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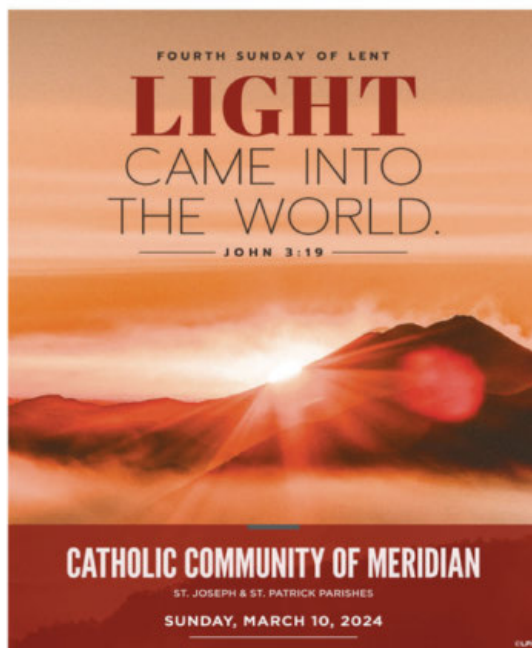
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From The Archives

The Girl Scouts celebrated their 72nd birthday, March 12, 1984. During 1983 they provided meals for elderly couples, sang or provided decorations for Sr. Citizens parties, bought 47 books for the School Library and much more. Leaders included Emily Harwell, Ann Minniece, Mary Lynn Swift, Marina Cullum, Dawn Boggs, Peg Richards, Maggie Phillips, Joanne Zettler and Gloria Williams



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

Tuesday (St. Joseph): 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.
Thursday (St. Patrick): **11:30 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 **1P—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 March 11th - 17th, 2024

Monday	No Mass	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	5:30 p.m. In Honor of Sandy Gray/ Offered by Lynn Peacock	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	12:05 p.m. F. X. & Maurine Werneth/ Offered by Mary Harrington	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	11:30 a.m. Jerry Marce Goforth Sr./ Offered by Dave & Adrian Viger	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	12:05 p.m. Alice Bihn/ Offered by Steve Bihn	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	5:00 p.m. Dr. Mones Thomas/ Offered by Dr. Natz T. Sibberns	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Yen Huynh/ Offered by Tuyen Huynh 11:00 a.m. Toni Maloney/ Offered by John & Pat Maloney 3:00 p.m. Catholic Community	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6ab; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1); Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

The Choice Is Ours

Our readings today invite us to make a choice. Centuries before Christ, the people of Judah chose to turn away from God and Jerusalem was allowed to be destroyed. But the psalmist pleaded that the people never forget the Holy City. Jesus tells Nicodemus that those who prefer darkness to the light condemn themselves but those who live in the truth come to the light, where we can do good works that Paul says flow from God's grace. May God's word inspire us to live in the truth of our faith, where God offers us everlasting mercy and love.

Hispanic Community News

There will be a Lenten Mission for the Hispanic Community this Sunday, (4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.) in St. Patrick Church. Mass will be celebrated by Father Augustine at 3:00 p.m. as scheduled with the Mission to follow.

Father Jose de Jesus Sanchez, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Greenville, MS, will lead the Mission. We look forward to welcoming Father Sanchez back to Meridian where he served the Catholic Community as the Parochial Vicar for several years.



Registration for St. Patrick School is now open for all families. All families with children Pre-K3 to 6th grade are welcome to come see what our school has to offer for your child.

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

Save The Date!!!

Countdown 2024 is coming April 19th! We will be celebrating 150 years in Meridian! Countdown tickets will go on sale the week after Spring Break.

St. Patrick School will be closed for Spring Break, March 11th—15th and will reopen Monday, March 18th. Please have a safe and enjoyable break.



CWO of St. Patrick will meet Saturday, March 23rd at 6P in the FLC. This month's guest speaker will be Mary Billups. She will be leading a mini-retreat and the topic will be "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World."

All adult women are welcome and bring a friend too!!!

Travel with Father Augustine to Ireland & Scotland Sep. 6—18, 2024. For more information or to register, please contact Proximo Travel (855) 842-8001 or online at www.proximotravel.com. The trip will include stops in Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Dublin, Edinburgh and much more....



Way of the Cross will be held each Friday starting at 6:00 p.m. The following groups will lead the Stations:

Mar 15th - St. Patrick—Catholic Youth (Soup & sandwiches will be served for a donation only after Stations).

Mar. 22nd - St. Joseph—Servants of Mary/Hospitality/Pastoral Councils (Fish Fry to follow in Kehrer Hall. Plates are \$10 each).

Mar. 29th - Grounds of St. Patrick Church—Hispanic Community. Please note that Stations will start at 5:00P and precede the Good Friday service.

Downtown Lenten Service Schedule

March 14th - St. Paul Episcopal Church

March 21st - St. Patrick Catholic Church

Each service will start at 12 Noon with lunch following at 1230P. There will be a donation basket set up and each church will select their own designee for the proceeds from the money collected.



