



St. Thomas FYI

Aug 18, 2023

All are Welcome!



All parishioners are invited to join us as we celebrate the installation of Father Satish Adhav as Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, by Bishop Kihneman. The Installation will take place at St. Thomas, 11:30 Mass on August 20, 2023.

Immediately following Mass, a parish sponsored reception will be held in the Community Center.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday & Thursday
9:30am - 12:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society open offering to help.

August 20, 2023, 11:30

Installation of Father Satish

Tuesday, August 22, 7:00 pm
Deo Gloria

Saturday, August 19, 9:30 am
RCIA Introduction Session

Thursday, August 24th 6:30 p.m.
Night of Healing

Sunday, August 27, 1pm to 2:30pm
Books of the Bible Quick Study

Saturday, September 9, 9am
Altar server training

Sunday, September 10, 10:10 am
SRE classes begin

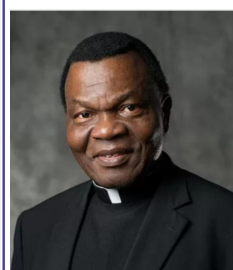
Sunday, September 10, 6:30pm
Lifeteen & Edge messy games

Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 pm
RCIA inquiry sessions begin

Saturday, September 16, 9am-3pm
Dr. Alan Schreck



Congratulations to Fr. Vincent Ajayi
on the 29th anniversary
of his Ordination to the Priesthood
on August 20th.



+Father John Ugochukwu
beloved Chaplain at
Memorial Hospital at Gulfport

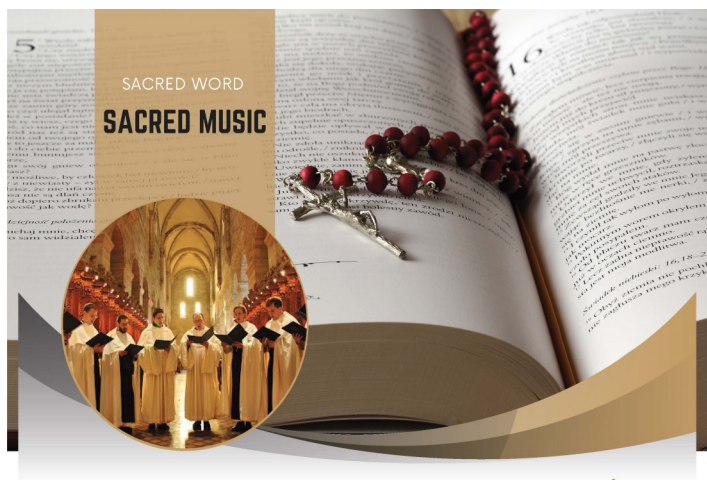
OUR YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU



Mark your calendars for September 10th! Lifeteen is back and it's time to begin organizing our Lifeteen dinners. With around 70 people to feed every Sunday, our nights conclude with fellowship over a meal, a crucial aspect of our ministry. This is an excellent chance for you to serve our teens for just one night. Get together with a friend, your bible study group, your quad, or your family and prepare a meal for our teens. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BABA928A1FEC43-lifeteen1>





Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Jesus

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do' . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply." ~St. Catherine Labouré

St Thomas Church is open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Wednesdays for you to have some quiet time with the Lord. Spend 5 minutes, 15 minutes or an hour with Him. Just relax and be in God's presence. So many of us are rushing around and we don't find time to just relax and be. Open to everyone. Please join us in letting Jesus know we love Him and are anxious to spend time with Him.

DEO GLORIA

7pm

22 August
2023

St. Thomas the Apostle
720 Beach Blvd E, 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

THE HEALING FACE OF JESUS

Come Back to the Heart of Worship

Eucharistic Revival
Catholic Diocese of Biloxi

**HEALING MINISTRY OF THE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI**

*A night of Healing with Adoration,
Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation,
Anointing of the Sick and
One-on-One Pastoral Counseling.*

Thursday, August 24th
6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish
14595 Vidalia Road
Pass Christian, MS

Cara Group Travel

National Eucharistic Congress

PRESENTED BY THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI

JULY 17TH - 21ST 2024

View our available packages below:

