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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

SUNDAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

FRIDAY

10:00 AM

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY

6:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY 5:00 PM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

CHECK BULLETIN
FOR TIMES

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 4:45 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

OUR PRAYER CHAPEL
IS ALWAYS OPEN

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

This weekend, we start the beginning of the holy season of Advent, a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus into our world. Yet, if we don't prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth during this holy season, what significance will Christmas have in our lives?

Advent is a time when we look at the signs all around us that will help us prepare. So, what is the message that Jesus gives us today on this first Sunday of Advent? From Mark's Gospel, Jesus tells us: Be watchful! Stay alert! We don't know the hour when the master will return. It may be in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn. We need to stay awake and be prepared!

The signs, symbols, and rituals of Advent will help us stay awake and be prepared. One of these symbols is the Advent wreath, which we bless at the masses this weekend. We always have an Advent wreath in church during Advent. We have probably been very familiar with this symbol from our earliest memories of Christmas from our childhood, but perhaps we don't know the history of the Advent wreath. It has its origins in pre-Christian times in Germany, when people would light candles in the midst of evergreens in order to ward off the winter darkness, to show the world a sign of hope that springtime would soon come. Catholics in Germany adapted this tradition into their Christian faith; by the early 16th century, the Advent wreath had become an Advent symbol throughout the world. The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes that God has no beginning and no end. The live, evergreen branches symbolize the eternal life that we have in Christ. The four candles on the wreath symbolize the light of Christ that penetrates the darkness of our world. The purple color of three of these candles symbolizes the penance and sacrifices that are all a part of our journey through this holy season. The rose color of one of the candles represents Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The rose candle is a symbol of the joy that we feel as we prepare for Christmas, of the way that we will rejoice at the time of Jesus' birth. Each Sunday during Advent, we'll light a candle on our Advent wreath, showing the progress we are making this Advent season as we get closer to the day of Jesus' birth.

By telling us to be watchful, Christ prepares us for his return in glory, but he also tells us that we will not know the exact time of that return. This reading connects the coming of Jesus into our world in the humble manger in Bethlehem to his return after his death and resurrection. As we begin Advent, we receive the message that the events of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection are inseparable and intrinsically connected to one another. God's story of salvation is to be heard loud and clear as we make our preparations during this holy season.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of St. Jude, Pearl, Mississippi are a vibrant, Eucharistic community with caring members that are empowered by baptism to serve God through the sacraments. We will proclaim the good news and provide spiritual and moral guidance to parishioners and the community by creating a holy and comforting place that encourages active participation, service to each other, and love.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 pm —Special Intention
Sunday 8:30 am— People of St. Jude
Sunday 11:00 am— Special Intention
Tuesday 6:00 pm—Special Intention
Wednesday 6:00 pm— Special Intention
Thursday 6:00 pm — Special Intention
Friday 10:00 am—Special Intention



**ADULT
FORMATION
AND
RCIA**

The RCIA will meet on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. This week's topic will be Why Do I Need the Church? All are invite to join us.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

This Monday, December 5th at 6:00 pm, we will have our Advent Penance Service. What better way to begin our preparation for the coming of the Christ child than to cleanse ourselves of the burden of sin. Following a brief service, there will be several priests available For the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Christmas and New Year Masses

This year, Sunday, December 24 is both Christmas Eve and the fourth Sunday of Advent. We want you to know our schedule for Christmas so you can make your holiday plans. We will have our normal Saturday evening Mass on December 23 at 5:30 pm. **Sunday, December 24**, we will have Mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent at 10:00 am and then Christmas Eve Masses at 5:30 pm and midnight (with music starting at 11:30 pm). Christmas morning Mass is at 10:00 am. **Catholics are obliged to participate in the Fourth Sunday Mass as well as a Christmas Mass.** We will have our normal schedule of masses on the weekend of December 30 and 31. The Mass for January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be on Monday, January 1 at 10:00 am.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be celebrated on Thursday as the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm and Friday at 10:00 am. We are obliged to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation, just as if it were a Sunday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

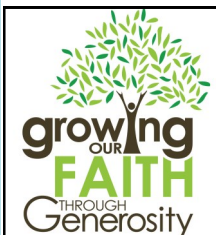


Special Mass for Advent
Spanish Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration

Saturday, 12/16 7:00 pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John Damascene
Wednesday: St. Nicholas
Thursday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin



Sunday, November 26, 2017

Weekly Collection:

\$ 4,187.00

Online Givers:

\$ 1,184.00

Children's Collection: \$ 70.75

Food Pantry: \$ 200.00

Stewardship Thought

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.



