 12, 2023 ACTS Retreat for Women

Friday, November 10, 2023 OLA Veterans Day Celebration

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Return filled bags

Monday, Novermber 13, 2023 OLA Open House

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Lunchkins

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 St. Stanislaus Open House

Friday, November 17, 2023 Healing Mass at OMM

Saturday, December 2, 2023 "Walking Through Advent with Mary" at St. Clare

HEALING MASS Friday, NOVEMBER 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM. **Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church** 216 Saucier Ave.

Pass Christian, MS. 39571

Please bring your friends and those who needs special prayers in this powerful Healing Mass.



CONDOLENCE COMMITTEE

St. Thomas the Apostle is blessed to have a caring group of parishioners who compose our committee. The main purpose of the committee is to provide and serve food for the family at the funeral reception – an entrée, sides, salad, rolls and beverages. Team members divide the items needed; you may volunteer to provide whatever is most convenient for you. The Condolence Committee has several teams, so the same people are not called upon repetitively. We would be pleased if you would consider joining us in this ministry.

Please contact Pam Fallo at 228-918-4523 or email condolence@saintthomaslb.org



Society of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

Please fill bags with non-perishable items. We are in need of canned hams, chicken, tuna, pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, sauce, cereal, crackers. Return filled bags by **November 12, 2023.** Cash donations are also welcome and can be placed in the Poor Box. If you know of a family that may need assistance, please contact one of our members or our office 228-822-0609. Thank you for your support to help us feed those less fortunate in our community. God



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY HOLIDAY SCHUDULE

Nov 8, 15, and 29, Dec 6th, & Jan 4th, 6pm Religious Education Center. Please Join us.





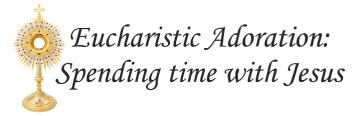
Please Join us for Lunch and Fellowship Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 11:30 am Bring you favorite dish

ELECTIVN DAY Faithful Citizenship Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Your Vote Counts

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13

Mississippi elections are nearing. What does it mean to Vote Catholic? As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world. For a summary guide to applying Catholic principles in the voting booth, see this guide from the US Council of Catholic Bishops: The-Challenge-of-Forming-Consciences-for-Faithful-Citizenship

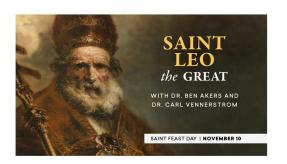


EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IS A SOURCE OF HOPE

"The rediscovery of prayer in various forms, and particularly Eucharistic Adoration, is a source of hope for the Church to grow and take root." Pope Francis, Address, 2nd December 2016 Please join us in the Adoration Chapel, upstairs in the office complex, on Wednesdays from 9:00am till 5:00pm. Let Jesus know we love Him and are anxious to spend time with Him.

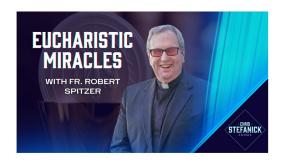


Week of November 05, 2023



St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.



The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.



The Church Needs More Saints w/ Jason Evert | SEEK23

Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.





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:			
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2 nd Emergency contact pe	rson:	Relationship:			
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Allergies:					
Any special dietary, medi-	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	



VETERANS DAY Celebration

NOVEMBER 10 • BEGINS AT 11:40 AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL DAY TO CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS AT OLA WITH MUSIC, GUEST SPEAKERS, AND LUNCH!

RSVP ONLINE: OURLADYACADEMY.COM/VETERANS

OR CALL THE OFFICE: 228-467-7048



OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 13, 2023 • 5PM-7PM

Explore the vibrant world of Crescent life and learn more about our academics, sports, clubs, and rich traditions.

Take a student-led tour of our newly renovated campus and enjoy performances by our dance and cheer teams, choir, band, and Robotics team.



Register online!

