



2024 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL



MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

PARISH TEAM GUIDE



Diocese of Biloxi

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2024 CSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This year's Appeal will begin on Commitment Weekend, February 17-18, 2024 which is the first Sunday of Lent.

The general timeline for the 2024 Appeal is as follows:

February 7	2024 CSA Launch Meeting & Dinner – Pastoral Center
February 8	Bishop's Appeal letter arrives in homes to parishioners
February 14	Digital Bulletin Announcements emailed to remind all that next week begins 2024 CSA
February 14	Ash Wednesday—Pulpit reminder for Commitment Sunday
February 17-18	2024 CSA COMMITMENT WEEKEND
February 19-23	In Pew pledges/gifts returned to Pastoral Center
February 24-25	Pulpit/bulletin reminder to pledge to 2024 CSA Pulpit encouragement to make a pledge to CSA
March 4	Parish Progress Reports posted on Diocesan Website Public Reports updated weekly during the year
January 31, 2025	Final pledge statements mailed to parishioners for 2024 CSA

BEST PRACTICES FOR ACHIEVING THE PARISH GOAL

The following plan for Commitment Sunday is provided to help your parish's participation in the 2024 CSA be a success. This plan is strongly encouraged to be followed as it has the best practices that can help each parish reach their goals. The pastor's full support of the Appeal, both personally and publicly cannot be over-emphasized for its success at each parish or mission.

PROMOTION OF 2024 CSA

- ◆ Place posters in high traffic areas around the parish
- ◆ Pulpit Announcements/Homily Help
- ◆ Bulletin Announcements
- ◆ Petition in Prayers of the Faithful

COMMITMENT SUNDAY WEEKEND

Pledge Envelopes—Place pledge envelopes, with pencils if possible, in the pews before the first Mass on Commitment Sunday weekend. It is very important that pledge envelopes be restocked after each Mass so that each person or family has the opportunity to give a gift or make a pledge.

Letter from Bishop Kihneman—Parishes will receive a letter via email from Bishop Kihneman that is to be read at all Masses on the weekend of February 17-18, 2024. It is extremely important that the bishop's letter be read during the homily at all Masses on this weekend. All parishes are being supplied with digital bulletin inserts to be posted or handed out with bulletins for this weekend.

Collection of Pledges/Gifts—The collection of pledges/gifts should be done during the normal Offertory of the Mass without the need of a special CSA collection. The pledges/gifts should be separated from the parish offertory during the normal process by your parish counting team.

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN OR COUNT CSA pledges/gifts at the parish; rather, please put them in an envelope for delivery to the Pastoral Center the following week. It is very important that CSA pledges and gifts not be separated from their envelopes in order to give us every ability to match the gift with the donor.

Delivery of Pledges to Pastoral Center—Because in-pew pledges/gifts will contain checks and cash, it is requested that parishes NOT mail them, but rather deliver them to the Pastoral Center. Pick up from the parishes in the Northern Deanery will be provided.

PLANNING AND ACTION ITEM CHECKLIST

February 5-9, 2024

Have 2024 Appeal and Participation posters displayed in high traffic areas.

- ◇ Review this CSA Booklet and be familiar with the 2024 CSA implementation.
- ◇ Have a plan to place pledge envelopes/pencils in pews prior to first Mass.
- ◇ Have a plan with ushers to replenish pledge envelopes after each Mass.

All Masses – February 10-11, 2024

- ◇ Have 2024 Appeal and Participation posters displayed in high traffic areas.
- ◇ Pulpit announcement at all Masses promoting the Commitment Sunday.
*Mention that parishioners should have received the CSA letter in the mail.
- ◇ Pastor encourages all families to participate in the 2024 CSA.

Ash Wednesday Masses February 14, 2024

- ◇ Have 2024 CSA and Participation posters displayed in high traffic areas.
- ◇ Pulpit announcement at all Masses promoting the CSA Commitment Sunday.
- ◇ Priest invites parishioners to consider making a pledge to the CSA this year.
- ◇ Announcements for Ash Wednesday should mention CSA begins this Sat/Sun.

