Nativity B.V.M. AUGUST 20, 2023 THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patsy Merrill, Connie Galle, Robert Baucan, Skip and Marie Portas, Katherine Rester, Glynn Clark, Anne Godlewski, Robert Barq, George Ziz, Rosalind D'Antoni, Aimee & Dr. David Dugger, Slade Lochner, Robert Cade, Anthony Porpiglia, Colton Vollmuth, Eileen Donovan, Joy Tucei, Josh Sniffen, Trent Hartzog, Dan Scott, Mary Parker, Sr. Jackie Tarrant, Amy Elizabeth Wheeler, Keaton Morano, Robert Moniot, Lee Slater, Steve Lyons, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Sondra Fox, Tommy Ardoline, Ansley Gilich, Adonna Creel Currie, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Lehwmon Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellias Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr. and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

HOUR OF GRACE

Hour of Grace is a time of encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ present to us in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar; an opportunity to lift our voices and hearts to Christ in worship as He pours His graces upon us. This Hour of Grace will be on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Come and be renewed by the Lord!

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an invitation for adults to explore their interests, or to enhance their knowledge, in the Roman Catholic Church. The R.C.I.A. lays out a process in which men and women are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. The Nativity Parish will begin R.C.I.A. classes again in the Fall. Participants will meet weekly for nine months in the Sacred Heart Center. If you are interested, please contact Greg or Penny Payne at 228-365-6348.



HEAR MASS WITH CLARITY

Do you have trouble hearing or distinctly understanding Mass? If so, we have a treat for you. Our Cathedral parish has the hearing loop system for use by all persons who wear hearing aids, have cochlear implants or are hard of hearing. Pick up a receiver in the back of the church from an usher and be surprised at how

clearly you can hear.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM HURRICANES

Father, may all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Aug 21	Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22, 1 Thes 2:2b-8,
		Jn 21:15-17
Tue	Aug 22	Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30, Is 9:1-6, Lk 1:26-38
Wed	Aug 23	Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16
Thu	Aug 24	Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51
Fri	Aug 25	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22, Mt 22:34-40
Sat	Aug 26	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12
Sun	Aug 27	Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$ 9,552.00
Maintenance	\$ 935.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 325.00
Nativity Elem.	\$ 252.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 820.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 11,884.00

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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Mon.	Aug 21	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
		Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
Tues.	Aug 22	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m.
		Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
Wed.	Aug 23	Cleaning TEAM B
Thur.	Aug 24	Adoration, Chapel 6:00 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL BUY YOUR PRIEST A BEER DAY!

Nativity Cathedral's Vocations Ministry will be sponsoring our first "International Buy Your Priest a Beer Day" on Saturday, September 9th, 2023. We, along with Bishop Kihneman, will celebrate our priests by gathering in the SHC following the 4 p.m. Mass. Free food and drink will be provided. "This is a family friendly event". "There will be a kids interactive vocations table with games and activities". This event is to honor Fr. Godfrey, Fr. Bart and Fr. Tony and to promote the vocations of priesthood. For more information, please contact Lauren Ellis at 228-324-0447. Donations to this event are greatly appreciated. In order to accommodate everyone attending, we have a sign up sheet in the back of the Cathedral. Please put your family name and the number of family members attending.

New Altar Server Training: Nativity is in need of additional altar servers. Any young person who has made their First Communion and would like to help on the altar during Mass, can attend a training on Wednesday, August 30th, at 3:15 in the Cathedral. For those unable to attend training in August, there will be additional training later in September.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL AT NATIVITY:

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." St. John Vianney. To learn and/or review the church's teaching on the Eucharist, visit this website. www.usccb.org/eucharist. If you are interested in beginning your day with daily Mass readings, saint stories, prayers, and lots more try this website from the Catholic Company. You can sign-up for daily emails. www.morningoffering.com.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS		ALTAR SERVERS	
Aug 26 4:00 pm Jim Shugart Aug 27 7:00 am Susie Davis 9:00 am Melissa Stanfield 11:00 am Sarah Barhonovich 5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger	Jim Shugart Aug 27 Marcia Mayfield Maggie Landry Sarah Barhonovicl Sabree Puzz CANTOR Aug 26 KC Arnold Aug 27 Chantel Pilet Elizabeth Cobb	5:30 pm	Aug 26 James Watts Birdie Watts Aug 27 Triston Davis Kingston Davis Harper Corley Brady Barhonov Victoria Barhono Olivia Codella	

CCD / Life Teen Inter-Parish Program

Our 2023-2024 CCD/Life Teen programs, for youth in Kindergarten - 12th Grade, will begin in September. More specifics will be available in coming weeks. Scan this QR code to access the registration form or pick one up in the vestibule of the church. Please mail Registration to: CCD/Life Teen Registration, 870 Howard Ave., Biloxi, MS 39530 Questions? Contact Lauren Ellis (228)324-0447 or Kristy Arguelles (228)324-9934.