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100 CASH & OTHER PRIZES!

ourladyacademy.com

SAINT STANISLAUS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023



304 SOUTH BEACH BLVD. BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520



- Discover all Saint Stanislaus has to offer on its beachfront campus.
- Learn more about our academic programs, athletics, and extracurricular activities.
- Explore our marine science program.
- Take a tour tailored to your interests.



Founded in 1854 by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Saint Stanislaus is a Catholic, all-boys boarding and day school serving young men in grades 7 through 12.





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REGISTER NOW

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"Walking Through Advent with Mary"

Make Jesus your King & Mary your loving Mother this Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass

Rev. Jacob - Matthew Smith, O.F.M.

9:00 a.m. Meditative Rosary Donna Bodin

Breakfast hosted by: The Knights of Columbus

Presentation by Donna Bodin "Understanding the Gift of Mary, Her FIAT, her yes"

> Featuring Music By: Karen Storehr &

Cody Roth

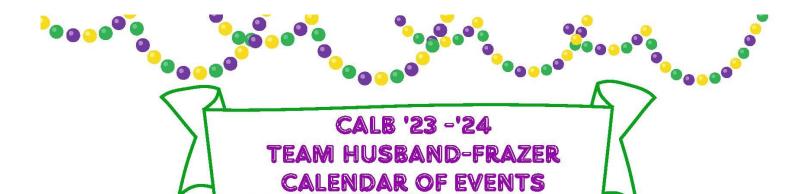
Prepare your heart for Jesus with Mary this Advent

Guest Speaker: Donna Bodin
a native of New Orleans,
Donna has lead Many pilgrimages
to Medjugorje and Italy. During
that time she developed a deep
love for Our Lady. Donna will share
how Mary's FIAT, her yes to the
divine will of God can bring us into a
richer relationship with Jesus Christ
and a greater love for the
Eucharist.

RSVP to Terri Calhoun 228-671-8063 or Michelle@stclare-catholic.com

Saturday December 2, 2023

St. Clare Catholic Church 236 Beach Blvd. Waveland, MS



OCTOBER

14th - Poker Run Mitchell Road, LB

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

DECEMBER

2nd - Drawing for Saints Getaway
Facebook Live

8th - Jingle Jam Dance St Vincent de Paul School Gym

Date TBD - Holiday Bunco

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



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Will you answer?



Is

GOD CALLING YOU

to serve

HIS CHURCH
as a

PERMANENT
DEACON

God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called!

The Diocese of

Biloxi?

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

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SERVICE OF THE LITURGY



- Mass
- Baptism
- Matrimony
- Funerals





SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

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







JULY 17TH - 21ST 2024

View our available packages below:

*Only 225 tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis!

CONGRESS PACKAGE BY BUS 6 NIGHT:

JULY 16 - 22

JULY 16 -1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN

JULY 17-21 INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL

JULY 22 - 1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN

TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:

Luxury Coach

FEATURES INCLUDED:

CONVENTION EVENT PASS

Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,900 Per Person Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,700 Per Person Single Occupancy: \$2,600

CONGRESS PACKAGE BY AIR 4 NIGHT:

JULY 17 - 21

4 NIGHTS INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL - 4 STAR

TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:

Roundtrip Airfare from Gulfport, MS*

Roundtrip transfers in Indianapolis

FEATURES INCLUDE:

CONVENTION EVENT PASS

Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,800 Per Person Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,600 Per Person Single Occupancy: \$2,300

To Register:

Vist our website:

caragrouptravel.com/nec-2024-tour

Email Paula Spears
eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com

JULY 17-21, 2024 INDIANAPOLIS, IN



Revival's in the Air

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You Don't Want to Miss This Moment

We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name—but what happens with 80,000?! Join us in Indianapolis as we ask him to revive our love of the Eucharist, breathing his life into our dry bones. Then, we will be sent back to our communities to invite others to know Jesus. Our nation and our world will never be the same.

BE A PART OF HISTORY. SIGN UP NOW!

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