February 17-18, 2024

- ◇ In-Pew Pledge envelopes placed in all pews, cry rooms, choir, and presider's chair.
- ◇ Pencils placed in all pews, cry rooms, choir, and at presider's chair.
- ◇ Plan to restock pews with envelopes has been reviewed with ushers for each Mass.

CHECKLIST CONTINUED

COMMITMENT SUNDAY Weekend Masses: February 17-18, 2024

- ◇ Mass begins and proceeds as normal up to the homily.
- ◇ Pastor offers homily (full or abbreviated at his discretion).
- ◇ Pastor introduces, gives brief explanation and offers his support of the Appeal.
- ◇ 2024 CSA letter from Bishop Kihneman is read at all Masses.
- ◇ After the pastor reads CSA letter, he invites all to pledge/offer a one-time gift if they haven't already done so for this year's appeal. Priest completes his pledge.
- ◇ Please use the prayer included in this packet during Prayers of the Faithful.
- ◇ Pledges/gifts are collected during the normal Offertory.

February 19-23, 2024 (Week Following Commitment Sunday)

- ◇ Separate CSA envelopes from parish Offertory.
- ◇ DO NOT OPEN, COUNT, OR MAIL CSA pledge envelopes and gifts.
- ◇ Place all CSA envelopes in an envelope.
- ◇ Deliver envelope with pledges to Pastoral Center.
- ◇ Diocesan staff will coordinate pledge pick up from parishes unable to deliver.

February 24-25, 2024 (Weekend Masses)

- ◇ Invite parishioners to join the parish in supporting the 2024 CSA.
- ◇ Pulpit announcement thanking parishioners who have pledged to 2024 CSA.
- ◇ Bulletin announcements thanking parishioners for support of the 2024 CSA.
- ◇ Prayer in Prayers of the Faithful for a continued success of the 2024 CSA.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Bishop Kihneman's Letter

A letter from Bishop Kihneman will be read at all Masses. This is the bishop's direct invitation to parishioners of the diocese to join him in his ministry of the diocesan Church through prayer and financial support. It is extremely important that this letter be read at all of the Masses on Commitment Weekend during the time of the homily.

Why are In-Pew Envelopes important?

It is important that every parishioner and family be given the opportunity to make a pledge or give a one-time gift during Commitment Weekend Masses. Especially if they have not already done so for this year's appeal. For this reason, envelopes have been sent to the parishes so that pews can be restocked after each Mass. We are using a new envelope this year that is branded specifically for the 2024 CSA. Please do not use any other In-Pew envelopes for this year's appeal other than those provided in your 2024 CSA material.

Why do I need to deliver pledges instead of just mailing them?

With In-Pew pledges/gifts, we anticipate checks/cash to be given at Masses on Commitment Sunday weekend. To prevent them from being accidentally lost in the mail, we ask that these pledges/gifts be delivered to the Pastoral Center. If you are unable to deliver these envelopes in a timely manner please call the Office of Mission Advancement to coordinate a pick up for your parish.

What do I do with CSA pledges that arrive after Commitment Sunday? For pledges and gifts that arrive after the initial batch has been delivered to the Pastoral Center, we ask that these pledges be put in one envelope and either delivered or mailed to the Pastoral Center on a weekly basis. Please do not hold on to pledges/gifts more than 5 business days.

How long should I keep the 2024 CSA material out and on display?

CSA posters should be on display throughout the year, and leave the pledge envelopes in the pews for at least three consecutive weekends. After the third weekend please make pledge envelopes available in the back of the church near a 2024 CSA Appeal poster. It is highly encouraged that a pulpit announcement, with an invitation to join in the bishop's ministry of the diocesan Church through support of the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal be offered at all Masses throughout the month of March, 2024.

