

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

"They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us." Matthew 1:23

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Adult Study Group
9:30 am Liturgy **For The Parish Community**
10:30 am RCIA
NO PRE



Monday, December 19, 2022

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

10:30 am Weight Loss/Exercise Support Group



Wednesday, December 21, 2022

NO Open Gym – NO PRE

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:00 am Liturgy + **Tony Leisner** by: Carmen Kreider
9:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm AA & Al Anon



Friday, December 23, 2022 – Office Closed

8:00 am Liturgy + **Evleyn Boyd Frazier** by: Holy Spirit

Saturday, December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve

5:30 pm Pre Mass Carols
6:00 pm Liturgy **For The Parish Community**



Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

9:30 am Liturgy + **Mark Nix/Angela Porter**
NO PRE

SUNDAY OFFERING



PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Weekly for Budget.....	\$ 6,094.81
Offering	\$ 6,451.80
Maintenance Fund Last Wk....	\$ 130.00
Community Services.....	\$ 45.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 345.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 1,219.00
November On Line Donations.....	\$12,278.00

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

Dec. 17 – Cathy Powers/Dec. 18 – Madeline Moore
December 24 – Closed/December 25 - Closed

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

December – Donna Grasso

Ministry Schedule

PLEASE REMEMBER:

You are to arrive at least 20 to 30 minutes before Mass is to begin. This is important to be prepared and ready.

Saturday, December 24 – 6:00 pm Christmas Eve

Greeter: Paula Busler/Maureen Finley

Usher: Tom & Paula Busler/Tony & Julie Stefanik

Server: Gavin Ellis/Landon Ellis

Lector: Roxanne McIngvale/David Yelverton

Gift Bearer: Merry & Peter Roque

Eucharistic Minister: Greg Meng/plus 6 more Help

Sunday, December 25 - 9:30 am Christmas Day

Greeter: Kelli Bishop

Usher: Don Greer/David Steinman

Server: Help/Help

Lector: Amanda Ready/Chris Greer

Gift Bearer: Ronnie & Shirley Henderson

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Cullen/Help/Help

REMINDER: If you are unable to fulfill your ministry obligation, it is your responsibility to find someone that can serve in your place. Thank you.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Queen of Peace—Monday, Tuesday & 1st Friday at NOON
Christ the King, Southaven—Wednesday (Bilingual Mass)
and Thursday (English Mass) at NOON.

Holy Spirit, Hernando—Thursday and Friday at 8:00 AM

LAWN MINISTRY



The scheduled cuttings for the year have ended. However, the grass doesn't care and will continue to need attention from time to time. Please pay attention and help when you can. It is a real service to the Lord.

God Bless all our lawn ministers.

THANK YOU to the many families who have signed up with Parish SOFT Giving. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us. When you participate, you can view giving history and pledge progress any time just by logging in.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy545151>



NO CELL PHONE ZONE: We remind all to please turn off all cell phones and electronic communication devices when entering the church buildings.

The signals, even from a silenced phone, interfere with the wireless microphones of the church.



FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES



Volunteers Needed!

Ministry signup sheets for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are on the table in the

Narthex. Please let us know which Mass you will be attending and how you can help. Call the church office 662-429-7851. We need Eucharistic Ministers for sure.



<https://www.youtube.com/@nwmscatholic>

Sunday homilies are posted now.



Fraud Prevention Hotline-

The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance,

ethics and human resources hotline. This hotline allow for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools, and the chancery office. www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese
English speaking USA: 888-830-0004 Spanish Speaking USA: 800-216-1288

Safe Environment - The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that children served by the church are not at risk of sexual abuse by the Church personnel. Diocesan policies and procedures currently in place seek to protect, enhance and, in some cases, restore the trust that our faith calls for between agents of the Church and the children and adolescents entrusted to our care. In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People passed by the U.S. bishops in Dallas, the Diocese of Jackson wishes to encourage any victim of sexual abuse by a member of the Catholic Clergy to come forward and begin the healing process. *We encourage any victim to contact Ms. Erika Rojas, Victims Assistance Coordinator at 601-326-3760.*



If you receive a text or email from someone using the name of one of our Priests, Religious, or staff asking you to send gift cards or money to them, immediately delete the text/email message. Our Priests, Religious, and staff would never contact you asking for money or gift cards. ***This is a scam.*** Do not respond to them in any way. Thank you and God bless you.

