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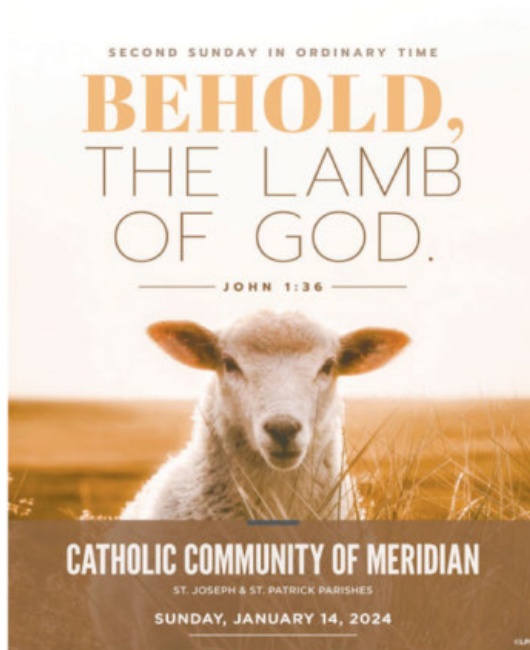
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From The Archives

The Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters served St. Joseph Parish in a variety of functions from serving the church liturgically to teaching in the school from 1910 until 1975.

Some of the beloved Nuns included Sister Romana, Modesta, Crispina, Winifred, Johanna, Olivia, Teresitta, Inviolata, Kateri, Honoria, Bonacita, Intemerata, Pudencia, Isentrude, Uriele, Eloise, Rudolphis and Xavier Anne.



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (St. Patrick): 5:00 p.m.
Sunday (St. Joseph): 8:30 a.m.
Sunday (St. Patrick): 11:00 a.m.
Sunday (St. Patrick): 3:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday (St. Joseph): 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday (St. Joseph): 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.
Thursday (St. Patrick): 8:30 a.m.
Friday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before all Masses/11A-12N
First Friday/4P Saturday's or by appt.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 12N—6P
St. Aloysius Chapel/Parish Center

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m. (M-F)

Vespers/Rosary 4:45 p.m. (M-F)

Dial-In Phone Number is 769-206-1927

Mass Schedule, Intentions, and Readings for January 15th—21st, 2024

Monday/ MLK Jr.	9:00 a.m.	In Honor of Nancy Leatherwood /Offered by Helen Beck	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Bill McDaniel /Offered by Niki McDaniel	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	12:05 p.m.	Sharon & Tommy Williams /Offered by Mary Harrington	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Jett Thomas /Offered by Natz T. Sibberns	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	12:05 p.m.	Jimmy Speed /Offered by Veronica Mendron	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Carol Harrell /Offered by Patty Harris	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Donna White /Offered by KC Council 802	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a);
	11:00 a.m.	Dr. Liberty Moreno /Offered by Gloria McCarty	1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
	3:00 p.m.	Catholic Community	

The First Disciples

Last Sunday, on the feast of the Epiphany, we heard the familiar story of the magi, who, directed by the star to Bethlehem, find the baby Jesus. Today we hear of the first disciples, who, directed by John the Baptist, encounter the adult Jesus. That initial encounter changes the entire course of their lives, for, as Andrew insists to his brother Simon, "We have found the Messiah." May our encounter with the Lord, here and elsewhere, influence the way we live our lives as well.



There will be a special Mass honoring and remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday, January 15th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Church.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; Only Light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; Only Love can do that."
-Dr. Martin L. King Jr.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 15th in observance of the Holiday.



Travel with Father Augustine to Ireland & Scotland in the Autumn of 2024!!!

This trip of a lifetime will include stops in Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, Dublin in Ireland; Edinburgh and St. Andrews Cathedral in Scotland. Plus you will enjoy the countryside as you travel throughout each country.

Trip Dates: September 6th—18th, 2024

Cost (Per Person): \$5,499.00 - All Inclusive (including air fare).

To register, please contact Proximo Travel (855) 842-8001 or online at www.proximotravel.com

Memorial Brick Campaign

The Memorial Brick sales are continuing but please get your order in soon. The bricks may be in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special or any special event.

Bricks may be ordered online using the following link:

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/catholicmeridian>

or you may complete the order form that can be picked up from the parish office. The cost of each brick is \$125 and you may have three lines with up to 18 letters on each line.

All are welcome to a special celebration of the Mass to honor and remember Sister Thea Bowman and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for their many contributions to social justice this Sunday, January 14th at 3P in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Jackson. The Mass will be followed by reception.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Leslee Lee	Joy Mitchell
Liza Hannington	Zaid Perez
Gloria Alford	Anne Glenn
Helen Beck	Scott Owen
Frank Polizzi	Charlie Owen
Bob Westendorf	Walt Marcello
Ed Manning	Natalie Corley
John Hodge	James Tyra
Mabelkia Navas	Alan Rigdon
Manny Routt	

Upcoming Events/Activities

January 14th—Youth Group Gatherings resumes at 4P in the Youth Room in the Family Life Center.