What do I do with the left over pledge envelopes?

Any in-pew envelopes for the 2024 CSA should be discarded at the end of the year. Please keep a stock of envelopes available to parishioners near the 2024 CSA poster.

Where can I track my Parish Progress and Participation reports?

2024 CSA Parish Progress Reports will be posted to the diocesan web page starting March 4, 2024 and can be found at www.biloxidiocese.org. Look for the link titled "2024 CSA Reports."

What if my parish exceeds its goal?

If your parish meets its diocesan goal with payments received, all money received in excess of the goal will be returned to the parish at a rate of 100%. This policy will remain current for the 2024 Appeal, but will be under review for future Appeals based on this year's performance in meeting the total diocesan goal.

What if I have questions about the 2024 CSA?

If you have any questions about this year's Appeal, please do not hesitate to call the Office of Mission Advancement at 228-702-2113 or email us at dwyrrwich@biloxidiocese.org. We are here to help you with the Appeal and all aspects of Stewardship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PULPIT & BULLETIN

Weekend of February 10-11, 2024

2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal—"Missionary Discipleship"

Pulpit Announcement:

Next weekend, Catholics throughout the Diocese of Biloxi will join together in support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal. As in the past, each of us will be asked to join together in the spirit of stewardship by making a financial commitment to the Church in the Diocese of Biloxi. Our Catholic Sharing Appeal provides essential operating support for those offices that provide direct services to both this parish and thousands of people throughout the seventeen counties that comprise this diocese. As your Pastor, I would like to achieve a 100% participation for our parish!

February 17-18, 2024 (1st Sunday of Lent - Commitment Weekend)

Pulpit Announcement:

This weekend is the start of the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal with the theme of "Missionary Discipleship". Bishop Kihneman invites each of us to help through our prayerful and financial support of this year's appeal. Father will read a letter from the bishop during the homily and invite us to join him in supporting our parish and our diocese through this annual appeal. It is our goal to reach 100% participation for our parish. Thank you!

February 24-25, 2024 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement:

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.

March 2-3, 2024 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement:

The Diocese of Biloxi is blessed to have 6 men in formation for the priesthood for our diocese.

We are also blessed to have 17 retired priests that continue to help minister to the 56,000 Catholics in South Mississippi.

Your gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal directly aids in the formation, education, and care of all of these men. Will you please consider a generous gift to the 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal in support of our future and retired priests? Your gift of prayer and financial support ensures that we will continue to help the mission of the Church in a real way. Pledge envelopes are in the back of the church. Thank You!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PULPIT & BULLETIN

March 9-10, 2024 (4th Sunday of Lent)

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement:

Our diocese is blessed to have over 40 Permanent Deacons that serve our parishes and families, as well as 15 men in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. Your gift to the CSA greatly aids in the formation and education of these men in service to the Church. Please consider a gift to this year's appeal in support of our Deacons.

March 16-17, 2024 (5th Sunday of Lent)

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement:

The Catholic Sharing Appeal touches the lives of many in our diocese, from those seeking to enter the Church, to the care of our priests, to the feeding of the hungry and the evangelization of many souls. We cannot do this work without your help. If you've never given a gift to the CSA, please consider giving one this year, of any amount. Together we can accomplish so much!

March 23-24, 2024 (6th Sunday of Lent)

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement:

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey in preparation to celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, please consider joining all the faithful in the Diocese of Biloxi in participating in this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal. A gift, of any amount, combined with others, really does make an impact for the mission of the Church. Thank you in advance for your gift of faith!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PETITION FOR CSA

Please use two CSA petitions at each Mass during the six weeks of Lent.