BOOK BAG BLESSING

On August 27th, we encourage all children to bring their book bags to the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Father Bart will offer a special blessing for a wonderful school year.

BINGO MANIA.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday August 22, 2023. Following families are scheduled for August 22, 2023: Pisarich (Keith & Dusti), Privett (Jason & Kasey), Quinn (Devyn & Tom), Rasmussen (Kimberly & Rick), Rensch (Terri), Richardson (Denise) and Rider (Jason & Rose). If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.

NEW OFFERING: - Through the kind patronage and support of a generous member of our congregation, the School has been gifted a two octave Handbell Choir set. As a member of the Cathedral Family, would you be interested in learning to play handbells in a handbell choir from the Church? If interested, contact Terry Maddox.

DO YOU HAVE....???: In your family, do you have a spinet, or console or some form of piano that is not being used any more and you would like to donate/give to someone who could benefit from it? The Church is always willing to consider receiving good quality used instruments – BUT – we also have Nativity BVM Elementary families that have young, budding piano students that would love to have a piano in their home. If you would like to donate your instrument to a worthy cause, please contact Terry Maddox at 251 406-1454 or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.

6:30 AM 8:00 AM

Mon	Aug 21	Michaela Hill	S	ue Kostmayer (S.I.)
Tue	Aug 22	Betty Lou Callegari &	Henry Rya	n Earnest Flores
Wed	Aug 23	Chester Balius Family		Michaela Hill
Thu	Aug 24	Collins-Sims Family	Lar	ry Kostmayer (S.I.)
Fri	Aug 25	Charles Arguelles	Gasp	oar & Mary Pisarich
Sat	Aug 26	Bros. Jordan & Gary (S	S.I.)	
			<u>4 PM</u>	Roy Ebberman, Jr.
Sun	Aug 27	7 Charles Arguelles	9	FTP
11.00	Wanda (Ounts I awrence	5.30	Victor Mayar

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, August 19th - 4 p.m. and Sunday, August 120th - 9, 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses for the Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Opening Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" # 462
Offertory Hymn: "Be Not Afraid" # 438
Communion Song: "Here I Am, Lord" # 395
Recessional Song: "Though the Mountains May Fall" # 437

Cantors: Saturday 4 pm Dennis Burke

Sunday 9 am Michael Kessler Kessler 11 am Phil Frisby 5:30 pm Jordan Lancon

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY: In the Music Program – two new features will be offered: Cherub Choir for first & second graders and a Handbell Choir. The First Cathedral School Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 27th at 11 am led by Mrs. Dudiak's Sixth Grade Class. Our Student Cantors will be Harper Lamey & Shielynna Tenoria. Mr. Joshua Conway – a congregational member and Nativity Saints father - will also share a communion composition of his – both playing the guitar and singing.

MUSIC MINISTRY - CHORAL PROGRAM:

"Gloria In Excelsis" — Our Choral Society continues its Seventh Season with rehearsals every Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the Youth Ministry Hall in the SHC. Plans for our 2023-2024 include: John Rutter's "Requiem" for our "All Soul's" Concert on October 29th, our annual Advent Concert Service in early December, our annual Christmas Concert in late December, John Stainer's "Crucifixion" for Lent, our annual Armed Forces Concert in May and Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom" in June, 2024.

<u>"The Cathedral Choir"</u> – The Cathedral Choir will return from summer hiatus on this coming Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:45 pm on the stage in the Great Hall of the SHC. The Harvest is plentiful, but we are in need of more laborers (singers)! Please prayerfully consider joining the Cathedral Choir.

"YOUTH CHOIR": Our Youth Choir welcomes new members at any time throughout the year. We rehearse on the stage in the SHC at 4:30 pm and sing for the 5:30 pm Mass every Sunday evening. Can you play a guitar, an instrument, a drum??? Would you consider joining the Sunday evening 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir and "make a joyful noise" with us? If interested, contact Terry Maddox. All choirs/ensembles listed here are in need of new members and welcome any interested singers to join us at any time throughout the year! All that's needed is a desire to try and a willingness to share and give! God will do the rest! "GLORIA IN

EXCELSIS & THE SHUCKERS": On Tuesday, August 22nd – our Choral Society will sing the National Anthem for the Shuckers Baseball Game.