January 15th—Special Mass in honor & remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in St. Joseph Church at 9:00 a.m.

January 17th—Wednesday Night Dinners, PSR and the Adult Bible Study continue.

January 18th—New Adult Bible Study—will continue each Thursday through March 7.

January 27th—Catholic Schools kicks off with a special Mass led by the students of St. Patrick School—5P in St. Patrick Church.

Adult Bible Studies

The Wednesday Night Bible Study "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" continues January 17th. Come join Scott Owen as he leads this fascinating story each Wednesday evening (615P-730P).

The Thursday morning (10A-1130A) Adult Bible Study "Fatima: Hope for the World" continues January 18th and will continue through March 7th. Come join Ken Woodward on this new journey.

Both bible studies are in the Father Vally Room in the Parish Center.

Social Sundays

Special thanks to Dorethea Cole, Shirley Nance and Valerie Brown for providing the refreshments last Sunday, at St. Joseph Church after Mass. The next Social Sunday will be February 4th.



Mark your calendars for Catholic Schools Week January 27th—February 4th. The week will be packed with events and activities for our students, parishioners, supporters and alumni. As we continue to celebrate 150 years of educating children spiritually and academically in the Meridian area, we want to thank all of you for your support.

St. Patrick School will be closed Monday, January 15th in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Sending your child to St. Patrick School is an investment that will pay dividends many times over in his or her lifetime.





Youth Activities

Youth Activities will resume Sunday, January 14th at 4P in the Youth Room in the FLC. Students 6th-12th grades are invited.

“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze.”
St. Catherine of Siena

For more information on youth activities, please contact Angela Dove at the Office (601) 436-6025 or by email Angela@catholicmeridian.org.

Fraud Prevention Hotline

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Weekly Collections

St. Joseph Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$2,981.00

December 31st: \$1,580.00

Online (Dec. 28th - Jan. 8th): \$3,624.00

St. Patrick Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$15,231.00

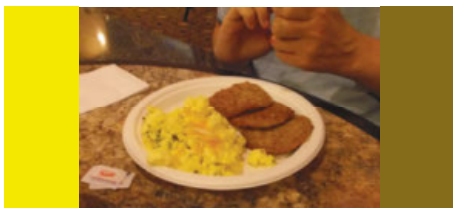
December 31st: \$8,292.00

Online (Dec. 28th - Jan. 8th): \$5,160.00

Spanish Mass

December 31st: \$404.00

Please note the above collections (including online) include the Solemnity of Mary collection as it was combined with the regular collection for each church in lieu of the feast day not being a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There is a special collection this weekend for the Mississippi Catholic.



Wednesday Evening Dinners continue January 17th. On the menu will be breakfast featuring eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, biscuits, gravy, pastries and drinks. The cost is \$6(A), \$3(C) 10 and under with a \$25 max for a family. Dinner is served 5P–6P.

The Wednesday Night crew continues to need help with the dinners including: preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up. Please contact Debbie Hover (601) 938 0299 if you are interested in volunteering or for more information.



RCIA Class Schedule

January 14th—The Mass: Part 2—Facilitator—Ken Woodward.

January 21st—On Whose Authority—Facilitator—Ken Woodward. Please note this class will be in Kehrler Hall at St. Joseph and the time will be 9:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

Classes are 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. in the Father Vally Room in the St. Patrick Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

For more information about RCIA, please contact Ken in the Parish Office.

2024 Calendars!!!

Our 2024 calendars have finally arrived. Please pick one up at either church entrance or in the parish office.

Additionally, the first box that we received were Spanish-English calendars. If you picked up one of those calendars but would like to swap it out to an English only calendar, please feel free to do so as that will give us a few more to offer to our Spanish speaking parishioners. Thank you.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 802 NEWS

The Knights of Columbus will continue to lead the Rosary starting 30 minutes before each weekend Mass during the month of January.

Parish School of Religion

PSR classes will continue Wednesday, January 10th with the students meeting in the church at 615P and classes 630P—730P. PSR registration is still open online or at the Parish Office.

MERCIFUL MUFFLERS MINISTRY

The group will resume meeting Monday, January 22nd (2 —4P) in the St. Patrick Parish Center.

If you like to crochet or knit, please contact Pam Walston (601) 485-8513 for more information.



Family & Friends:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dale McCarty (brother of Howard McCarty), Frances Boyette (friend of Bridget & John Harwell), Ed & Sally Johnson, Leonard Pogue, Betty Moring, and David Purvis.

Parishioners:

Bobbie Crudup.

Family & Friends:

Please pray for Donney Washington (sister of Frank Washington), Linda Hiebert (Aunt of Cassy Klutz), Rhonda Boren (sister-in-law of Donna Duckworth), Rosy Jones, Mary Jo Harris (mother of Ric Harris), Betty Koca, Dakota Sherman (great-granddaughter of Betty Koca).

If you, a family member or friend are in need of a priest or lay minister to visit, please contact the parish office. Father Augustine is always available to visit anyone who is need. Additionally, we have Extraordinary Ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone unable to attend Mass.



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