Synthia Tureaud	Kasey Owen
Salvador Munoz	Kristi Durgin
Wyatt Purdy	Pat Risch
Carmel Crain	Marilyn Mitchell
Terina Pyffer	Deb Parker
Patrick Pittman	Dr. Minh Duong

Upcoming Events/Activities

March 10th - Hispanic Community Mission in St. Patrick Church (4P-7P).

March 14th —Downtown Lenten Service in St. Paul Episcopal Church (12N).

March 15th - Stations of the Cross in St. Patrick Church at 6P followed by a Soup/Sandwich Dinner in the Family Life Center (for a donation only).

March 16th - 17th - Knights of Columbus Membership Drive after all Masses.

March 21st - Downtown Lenten Service at 12 Noon in St. Patrick Church followed by lunch in the Family Life Center.

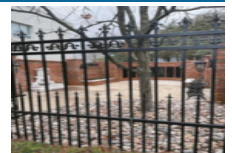
Wednesday Night Dinners, Adult Bible Study and PSR all take a break this week and will resume March 20th.

Adult Bible Studies

The Wednesday Night Bible Study "Acts: Spread the Kingdom" takes a break this week and will resume March 20th. Come join Scott Owen as he leads this study each week (615P-730P).

The Thursday morning Adult Bible Study has concluded. Please be on the lookout for a study starting soon.

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



St. Patrick is now accepting applications to reserve niches in the Mitchell Family Columbarium. For more information, please contact Dave Viger at 601-480-3364 or dave.viger@gmail.com.



Youth Activities

The Youth will be leading the Stations of the Cross this Friday (March 15th) in St. Patrick Church starting at 6:00 p. m.

The Stations will be followed a soup and sandwich meal provided by the youth with only a donation box set up. Please contact Angela to volunteer to lead a station or help with the meal.

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



Weekly Collections

St. Joseph Parish

Needed Income (Weekly):	\$2,981.00
February 25 th :	\$1,358.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$624.00
Online:	\$1,064.00

St. Patrick Parish

Needed Income (Weekly):	\$15,231.00
February 25 th :	\$4,271.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$1,606.00
Online:	\$4,460.00

Spanish Mass

February 25 th :	\$302.00
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There is a second collection for Catholic Relief Services this weekend. Additionally, please consider a gift to the Catholic Service Appeal this year. Every donation helps.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 802 NEW'S

There will be a Membership Drive after all Masses, March 16th—17th.

Membership in the Knights is open to all practicing Catholic men age 18 and older. Council 802 is the oldest and best council in the State of Mississippi and we welcome new members to share in our mission to serve our parishes, school and beyond.

Attention all 3rd Degree members of the Knights of Columbus! There is going to be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Meridian, Saturday, April 6th. This is the first time this degree has been offered in Meridian in over 10 years. Please contact David Stephens (601) 938-5757 ASAP if you are interested in advancing to the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus. This ceremony is one of the most beautiful events that you will ever be a part of so please consider joining the 4th Degree.

Social Sundays

Special thanks to Valerie Brown, Edna Blanks, Dr. Lara Ross and the Health Ministry for providing and serving the refreshments last Sunday at St. Joseph Church after Mass. It was a great way to cap off last week that included our Parish Mission, Stations of the Cross and other Lenten activities. The next Social Sunday will be April 7th.



RCIA Class Schedule

March 10th—Sacrament of Holy Orders & Anointing—Facilitator—Rick Berryhill (Second Scrutiny during the 11A Mass)

March 17th—Paschal Week: Holy Week—Facilitator—Ken Woodward (Third Scrutiny during the 11A Mass)

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

OUR LADY'S CORNER

Our Lady's Corner Store will be open Sat. Mar. 16th & 23rd (after 5P Mass), Sun. Mar. 10th, 17th, 24 & Apr. 14th (10A -1045A and after Mass) and Wednesday, Mar. 20th (430P-600P). The Store is stocked with 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation Gifts along with spring faith/gift supplies. You may also make an appointment to shop by contacting Pat (601) 479-0920 or John in the Parish Office.

FORMED is available to all members of our Catholic Community at no cost.

Sign-up is easy. Simply go to FORMED.org, enter our parish name or zip code and register yourself. Boom, that is it. No password needed!



Family & Friends:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jo Anne Phippen (relative of Al Harris)

Parishioners:

Please pray for Michael Berryhill, Connie Royal, Richard Semmes, Tina LeFlore, Barbara Holscher, Martha Mazingo, John Kasper, Bobbie Crudup, Martha Haarala, Nancy Leatherwood, Helen Beck, Thelma Robinson.

Family & Friends:

Please pray for Louis Hankins (father of Donna Polizzi), Frankie Moore (friend of John & Bridget Harwell), Jane Leary (friend of Teresa LaBiche), George N. Powell (BIL of Teresa LaBiche), Ashley Alexander (sister of Katie Rutledge), Rebecca Goodnough (sister of Janet Bunker), John Eugene Morgan and Joseph Michael Cridiso (sons of Helen Beck), Anna Payne (cousin of Rose Schultz), Marijoy Howell (daughter of Rory Santiago), Donney Washington (sister of Frank Washington), Linda Hiebert (aunt of Cassy Klutz), Rhonda Boren (SIL of Donna Duckworth), Rosy Jones, Betty Koca, Dakota Sherman (g-g-daughter of Betty Koca).



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