Maximus of Turin was Bishop of Turin, Italy in the early 5th century. Many of his homilies survive to this day. This is his message for the Advent season from homily #60:

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"Thus, dear brothers and sisters, may we who await the birth of the Lord cleanse ourselves of all the remnants of sin! Let us fill his treasuries with many gifts, so that upon the arrival of that holy day we may welcome the strangers, support the widows, and clothe the poor!

Indeed, what would happen if, in the house of the servants under the same master, one were to proudly don silk garments while another was covered with rags; if one were stuffed with food while another suffered hunger and cold; if one were tormented by indigestion from yesterday's gormandizing while another could hardly stave off yesterday's hunger? Or what should the purpose of our prayers be?

May we who are not generous toward our brothers and sisters ask to be liberated from the enemy. Let us imitate our Lord! Indeed, if he desires that the poor partake of heavenly grace with us, why should they not partake of earthly goods with us? May those who are our brothers and sisters in the sacraments lack no earthly sustenance, even if only so they may give testimony before God on our behalf: may we sustain them and may they give thanks to him."

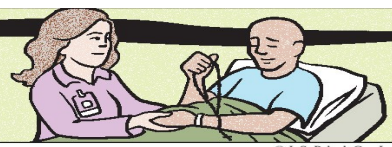


PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Remember in your prayers all those who serve our nation in the Armed Forces.

We especially pray for: Christopher and Lamont Arnold, Meghan Bietzel, Jessup Boatner, Chris Curry, Dean Millette, Troy Resurreccion, Emma Reuter, Steven Renslow, Ryan Roy, Trey Strickland, Inissa Zambrano.

Pray for the Sick



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Family and Friends of Parishioners:

Michelle Sommers, (granddaughter of Pat and Barbara McBride), Mary Frasier Hudson (niece of Serie Barnhill), Louis Collier, Jonathan Boone (friend of Allen Lea), Peter Rippa, (husband of Mary Rippa) Jim Doud (friend of Mike and Diane Meadows), Lloyd Young (father of Cathy Dunn), Ed Peebles (husband of Karen Peebles), Mary Bess Curry (mother of Mike Curry), Flora and Luis Martin (Daughter and Son-in-law of Mary Rippa), Missy Goodman (Daughter of Nick and Maureen Calico), Pearl Turner (mother of Sheila Resweber), Jeremy McIntyre (son of Brenda and Dorian McIntyre), Flossie Frasier (cousin of Linda Smith), Emily Bennett (daughter-in-law of Carol Denslow), Irene Jones (mother of Gail Dowdle), June Harkins (mother of Beth Bivens), Donna Neese (mother of Nicole Chapman), Marian Lyons (friend of John and Kelly McGregor), Karla Fidler (friend of Monique Augustus), Charles Downey (father of April McDonald), Jeannie Marvelli (Aunt of Anthony Marvelli), Paula Moody Moore (cousin of Sandra Walker), Erin Anderson and Barry Watts (friends of Sandra Walker), Tanya Harris (daughter of Phyllis Rogers.), Martha Young, (mother of Cathy Dunn), Tammy May, (daughter of Carol Bourne), Robert Caskey (Husband of Riza Caskey), Clyde Cox (brother of George Cox), Phyllis Davis and Rosemary West (mother and sister of David Peters), Douglas Montague (nephew of Sandra Walker), Jeff Frazier, (Brother-in-law of Sandra Walker), Louis Garriga (brother of Bill Garriga), and all those in nursing homes or homebound.



Classes will resume this Sunday, December 3rd. Christmas Break – Classes will not meet December 24th and December 31st.

Classes will resume January 7th.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - \$25 WINNER PER GRADE

Sponsored by St. Jude Knights of Columbus



Who can participate:
Young people ages 5-14

Rules: Must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas

Should be the original work of a single person
Must be approximately 11x17 inches
Pastels, chalk, or charcoal – must be laminated or covered with clear plastic
Write name and age on the back

Turn in posters: December 10th or 17th

Entry forms and instructions are located on the table outside the Parish Office

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Youth Christmas Choir

Voices are needed to make a joyful noise to the Lord!
Youth of all ages are needed to sing in our Christmas Eve

Choir. The choir will sing at 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

We will have two practices:

Sunday, December 17th - 10:30am - During Sunday School - We will bring those students singing in the choir to the conference room across from the office to practice. Children can be picked up from the conference room at 10:50am.

Wednesday, December 20th - 6:30-7:30pm - Practice will be in the church. Following practice, we will feed the choir a pizza supper.

If your young child likes to sing, please encourage them to participate. We especially need older voices, so if your older youth sings in a choir at school or enjoys singing, please encourage them to participate as well.

Contact Stacy in the office if your youth plans to participate - we need to know who to release from Sunday School on the 17th and how much pizza to provide on the 20th.

