

## Nativity B.V.M. FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### **THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM**

We do not have a God who sits enthroned, looking down from a great distance to arbitrarily ask us to do this or not do that. No, we have a God who loves us enough that we can trust him completely, as Abraham did. We have a God who did not hold back anything, not even his beloved Son, to lead us to the goodness he desires for us.



#### **PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Linda Bourgeois, Marianne Sherman, Josh Sniffen, Gene Endris, Matthew Centifanto, Maureen Moniot, Patsy Merrill, Connie Galle, Robert and Myrna Baucan, Skip and Marie Portas, Katherine Rester, Glynn Clark, Jennifer Fink, 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, 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, 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.

#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.

#### **HOOR 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, March 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Come and be renewed by the Lord!

#### **RCIA**

This week the RCIA Class will be learning about the Four Marks of the Church with Deacon Johnny Williams. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as we approach the Easter Sacraments and as they continue their journey of faith together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

#### **GIVE POWER TO PRIESTS' RETIREMENT HOMES!**

We're on a special mission from Fr. Paddy to bring light and laughter to the halls of our new retirement homes for priests. But, we've hit a little snag—we're in need of generators to keep the lights on and good times rolling. Every donation, big or small, brings a spark of joy to our community. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, packets are available in the back of the Cathedral.

#### **EASTER FLOWER DONATION**

Please consider sending in your Easter Flower donations along with the names of your loved ones. We will pray for each one this Easter.

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Feb 29</b>	Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar 01</b>	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar 02</b>	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar 03</b>	Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25, Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### **YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	9,141.50
Maintenance	\$	1,169.50
Ash Wednesday	\$	732.00
Capital Improvement	\$	175.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	45.00
Miscellaneous	\$	0.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION \$ 11,263.00**

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Feb 26</b>	Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m. Adoration, Chapel at 7:00 -7:55 a.m.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. Bingo Mania, 5:30 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Cleaning TEAM D</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Adoration, 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Station of the Cross, 6:00 p.m.</b>

#### **SAINT JOESPH ALTAR – “A LABOR OF LOVE”**

The Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is proud to announce that the St. Joseph Altar will be on display at the Sacred Heart Center on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, St. Joseph's Day, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. (Noon). Donations are appreciated. We invite all members of Nativity Parish, as well as all parishes and visitors along the Coast to view the Altar and have lunch with us. Mark your calendar and join us. Hope to see you there!

#### **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL “MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHP”**

In today's Scripture, we hear of Abraham's unwavering commitment and devotion to the Lord. Today the Lord still calls us to witness to Him in the world. One way to witness to Christ is to offer a gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your gift can do so much to help in the lives of others and bring the Gospel of Christ to souls in our diocese.

#### **Eucharistic Revival**

-If you were unable to participate in the “Jesus and the Eucharist” study sessions, but would like to view the material, it's not too late. Blue folders in the back of the church contain directions for watching the videos and questions for discussing with family and friends. Please consider watching this free material created by the USCCB specifically for the years of Eucharistic Revival.

EXTRAORDINARY	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>Mar 02 4:00 pm</b> Kathleen Coskey	<b>Mar 02 4:00 pm</b> Michael Bruffey	<b>Mar 02 4:00 pm</b> James Watts Birdie Watts
<b>Mar 03 7:00 am</b> Nancy Powell	<b>Mar 03 7:00 am</b> David Gentile	<b>Mar 03 7:00 am</b> Tristan Davis Kingston Davis
<b>9:00 am</b> John Brauchle	<b>9:00 am</b> Peter Abide	<b>9:00 am</b> Harper Corley Addison Whitehead
<b>11:00 am</b> Sarah Barhonovich	<b>11:00 am</b> Sarah Barhonovich	<b>11:00 am</b> Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich
<b>5:30 pm</b> Teresa Ballinger	<b>5:30 pm</b> Laura Junkert	<b>5:30 pm</b> Olivia Codella
	<b><u>CANTORS</u></b>	
	<b>Mar 02 4:00 pm</b> Chris Kennedy	
	<b>Mar 03 9:00 am</b> Michael Kessler	
	<b>11:00 am</b> Elizabeth Cobb CATHEDRAL CHOIR	
	<b>5:30 pm</b> Jordan Lancon	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Mon Feb 26</b> Lindsey Marie	Irene Schwan
<b>Tue Feb 27</b> Irene Schwan	Sr. Mary Riordan (S.I.)
<b>We d Feb 28</b> Collins/Sims Family	Tucei Family
<b>Thur Feb 29</b> Chester Balius Family	Barbara Lyons
<b>Fri Mar 01</b> Barbara Lyons	Glenn & Joyce Pisarich
<b>Sat Mar 02</b> Irene Schwan	Ray Ebberman, Jr.
<b>Sun Mar 03 7</b> Betty Lou Callegari	FTP
<b>11:AM</b> Bros. Jordan & Gary (S.I.)	<b>5:30 PM</b> Charles LeBlanc