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

<p>CONGRESS PACKAGE BY BUS & NIGHT:</p> <p>JULY 16 - 22</p> <p>JULY 16 - 1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN</p> <p>JULY 17-21 INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL</p> <p>JULY 22 - 1 NIGHT - NASHVILLE, TN</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:</p> <p>Luxury Coach</p> <p>FEATURES INCLUDED:</p> <p>CONVENTION EVENT PASS</p> <p>Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,900 Per Person Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,700 Per Person Single Occupancy: \$2,600</p>	<p>CONGRESS PACKAGE BY AIR & NIGHT:</p> <p>JULY 17 - 21</p> <p>4 NIGHTS INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL - 4 STAR</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:</p> <p>Roundtrip Airfare from Gulfport, MS*</p> <p>Roundtrip transfers in Indianapolis</p> <p>FEATURES INCLUDE:</p> <p>CONVENTION EVENT PASS</p> <p>Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,800 Per Person Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,600 Per Person Single Occupancy: \$2,300</p>
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To Register:

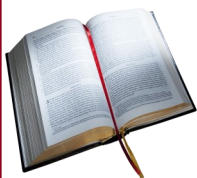
Visit our website:
caragrouptour.com/nec-2024-tour

Email Paula Spears
Eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

HOW MANY BOOKS IN THE CATHOLIC BIBLE?

Where do they come from? Do we have the right books?



Is a "Catholic Bible" different from another Christian bible? Where do Catholics get their Bible? What does the Pope say about reading the Bible? And what if the Pope and the Bible disagree? Or can they disagree? We'll look at these questions and others.

A QUICK STUDY

One day only.

Sunday, August 27, 1pm to 2:30pm

Religious Education Center.

For questions, information or if child care is needed contact Dave Gauthier at rcia@saintthomaslb.org.



Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or joining the Church, and baptized Catholics in need of completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) are invited to "Come and See", an introduction to RCIA. It will be held at the Religious Education Center on Saturday morning, August 19th at 9:00am.

Evening Classes begin Wednesday, Sept 13th. at 7:00pm.

For more information contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835 or rcia@saintthomaslb.org.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP QUAD FORMING



A Men's QUAD is forming which will meet during the early morning hours before work. Exact days and times to be determined to suit work schedules of participants.

For information contact Dave Gauthier at 228 596 8835.

ANNUAL MESSY GAMES KICK-OFF

We will be kicking off our year for Lifeteen and Edge on September 10th and we cannot wait! We will have our annual messy games kick-off so make sure your teen comes dressed to get dirty and brings a towel! We will meet at the pavilion after 5:30 Mass!



Before we meet again, please register your teen for the year by filling out our google form on our web page at saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd, [Online Registration](#). It includes getting them registered for confirmation!

Contact Kaitlynn Claret at 228 236-4899 or

youthministry@saintthomaslb.org

We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead!



CATECHIST COMMISSIONING AND BREAKFAST

All parish catechists are invited to breakfast with Father Satish and Commissioning for the 2023-2024 year as a Catechist in St Thomas Parish. Commissioning will be followed by Holy Hour with the Eucharist.

Families are invited.

Saturday, Sept 16, 9am – 11am

Religious Education Center followed by

Holy Hour in the Church

Please RSVP with a count of attendees no later than

Sept 6th to Dave Gauthier at

religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org.



Your Child Belongs in Religious Education

Registration open

School of Religious Education

Grades PreK through 5th Grade.

Complete the registration form at

saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd

Registration fee is \$25 per child, or \$40 per family.

CLASSES WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Contact Dave Gauthier (228) 596-8835

religiouseducation@saintthomaslb.org

WHEN IT'S TIME FOR YOUR CHILD TO MAKE HIS FIRST COMMUNION, WILL HE BE READY?



If your child or grandchild is in first grade, and wants to make First Communion during the second grade year, he or she needs to be enrolled in a religious education program now.

YES, NOW.

If your child or grandchild is beyond second grade, and still has not been baptized, or has not received First Communion, he or she needs to be enrolled in a religious education program now.

YES, NOW.

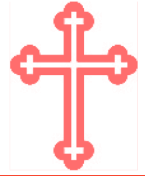
The School of Religious Education (SRE) meets on Sunday mornings for children in PreK through 5th grade.

Your child belongs in religious education.

Register at saintthomaslb.org/sre-ccd



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS



Praise God with Music

God delights in us when we find joy in the gifts he gives. Do you have a gift of singing or playing an instrument? We NEED YOU! Please consider sharing your gift of music by serving in the St. Thomas Music Ministry. You are cordially invited to join us! Contact Lauren Hymel at music@saintthomaslb.org or call the parish office at [228-863-1610](tel:228-863-1610). The music ministry is a loving, friendly group of people of varying musical ability, who love to make music for God and are dedicated to giving the best of themselves. We have an empty chair just waiting to be filled by you!