Journey with our Parish this **Advent**

Text App to 88202
to download our parish app



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards, yard signs, car magnets, etc. after all Masses until the week before Christmas. See Nat Zummo for more infor-



Adult Faith Formation

Join us each Sunday from 9:45 —10:45am in the Parish Hall for Adult Faith Formation as we discover how to pray with Sacred Scripture.

This week we will be beginning the second part of Lectio, Philippians, Life in Christ. Saint Paul exhorts the Christians at Philippi to have the mind of Christ. But to what exactly is he referring? Join Dr. Tim Gray as he opens up this heartfelt correspondence. Learn the key to Christian friendship. Learn how Paul is able to rejoice in the midst of suffering. Learn from the Philippians how to become partners in the Gospel. Discover what it means to share in the citizenship of Heaven. Glory with Saint Paul as his eloquent hymn reveals the mind of Christ.



Family Friendly Events

Save the Date – Family Friendly Events, Fun for the Whole Parish!

Prison Ministry Collection –

Christmas is just around the corner and Central Mississippi Correctional Facility is asking for our help in reaching out to those who are away from their families during the holiday

season. They would like to give a bag, with love, from God's people, to each person housed at CMCF.

How We Can Help: We will be collecting toiletries and other items for the prison ministry during the month of December. Collection boxes will be in the vestibule of the church, the Sunday School Hall, and the Parish Hall beginning **Sunday, December 3rd. Items will be collected through Sunday, December 17th.**

Items Needed: **Clear Deodorant for Women** (Arrid Extra Dry, Secret Flawless Clear, Lady Speed Stick Gel, Soft & Dri Drigel, Dry Idea Clear Gel, or Mitchum Powergel)

Clear Deodorant for Men (Arm & Hammer Ultra Max Clear Gel, Old Spice High Endurance Clear Gel, Right Guard Sport Clear Gel, Speed Stick, Right Guard Total Defense 5 Power Gel, or Gillette Clear Gel)

Clear Shampoo (Suave, White Rain, VO5)

White Athletic Socks, Men's and Women's, Crew

Small Non-Metallic Hair Ornaments

Hard Candy

Packing Party: December 17th, following 11am Mass, we will have a Goody Bag Stuffing Party! We will be making the goody bags at the same time the church is being decorated for Christmas. Lunch will be served after 11am Mass. If you or your child plans to attend and eat lunch, please contact Rhonda in the office to RSVP.

Illuminated Advent Rosary –



Parishioners of all ages are invited to join us on **December 3rd at 6:30 pm** in the Rosary Garden. We will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary to celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, illuminating the garden as we pray. Cookies and Hot Coco will be served following in the Parish Hall. If you would like, bring

your favorite Christmas treat to share! In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be prayed in the Parish Hall

YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in What you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity". 1 Timothy 4:12

Why Not Now Service Project-Many thanks to every who helped! We fed over 80 people!

Upcoming Events:

Youth Nights: December 6, 2017 and January 3, 2018 from 6:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.



Youth Christmas Party Lock-in: December 15-16, 9:00 P.M.-7:00 A.M. We will have tons of fun, food and games. Youth are asked to bring snacks to share and a wrapped \$15 gift suitable for male or female. We will have a taco bar and along with some yummy surprises! We will need a few parent volunteers to help with food preparation. Please contact Mrs. Betsy or Mrs. Mara if you would like to help.

Mardi Gras Ball Fundraiser: It's just around the corner. It's scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2018. We will have a planning meeting on December 6, at 6:30 in the parish hall.

SEARCH Retreat: Information has been shared through Facebook and Groupme.



Diocesan Youth Conference: It's February 2-4, 2018 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Information has been shared through Facebook and Groupme. If you didn't receive the information please contact Mrs. Betsy or Mrs. Mara.

Ring in the New Year - Family Friendly New Year's Eve Party -

December 31st, 6:30pm – 9pm – dancing, karaoke, games, food, and more. Fun for the whole family! Bring a party food to share and invite your friends! **Stay tuned for more info!** SEE MORE INFO BELOW

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

Ring in the New Year Family Friendly New Year's Eve Party

When: December 31st, 6:30pm – 9pm

Where: Parish Hall

Admission: Bring your favorite party food to share

Dancing, karaoke, games, food, and more.

Fun for the whole family!

Invite your friends!

Youth in 7th – 12th grades may attend without parents, but must sign in and out at the door.

Contact Stacy in the office for more info!

Sunday, December 10th

at 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the annual St. Jude Christmas dinner! Encounter the Spirit of Christmas while enjoying a delicious meal with friends and church family, singing Christmas carols, and visiting with old St. Nick. What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our gift from Heaven above!

We are asking Parishioners to bring their favorite dessert for the famous Dessert Room or their favorite salad for our Salad Bar.

We will be setting-up decorating following the 11:00 am Mass, if you would like to help just show up. Many hands make light work.



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