

# St. Thomas FYI September 29, 2023



# NO SRE CLASS ON OCTOBER 1 FALL BREAK

LOST AND FOUND



PLEASE RETRIEVE YOUR BELONGINGS BY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OR THEY WILL BE DONATED.



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 30, 8am-1pm, at St. Thomas Aquinas, Hattiesburg
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



Please bring non-perishable grocery items to restock the Long Beach Food Pantry to the Masses on the weekend of September 30 and October 1 and leave them in the East foyer.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

September 30, 8am-1pm, October 14, 8am-1pm, Diaconate information Session

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

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 Love your Neighbor

**Sunday October 1** No SRE

Wednesday, October 11, 11:30 am Lunchkins

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

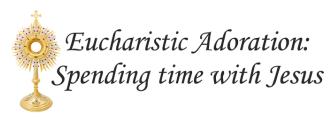
Sunday, October 15, 11:00 am, Red Mass

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

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

**Sunday, October 22, 11am** White Mass

November 9-12, 2023 ACTS Retreat for Women



# Adoration is now in the Adoration Chapel upstairs in the office complex on Wednesdays from 9:00am till 5:00pm



Lunchkins
Please Join us for Lunch and Fellowship
October 11, 2023, 11:30 am
Bring you favorite dish



#### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Join your St. Thomas family for breakfast and fellowship. Sunday October 15, 2023 8am – 11am \$8.00 a plate



Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church "Bazaar Sale" September 30 &October 1, at Our Mother of Mercy Church hall 216 Saucier Ave. Pass Christian 10:00am to 2:30 pm.

## 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!** 

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



#### ALL ANIMALS AND PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

Saturday, 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.



# 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 <a href="mailto:rsvp@biloxidiocese.org">rsvp@biloxidiocese.org</a>, visiting <a href="mailto:https://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp">https://biloxidiocese.org/red-mass-rsvp</a>, 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.



## 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 <a href="mailto:rsvp@biloxidiocese.org">rsvp@biloxidiocese.org</a>, visiting <a href="www.biloxidiocese.org/white-mass-rsvp">www.biloxidiocese.org/white-mass-rsvp</a>, or calling 228-702-2100.

#### SEVEN SISTER APOSTOLATE



A Seven Serving for her passes. Holy hour once a week. The Holy bearly prayed in the prese A Seven Sister Apostolate member commits to praying for her pastor one Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament - either in an adoration chapel or in front of a tabernacle; however, this Holy Hour

can be prayed while traveling or at home. In strengthening the priest, you strengthen the whole church. If this message speaks to your heart, there are info brochures at the east and west entrances of the church. Contact Dottie Goad at degoad@mygth.us

#### ALTAR SOCIETY LINEN SCHEDULE



We are looking for volunteers to help care for the liturgical linens. We are making the 2024 Linen Schedule now. Is God calling you for this ministry? Please contact Dee McKenna at

228 863-1610 or secretary@saintthomaslb.org



#### 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 K of C LINK Any practicing male Catholic, 18 and older can apply.

# The Silver Rose Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Celebration

On Thursday evening, October 26, 2023, the Silver Rose Pilgrimage will make its way to Pass Christian, MS. Our Diocese will come together for a Rosary Service and Mass celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, at Holy Family Parish in Pass Christian, MS. The Rosary service will begin at 6:15pm and a Special Mass led by The Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman III, Bishop of Biloxi, and concelebrated by our Priests and Deacons of the Diocese, will begin at 7pm

#### **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.



#### **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.



#### SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 29 & October 1 Insurance and Utilities October 7 & 8 **Buliding Repair Fund** Thank you for you generosity

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

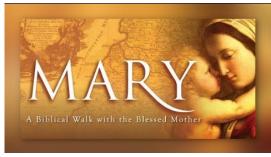


The Catholic Church is absolutely committed to the safety of our children. All staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults undergo background checks and receive training to provide a safe environment for our children. The Bishop requires that all parish youth ministries and religious 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.

#### 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 <a href="https://www.ascenionpress.com">www.ascenionpress.com</a> for \$26.95+\$/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)

#### 'GRIEF THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS' SEMINAR



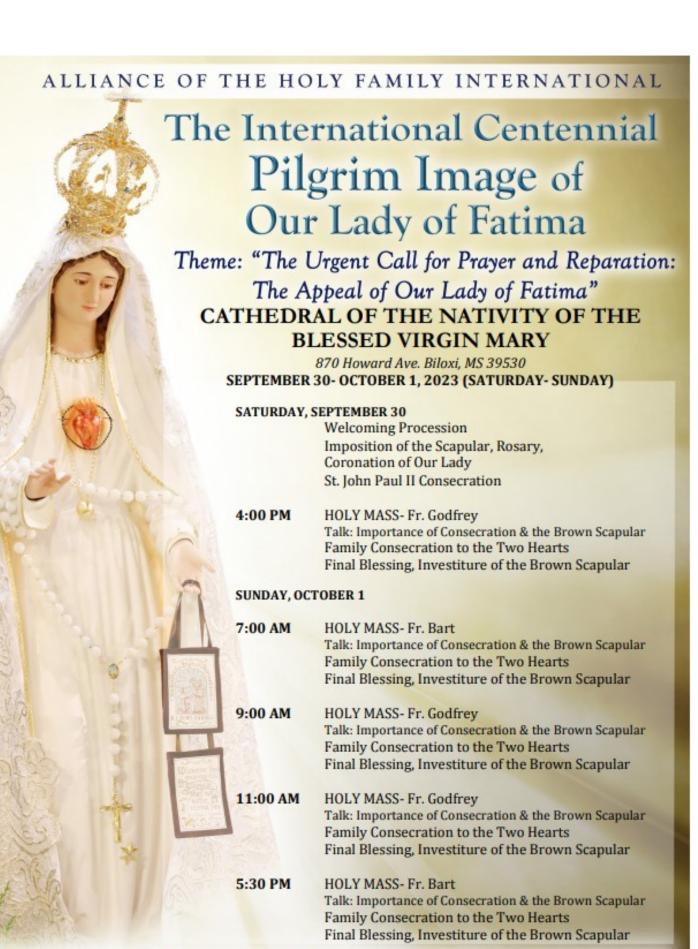
St. Clare Catholic Church, Waveland, is hosting a seminar entitled 'Grief Through the Holidays' on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the parish community room. This event is free and open to anyone on their personal journey of grief and/or anyone thinking of beginning a grief group in their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





# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

11AM - 8PM

ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

3521 19TH STREET | GULFPORT, MS

FOOD, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!!!

A GREAT TIME FOR COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP!!!
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND STAY ALL DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Fish Fry - 10am - 2 pm

Yard Sale - 7am - 2pm

Non-food vendors are still available. Free Medical Screenings and Vaccinations will be provided by Coastal Family Health

# 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

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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

