



# St. Thomas FYI

## June 30, 2023

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

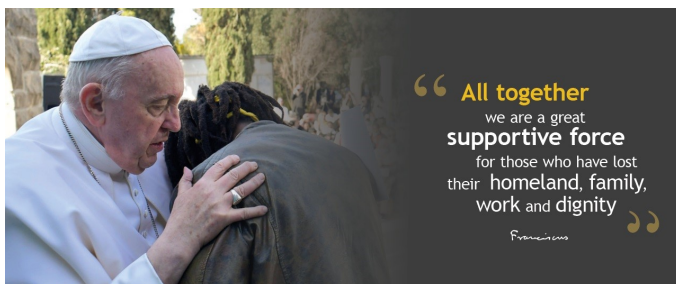
**Please come celebrate  
our country's independence  
at Mass on July 4th at 9:00am.**



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for our nation.  
Thank you for the natural beauty of this country,  
the people who serve our nation,  
and freedoms we have been given.  
Help us to seek your will in our laws and culture.  
Amen.

### SECOND COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE

Sunday Jul 2, 2023



The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

*"The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."*

~ [www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/secretariat\\_state/obolo\\_spietro/documents/actual\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.html)

For more information, see:

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/secretariat\\_state/obolo\\_spietro/documents/actual\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.html),

<http://www.peterspence.va/en.html> and

<https://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/peters-pence>

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday and Thursday  
9:30am – 12:30pm**

St. Vincent de Paul  
Society open offering to help.

**Saturday, July 1- First Saturday Devotion, St. Mary Church, Woolmarket**

**Tuesday, July 4, 9:00-Mass  
July 10 –July 14 -  
Catholic Kids Camp**

**Tuesday, July 19 -  
Deo Gloria at OLA**

**Friday, July 21, 2023  
5:00 pm**

Healing Mass, Our Mother of Mercy, Pass Christian

**Monday, July 31 -  
"New Wine" applications due**

**Thursday, August 17,  
6:30 pm– Faith Companion  
Training**

**Tuesday, August 22, -  
Deo Gloria at St. Thomas**

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Do you know someone who has never been baptized, but feels the pull of the Holy spirit in his or her life?  
Do you know someone who is a baptized Christian, but is looking for a more complete participation in the Christian life?  
Do you know a baptized Catholic who has not received the sacraments?

The RCIA stands ready to welcome them. We just need you to show them the way.

We offer an opportunity for seekers to hear our stories and to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Our "No Strings Attached" inquiry sessions begin Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

For more information, personally invite, or bring by the hand if necessary, any seekers you know to join us for coffee in the St Thomas the Apostle Religious Education Center, Saturday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am.



Contact Dave Gauthier at (228) 596-8835 or at [rcia@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:rcia@saintthomaslb.org).



## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Devotion each month,  
per Our Lady of Fatima's request.

St. Mary Church,  
8343 Woolmarket Road, Woolmarket  
9:45 AM Adoration, Praying of Scriptural Rosary,  
Rosary Meditation, and Confessions  
11:00 AM Holy Mass

Following the Mass there will be a procession carrying  
a statue of Our Lady  
and a banner to honor Mary  
from the Church to Murray Hall  
where there will be a light lunch and refreshments.

If you are able, please bring a soup, sandwich, chips or  
refreshment for all to enjoy. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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## Healing Mass

Friday, July 21, 2023  
5:00 PM

Our Mother of Mercy  
Catholic Church,  
216 Saucier Ave.  
Pass Christian, MS. 39571



## Love Your Neighbor

Saturday & Sunday July 1 & 2, 2023

We will collect non-perishable groceries in the  
east foyer for

the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry  
to be distributed to our neighbors in need.

*"For when I was hungry you gave me to eat,  
when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink," –*

*Matthew 25:35*



## Good Shepherd Showcase

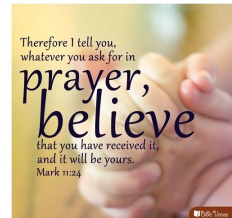
will be open after all masses this weekend in  
the East Foyer.

We are celebrating  
Christmas in July.

Come browse and see all of our new items.



Catholic  
Charities  
of South Mississippi



Please pray for the intentions of the

Catholic Charities of South Mississippi clients

<https://catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org/prayer-intentions>



## ACCOMPANY A NEW CATHOLIC ON HIS FAITH JOURNEY

The Diocese of Biloxi is redefining the way new Christians are brought into the Church. Bishop Kihne-man writes that in the past we have used a classroom model for new Catholics, but “what is proving to be much more effective is the development of a faith formation plan for each person. . . . Prayer, worship, parish life and Sunday Mass become the real curriculum.”

As we move from the classroom model to the parish model for Christian Initiation, we need individuals who will accompany the candidates as personal guides, who will be their companion on their journey. The job description of a Faith Formation Companion is a demanding one. You are charged with three important tasks: (1) Knowing the Candidate, (2) Assisting the Candidate, and (3) Witnessing the Conversion of the Candidate.

Yes, some sacrifice is required. There is a commitment of time and energy on your part to fit into your already busy life. But if we are going to call the candidates to pick up the cross and follow Christ, can we offer them anything less than the best effort we can provide?

If you are ready to be a Faith Formation Companion, attend an information and training session on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Center.