Benefits:

Joy in making music
Joy in serving God
A great group of friends



LITURGICAL CHOIR

Liturgical Choir ensembles sing at the 4pm Saturday and 9 and 11:30am Sunday Masses, as well as for special liturgical events and feast days. Liturgical Choir rehearsals are generally Thursdays at 5:45pm. Folks of all ages and all levels of musicianship are welcome to participate! Please contact Lauren Hymel if you would like to join!

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Do you play an instrument? WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN US!

Guitar, fiddle, saxophone, flute, trumpet, drums, bass, keyboard, and all other flavors of melodious and harmonious sound are welcome!



LIFETEEN CHOIR

Our Lifeteen choir brings contemporary praise music to the Sunday 5:30pm Lifeteen Masses and some feast days. Rehearsals are Sun. 4-5:30 pm. Singers and instrumentalists interested in joining should contact Tim Raborn at tim@raborn.org. Limited openings; placement Audition required.

ST. THOMAS FAMILY SINGERS

This is an opportunity for you and your child or grandchild to sing together at Mass in the choir! Currently we have seven families participating, and we would love to have more! What's involved? One or two rehearsals before the Mass we sing (which will be about every five weeks). This is a great way for your child to learn the liturgy and gain confidence as a song leader, while spending time with you serving the Lord! Please contact Lauren Hymel if you are interested!



GUITAR "GET-TOGETHERS"

Every month we try to host a GUITAR GET-TOGETHER! This is a great chance to learn some new things about your six string, 12 string or 4 string instrument, level up in your playing or just jam with other guitarin' friends. At our previous strumming & picking circles, we've worked on things like 12-bar blues, improv, scales, fret board facts and more and had a really good time at it! Even if you don't want to learn any new tricks, you might have fun helping others! You are welcome to invite friends who may be interested! Cody Roth is our guide! We meet in the Music Room or in the community center downstairs. Light refreshments are served, too! Our NEXT GUITAR GET TOGETHER IS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15th at 6:30pm!

WHAT ELSE?

There are other ways to be involved! Here are some additional opportunities to serve in music ministry:



SEASONAL/SPECIAL CHOIRS FOR LITURGICAL/SPECIAL EVENTS
CANTOR / SONGLEADER MINISTRY
SOUNDBOARD MINISTRY
MUSIC REHEARSAL ROOM/LIBRARY ASSISTANTS
YOUTH MUSIC ASSISTANTS



YOUTH NEWS



ATTENTION TALENTED TEENS!

We are looking for talented teens in 7th grade and up to serve in our music ministry youth praise ensemble!! Are you a singer, piano/keyboardist, guitarist, percussionist, or other instrumentalist? Would you like to be? Being a part of the music ministry youth praise ensemble is a great way to develop and share your talent in service to God! Rehearsals will be once a week in accordance with the schedule of the majority of those participating. The group will prepare to sing for Masses and youth events as needed. Please contact Lauren Hymel at music@saintthomaslb.org for more information.



We are so grateful for our altar servers and would like to recruit more! On Saturday, September 9 at 9am, all current altar servers and prospective altar servers in 4th grade and up should plan to attend our fall altar server training, which will begin with breakfast in the community center, compliments of the Knights of Columbus. This is important, because we have some new things to teach you! Please email altarserver@saintthomaslb.org to confirm your participation or for more information.



The St. Thomas Children's Bell choir will begin rehearsals soon! All children ages 7 – 12 are invited to participate – no experience necessary! The bell choir will rehearse on Mondays from 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm in the church – we will perform at Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested, contact Tyler Brandon by email at music2@saintthomaslb.org.



Join us for the first school Mass of the year!



**Sunday, August 27th
11am at the Cathedral**

Backpack Blessings

All students are encouraged to bring their book bags to have them blessed .



Dear Jesus,

Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology.

Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect.

Thank you, Jesus, for school!

Amen.

