

# St. Thomas FYI September 15, 2023





A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Sr. Consilo Buckley and Sr. Mary Anne O'Brien Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6 pm
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Adoration Chapel Fund St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 E Beach Blvd, Long Beach, MS 39560.

## Holy Hour of Exposition and Adoration



In observance of the three-year
National Eucharistic Revival,
meant to rededicate the entire nation
to the Eucharistic Jesus,
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
St. Thomas the Apostle Conference
invites all our parishioners to spend
a Holy Hour with Jesus.



September 16, 2023 10:00 am until 11:00 pm.
Refreshments to follow in the Community Center.
"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. ~St. Teresa of Calcutta



# **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Join your St. Thomas family for breakfast and fellowship. Sunday September 17, 2023 8am – 11am \$8.00 a plate



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:

September 23, 7am-1pm, at St. Thomas the Apostle, Long Beach September 30, 7am-1pm, at St. Thomas Aquinas, Hattiesburg October 14, 7am-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

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday & Thursday 9:30am - 12:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society open offering to help.

September 16, 9:00am-11:00am Catechist Commissioning and Breakfast

September 16, 10:00 am-11:00 am Holy Hour of Exposition and Adoration

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

Sunday, September 17, 8am –11am KC Breakfast

**Tuesday, September 19, 6 pm** Memorial Mass for Sr. Consilo and Sr. Mary Anne

**Saturday, September 23** T-shirt orders due

Saturday, September 23
Diaconate information Session

Sunday, September 24, 1pm-2:30pm

Rible Quick Study One Day Only

Bible Quick Study. One Day Only.

Sunday, September 30, 9:00am Blessing of the Animals

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

November 9-12, 2023
ACTS Retreat for Women

## SCRIP CARDS WILL BE SOLD BEFORE & AFTER EVERY MASS ON

#### **SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH**

Iowa Bridge & Culvert, Aeropostale, Amazon, American Eagle, Applebee's, Barnes & Nobles, Bath & Body Works, Bed Bath & Beyond, J.W. Payne Construction, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Cabelas, Chili's, Chuck E. Cheese's, J.H. Strain & Sons, Coastal Car Wash, Cracker Barrel, Dairy Queen, Dick's, Dillard's, J.D. Abrams, L.P., Dominoe's, Gymboree, Hallmark, Acme Bridge Company, Home Depot, I Tunes, JC Penney, Landsend, Little Caesars, Lowe's, Nike, O'Charley's, Office Max, ISI Contracting, Inc., Outback, Papa John's, PetSmart, Pier 1 Imports, Pizza Hut, Rite Aid, Sears-Kmart, Shaggy's, Shoe Carnival, Sonic, Hunter Industries, Ltd., James Construction Group, LLC, Taco Bell, Talbot's, Jordan Foster Construction, Keiwt Texas Construction, L.P., T.J. Maxx, Lane Construction Company,

Lane Construction Corp., Leal Construction, Winn Dixie



SISTER JOANNE COZZI, DC (Daughters of Charity) was a teacher and Principal for many years at St. Thomas School. Many of you may know her as Sister Marie Charles. That was back when they had to choose a name and she used her mom and dad's name but later they could go by their own name. After Katrina in 2005 she, along with Father Louis, was very instrumental in getting donations all over the US to rebuild our school and church. She requested to remain here long enough for the completion of construction of the school in 2008. Sister was assigned to a school in Mobile where she not only was able to obtain funds to improve the campus, but also taught the students religion. Sister JoAnne converted many of the students there. Last year she

was assigned to another school in Mobile. Some of her former students and friends have continued over the years to help with all her projects, and there were many. On September 21 Sister will be moving to the Mother House in Indiana where she will remain. Sister said it is not "retiring" as she will find something or someone in need. If you would like to send Sister a card or a happy this is her address,

Sister Joanne Cozzi DC 2900 Harmony Rd. Evansville, In. 47720

Please keep her in your prayers.



Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will host "Bazaar Sale" from September 16 through October 1, 2023, at Our Mother of Mercy Church hall located at 216 Saucier Ave. Pass Christian from 10:00am to 2:30 pm. Contact: Rectory 228-452-6309 or 228-452-4514.