To attend the session, or for more information, contact Dave Gauthier 228-596-8835 or Sue Hoffman 228-313-0157, or email at [rcia@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:rcia@saintthomaslb.org).



## *Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Jesus*

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NOURISHES

*“The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God’s word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God.” ~ Pope Francis, Message, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016*

**Please join us in letting Jesus know we love Him and are anxious to spend time with Him.**

Please call Sue Hoffman at 228-313-0157 to let her know what hour you wish. Reminders will be sent every Tuesday afternoon. You are also welcome to drop in anytime on Wednesday to spend whatever time you can in adoration.



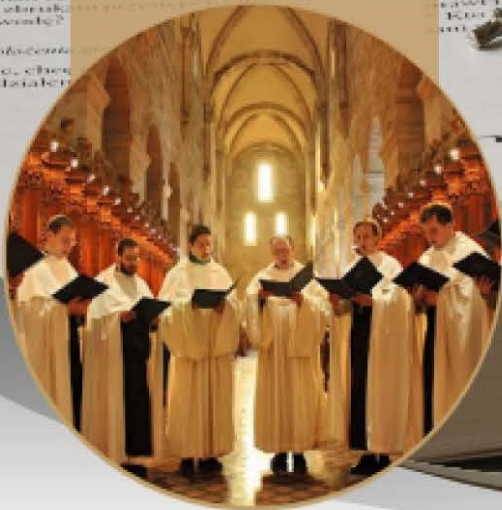
### **“New Wine” is open for applications.**

The next “New Wine” lay ministry formation program by the Diocese of Biloxi will begin in August 2023. “New Wine” is for lay Catholics who want a basic foundation in theology and pastoral skills or who seek to be leaders in ministry. The program consists of 94 weekly two-hour classroom sessions over three years. Applications must be made through the parish and approved by the pastor. The program costs, \$300 a year, are shared between the participant and the parish. Completed applications are due July 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information contact Ann Marie McIntyre at (228) 860-8749.



SACRED WORD

## SACRED CHANT



# DEO GLORIA



**Tuesday, July 1, 2023, 7 pm**  
Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church  
228 South Beach Blvd.  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 7 pm**  
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
720 East Beach Blvd,  
Long Beach MS 39560

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BEAUTIFUL EVENING OF THE WORD,  
ANCIENT HYMNS & CHANTS & ADORATION OF OUR LORD IN  
THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

# LIFETEEN AND EDGE NEWS

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## MOUND BAYOU

MISSION TRIP

JULY 16 COME SPEND A WEEK SERVING  
THE MOUND BAYOU COMMUNITY  
IN THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA JULY 22

TEXT TO REGISTER  
(228)236-4899

**\$150**  
PER PERSON

TURN IN  
NOTARIZED  
FORM

RIISING FRESHMAN TO GRADUATED SENIORS

## HELP ST. THOMAS LIFETEEN

WE KNOW SUMMER HAS JUST BEGUN BUT WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR NEXT YEAR!! THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO HELP OUR MINISTRY AND GET INVOLVED! CHECK OUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT SAINT THOMAS LIFETEEN!

TO GET INVOLVED OR ASK QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH MINISTER, KAITLYNN, AT [YOUTHMINISTRY@SAINTTHOMASLB.ORG](mailto:YOUTHMINISTRY@SAINTTHOMASLB.ORG) OR (228)236-4899

## DONATE

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF HELP WITH SPONSORING TEENS ON OUR MANY RETREATS, SPONSORING A MEAL, OR SPONSORING THE ACTIVITIES WE DO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT ANY TIME TO ST. THOMAS LIFETEEN! DONATIONS HELP US BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO ALL OF THE EVENTS WE PROVIDE FOR OUR TEENS!

## CORE TEAM

IF YOU LOVE RELATIONAL MINISTRY AND DISCIPLESHIP, THIS IS THE TEAM FOR YOU! WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR HIGH SCHOOL OR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR TEENS TO HAVE ADULTS WALKING WITH THEM IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEYS. COME JOIN OUR TEAM AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST WITH OUR TEENS!

## PRAYER TEAM

PRAYER IS AN ESSENTIAL MINISTRY FOR LIFETEEN & EDGE! IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR TEENS. SIGN UP FOR THIS TEAM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED TO PRAY DURING SPECIFIC TIMES AND EVENTS FOR OUR PROGRAM.

## FOOD TEAM

EACH WEEK WE FEED ALL OF OUR TEENS AFTER LIFETEEN & EDGE! SIGN UP TO HELP PREPARE AND SERVE MEALS! GREAT FELLOWSHIP HAPPENS OVER SHARING A MEAL AND THIS MINISTRY IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR PROGRAM!!



# Helping You Find

## Peace, Power, and Passion After Your Divorce

**Surviving Divorce** was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

For Men  
and Women  
Seeking  
Healing from  
Divorce

### *Surviving Divorce* will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

#### Dates/Times/Location

Wednesday's: July 19 through September 27  
6:00 PM- 7:30 PM

Catholic Charities of South Mississippi  
1450 North Street Gulfport, MS 39507

#### Registration

Online at [catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org](http://catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org)  
Click on the "Counseling" tab  
OR

Email [meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org](mailto:meleuterius@biloxidiocese.org) for registration

#### For More Information

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228-701-0555

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