You are all Invited

to a
special presentation by

Dr. Alan Schreck,

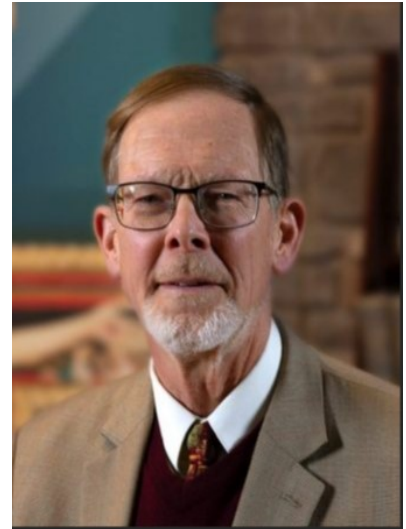
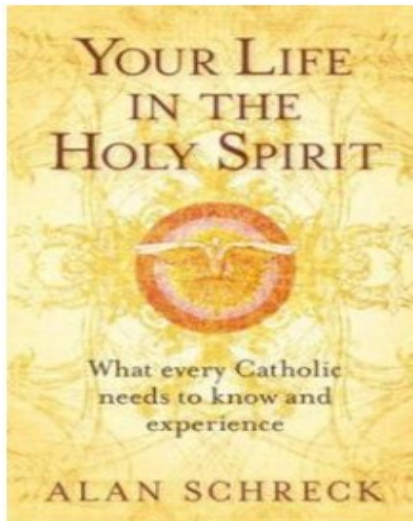
Professor of Theology at
Franciscan University of Steubenville
and author of many books, including

Your Life in the Holy Spirit

Saturday, September 16th

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Gym



Please R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 by September 11th if you plan to attend.

Dr. Alan Schreck has been a professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville since 1978. During this time he has served as director of Graduate Theology for eight years between 1981 and 1999, as chair of the Departments of Theology and Philosophy from 1988-1992, and as chair of the Department of Theology from 1994-1995, from 1999-2008, and in 2012-2013. Enrollment in the Theology program has grown from 20 to 30 students when Dr. Schreck began teaching to over 550 students in both undergraduate and graduate theology programs in 2009.

Dr Schreck specializes in church history and renewal, (including St. Francis of Assisi), Catholic doctrine and apologetics, pneumatology, ecclesiology, the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and of Pope St. John Paul II. He has authored numerous books beginning with Catholic and Christian: An Explanation of Commonly Misunderstood Catholic Beliefs (Franciscan Media, 1984) and a young adult version of that book.

His other books include: (published by Franciscan Media unless otherwise stated) The Compact History of the Catholic Church, The Essential Catholic Catechism, Vatican II: The Crisis and the Promise, Catholic Church History from A to Z, Rebuild My Church: God's Plan for Authentic Catholic Renewal, Your Life in the Holy Spirit (Word Among Us Press), The Gift: Discovering the Holy Spirit in Catholic Tradition (Paraclete Press), Epic: A Journey Through Church History – Timeline (Ascension Press), Jesus: What Catholics Believe, The Legacy of Pope John Paul II (Emmaus Road), and St. Francis and Pope Francis: Prayer, Poverty and Joy in Jesus (Our Sunday Visitor).

For over 20 years, Dr. Schreck co-hosted the Defending the Faith Conference a summer apologetics conference at Franciscan University which draws over 1,200 attendees each year.

In the summer of 2008, Dr. Schreck traveled to Italy to participate in a six-week seminar in Rome, Siena, and Assisi sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities on St. Francis in the 13th century. Led by Franciscan scholars, Schreck and 15 other college and university professors did intensive research at the Franciscan library in the Capuchin Generalate outside of Rome, viewed Franciscan art in churches, art galleries and other collections, and participated in seminar discussions on early Franciscan texts.

Dr. Schreck received his Doctorate in Theology from University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, Ontario, in 1979. His dissertation was "Ronald Knox's Theory of Enthusiasm and its Application to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal." He also holds a Master of Arts degree in Theology from University of St. Michael's College and a Bachelor of Arts degree Summa Cum Laude in Theology and English from University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Schreck is a speaker at numerous Catholic conferences for the laity as well as for academic, diocesan, catechetical, and parish renewal events. His television series, "The Catholic Challenge: Vatican II and You" aired on EWTN, and he has made appearances on several EWTN shows, including "Mother Angelica Live" and "Franciscan University Presents." He has filmed most recently, an EWTN mini- series on "The Vision of Pope John Paul II" (2014).

Dr. Schreck is married to Nancy, has five adult children and a growing bevy of grandchildren. He is a member of Triumph of the Cross parish and the Community of God's Love charismatic community in Steubenville OH. He enjoys running, coaching (track), hiking, outdoor activities, reading, board games, and praising God for His goodness and love.