1. That the Gospel of Christ may call each of us to participate, as we are able, in promoting the Catholic Sharing Appeal through prayer and financial support. We pray to the Lord.
2. That as we join our efforts for the annual Catholic Sharing Appeal, we may rejoice in the accomplishments of the past and pray for a successful campaign this year. We pray to the Lord.
3. That the people of our parish prayerfully consider the many gifts they have received and respond generously to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. We pray to the Lord.
4. That God may bless our parish and diocese, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship by opening our hearts to others in need of our care, prayers, and support. We pray to the Lord.
5. That we unite in service to the Lord to support the many charitable and spiritual ministries of our diocesan Church with generous gifts. We pray to the Lord.
6. May we respond to the opportunity to reach beyond the boundaries of our parish in love and service to support our brothers and sisters in need in our diocese. We pray to the Lord.
7. May our gifts to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal enable our Church to continue Christ's work of discipleship in our communities. We pray to the Lord.
8. That those who have not had an opportunity to make a decision about the Catholic Sharing Appeal will listen to their hearts and make a commitment to support the good works of our diocesan Church. We pray to the Lord.
9. For all who have responded to the call to share their gifts, that their generosity may be rewarded with the growth, love and joy that giving generously brings. We pray to the Lord.
10. That those in need may find guidance and assistance from the many programs and services supported by the Catholic Sharing Appeal. We pray to the Lord.
11. That the entire family of the Diocese of Biloxi will respond generously to the Catholic Sharing Appeal and that those families who have not yet participated in the appeal will be called to do so this year. We pray to the Lord.

PARISH GOALS FOR LENT 2024

Annunciation Parish	Kiln	17,856
Blessed Francis Seelos	Biloxi	11,967
Christ the King	Latimer	6,956
Holy Family	Pass Christian	69,125
Holy Rosary	Hattiesburg	4,326
Holy Spirit	Vancleave	12,889
Holy Trinity	Columbia	7,390
Holy Trinity	Leakesville/ Waynesboro	492
Immaculate Conception	Laurel	46,066
Most Holy Trinity	Pass Christian	51,611
Nativity BVM Cathedral	Biloxi	55,799
Our Lady of Chartres	Delmas	1,486
Our Lady of Fatima	Biloxi	83,865
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Lumberton	13,307
Our Lady of the Gulf	Bay St. Louis	105,799
Our Lady of Victories	Pascagoula	30,997
Our Mother of Mercy	Pass Christian	14,096
Our Mother of Sorrows	Biloxi	9,209
Sacred Heart	Diberville	49,269
Sacred Heart	Hattiesburg	76,862
Sacred Heart	Pascagoula	34,945
Sacred Heart	Pass Christian/ Dedaux	25,067
St. Alphonsus	Ocean Springs	72,948
St. Ann	Clermont Harbor	6,354
St. Ann	Lizana/Gulfport	15,162
St. Ann Mission	Hurley	10,355
St. Bernadette	Waynesboro	4,521
St. Charles Borromeo	Picayune	51,765
St. Clare	Waveland	24,653
St. Elizabeth Seton	Ocean Springs	56,755

St. Fabian	Hattiesburg	55,937
St. Francis Xavier	Wiggins	10,048
St. James	Gulfport	96,039
St. John the Evangelist	Gulfport	30,441
St. Joseph	Gulfport	48,215
St. Joseph Mission	Poplarville	15,290
St. Joseph the Worker	Moss Point	18,828
St. Lawrence	Monticello	839
St. Lucy Mission	Lucedale	4,279
St. Mary	Gautier	22,879
St. Mary (Woolmarket)	Biloxi	42,156
St. Matthew the Apostle	White Cypress	18,885
St. Michael	Biloxi	14,636
St. Paul the Apostle	Tylertown	7,019
St. Peter	Bassfield	13,026
St. Peter the Apostle	Pascagoula	14,597
St. Rose De Lima	Bay St. Louis	27,227
St. Therese of Lisieux	Gulfport	16,993
St. Thomas Aquinas	Hattiesburg	80,186
St. Thomas the Apostle	Long Beach	80,684
Vietnamese Martyrs	Biloxi	33,904
TOTAL		1,624,000



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