**Hymns/Sacred Songs for Saturday, February 124th at 4 pm & Sunday, February 25th – 11 am & 5:30 pm Masses for the Second Sunday of Lent:**

Opening Hymn:	"The Glory of These Forty Days"	#141
Offertory Hymn:	"I Have Loved You"	# 616
Communion Song:	"Be Thou My Vision"	# 663
Recessional Song:	"Blessed By Your Sacrifice"	# 200

Cantors:	Saturday 4 pm	KC Arnold
	Sunday 9 am	Nativity School's Children's Mass
	11 am	Chantel Pilet + Cathedral Choir
	5:30 pm	Sabree Puz

**NATIVITY ELEMENTARY:** On this Sunday, February 25th at the 9 am Mass, the Cathedral welcomes our Nativity Elementary and Mrs. Cheryl Gruich's Third Grade Class members in celebrating Mass. Our Cherub & Children's Choir will share in the Mass along with Student Cantors –Jaylynn Miller, Nora Parker & Avery Laine Williams.

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY – CHORAL PROGRAM:**

**"Gloria In Excelsis"** – Our Cathedral Choral Society continues their rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6:45 pm in the Youth Ministry Hall of the SHC. The Choral Society is currently working on their "Reflections on Lent" Concert-Service scheduled for 3 pm on Saturday, March 9th. The major work they are preparing is John Stainer's the "Crucifixion."

**"The Cathedral Choir"** – The Cathedral Choir will continue their rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:45 pm on the stage of the SHC.

**"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. We welcome any interested instrumentalists that would like to play to come join us as well!

#### **2024 CONCERT SERIES - "LENTEN LESSONS & REFLECTIONS":**

Nativity BVM Cathedral's next "2024 Concert Series" offering will be on Saturday, March 9th at 3 pm with our annual "Lenten Lessons & Reflections." This year our Massed Choral Society will offer John Stainer's "Crucifixion" accompanied by a small orchestra string/wind ensemble. The program will be a reflection on the seven last "Words" (uttered phrases from the Cross) by Jesus. Invite family and friends to experience this special offering which will enhance your preparation for Holy Week and then plan to stay for Mass following the event.

#### **WORD OF "THANKS!!!"**

Did you notice? It has been hard to miss; especially if you have been to one of our night Masses/Services! One Hundred & Fifty dead light bulbs have been replaced and ninety more to go! The Cathedral received an LED Grant from the Mississippi Power company thanks to the efforts of Jeffrey Ellis and all his family that support him in this venture. He along with a nephew, Nicholas Arguelles, have worked tirelessly to get this project going and to replace the current number of lights that have been out. The Cathedral Family expresses their deepest "Thanks and Gratitude!" to all those leading the efforts: Ellzey's Hardware, Lamey Electric and Nick Strayham and Southern Sourcing Supply.

#### **BINGO MANIA .**

**Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Following families are scheduled for February 27, 2024.** Clayton (Jason & Reagan), Codella (Rachel), Croncich (April), Davis (Andy & Jennifer), Davis (Warren & Davis, Susie), Gollott (Jamie & Armond) and Gollott-Ho (Trulie & Tam Chi). **If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**



#### **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.

**GUEST CHOIR VISIT:** This Monday, February 26th at approximately 10:30/10:45 am in the morning - Dr. Joel Dunlap – Associate Professor of Music – Chair of Choral Activities and Graduate Studies for William Carey University and the members of the WCU Choir will be traveling through Biloxi and will make a stop at our Cathedral to visit and sing a small portion of a concert program they have been preparing. They wanted to have the experience of singing in our beautiful Church. If you would like, an invitation is extended to anyone who would like to stop by and listen to them sing that morning. It is not a formal concert - but simply a time of sharing and experiencing the beauty of our Cathedral and God's rich blessing and heritage of our Church Home.