#### ALL ANIMALS AND PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

Sunday, Sept. 30 9:00 AM at Saint Mary Catholic Church 8343 Woolmarket Rd. Biloxi, MS 39532

For more info, please call 228-392-1999 You will also receive a pet blessing prayer card and get your picture taken with your pet.



### ST. THOMAS HOMESCHOOL NETWORK.

We have around seven known homeschooling

families at St. Thomas, but think there may be more! If you are homeschooling and would like to network with other homeschooling families in our parish, please contact Lauren Hymel (our Liturgical Music Director) at <u>music@saintthomaslb.org</u>, or reach out to her after the 4pm, 9am or 11:30am Masses. We are planning a little get together and would like to meet you!



Catholic Vote Launches 2nd Annual St. Michael Novena

https://catholicvote.org/catholicvote-launches-2nd-annual-st-michael-novena/



# **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

## To all parents of children 3 yrs to 5th grade



First of all, thank you for bringing your children to class every Sunday. There are plenty of other ways to spend a Sunday morning, but all our catechists pray that the time spent in SRE will lay the foundation for a long term relationship with Christ for your child. Your children are God's creatures, and have an innate longing to know their Creator. We were meant to worship God. "Our hearts are restless," St Augustine wrote, "until they rest in Jesus." If they are not taught how to worship God, your children will eventually find something else to worship instead, and their hearts will never find the rest that Christ calls them to. Your children

want to worship God. They are aching for the chance. Still young and unscathed by the world, they can recognize the truth when it's set in front of them. They want to learn about Him. They want to love Him. They want to worship Him. It is a delight to have your children with us on Sundays. It is a delight to see them go home happy and excited. It is a delight to help them in their relationship with Christ. God Bless you and your family. From the Catechists at St Thomas Parish.



#### 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

# The Didache A Glimpse into the Life of Early Christians



Dating back to Apostolic times, and lost for centuries, the Didache provides guidance to early Christians on how to live their new faith. How to pray? How to Baptize? What to believe? How to tell a real apostle from a false one? In this Quick Study, we will use this document to shed light on the world that the Apostles created.

Bible Quick Study. One Day Only.

Sunday, September 24, 1pm to 2:30pm Religious Education Center



#### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle, be our
protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil
spirits who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



Thanks for the great turn out last weekend and thanks for the new servers who signed up! There will be a follow up training session, primarily for the new servers on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m. Veteran servers are always welcome, and if you were unable to make the first one, please try to make this one. For the veterans/older servers that show up there will be training on the use of the thurible—what the incense is in—lighting the coals, and knowing what parts of the Mass incense is used. Enough servers need to know how to use it so our priests can have it at any Mass they want. Or if the parish is having a Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and servers are asked to assist. Hope as many can make it as possible!



## LADIES, SAVE THIS DATE..

November 9-12, 2023 You are invited to an ACTS Women's retreat at the peaceful setting of Camp Wilkes overlooking the Bay in Biloxi. A perfect time to prepare for the Liturgical season of Advent! A time for you and your relationship with **OUR AWESOME GOD!** 



## **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 <a href="music@saintthomaslb.org">music@saintthomaslb.org</a> for more information.

#### THE LIFE TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY



We are looking for experienced musicians and singers for the Sunday evening Life Teen Mass. We are currently in need of a guitarist, bassist, and male vocalists (other instruments such as, but not limited to flute, saxophone, cello, etc will also be considered). We rehearse at 4:15pm each week prior to the 5:30pm Mass. We are also in need of a soundboard operator for the Life Teen Mass. Training for the soundboard will be provided. Please contact Tim Raborn at <a href="mailto:Tim@Raborn.org">Tim@Raborn.org</a> or 228-255-6428 for more information.

#### GUITAR GET-TOGETHER! TONIGHT, SEPTEMBER 15th at 6:30pm!



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 Rehearsal Room downstairs. Light refreshments will be served! Please contact Lauren Hymel at music@saintthomaslb.org for more information.

# LIFETEEN AND EDGE

WHAT A GREAT KICK OFF FOR 2023-2024 WITH MESSY GAMES!!

























# 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.





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

## 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







## 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 Daiguiri, 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