Sacrament of the Sick

Facing surgery or serious health tests?

We encourage all parishioners to make an appointment with one of our priests to receive the Sacrament BEFORE an anticipated entrance into the hospital. Please call Holy Spirit at 662-429-7851.

Effective on the Vigil Masses on

Christmas Eve, all of our 6 parishes will, once again, offer the Precious Blood and allow communicants to receive the host on the tongue. As always, the **reception of the Precious Blood is optional** for each communicant.



Girlfriends
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Girlfriends, a PODCAST for Catholic women.

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Seriously Sick & Hospitalized

Please Pray For The Sick

Your prayers are requested for the following who are having/recovering from surgery or are seriously ill:

Dorie Sarmento (Marking niece), Billy Runken (Mize nephew), Maureen Morgan, Wesley Greer, Becky Abernathy, Deanne Greer (B. Dean Niece), Moira Whittle, Juanita Young, Ruth Ann Casey, Marvin Dixon, Michelle Terry, Bill Warner, Theresa Perez, Treva Whittle (Nix), Bobbie Shell, Ned & Rosemary Sabbatini, Donna Hill (Barbara Dean), Rose Powell, Diana Hill, George Barder (Tully), Dana Marking, Fr. Tony Russo, Don Mollohan, Christine Sepulveda (Tully), Alex Montgomery, Mr. Szatkowski (dad), Felicia Hill, Steve Bedsole (Lucy H. bro), Baby Jarnigan (Riggs), Brenda Caruthers, Linda Hicks (nix), Jerry Lemerise (Brasher), Pat Kuehnel, Rebecca Massey, Harold Carmon (Faulkner), Angela Cates (Gonda's sis), Phyllis Pangelina, Jeff Smith, Erica Orive (George's mom), Sharon Bryson (Greer niece), Gwen Savage, Chris Carroll (Sr. Rose Nephew), Sherri Ligon (Pam Hall sis), Danielle Lorson (Lance Nelson niece), Pete Rizzo (B. Caruthers son-in-law), Jan Norris (B. Caruthers cousin), Kathy Eldred, Judy Ferguson (daughter-in-law), Allen Sanders (G. Savage bro), Rosangela Tarverna (C. Bonner mom), Rebecca Baker (LaRae), Donald Grafe (J. Hughes bro), Glenn Donnelly, Bobby Nickarz (brother), Joeng Won Cho (Myong's mother), and Melissa McNary (Kistler). Please notify the Pastor when serious illness occurs or when hospitalization is indicated: we would like to strengthen the ill with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing of the Sick).



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, 2022

Christ the King, Southaven	4:00 pm
Good Shepherd, Robinsonville	4:00 pm
Holy Spirit, Hernando	6:00 pm
Queen of Peace, Olive Branch	6:00 pm

Sunday, December 25, 2022

St. Joseph, Holly Springs	8:00 am
St. Gregory, Senatobia	8:00 am
Holy Spirit, Hernando	9:30 am
Queen of Peace, Olive Branch	10:00 am
Christ the King, Southaven	11:00 am
Christ the King, Southaven (Spanish)	12:30 pm



Don't forget to bring your bells to ring during the Gloria.

For the purposes of the IRS, we must credit donations in the calendar year we receive them. Consequently, the last day to receive credit for 2022 taxes is December 31st, Vigil Mass of the Mother of God.



We will celebrate the next Baptisms (for children under the age of 7) on January 21st and 22nd. Please call Deacon Ted for an appointment by

December 29th. Registration interviews will take place on Saturday, January 7th at Christ the King. Our next Baptism classes for those registered with Deacon Ted are scheduled for January 9th and 16th. Please contact Deacon Ted by phone at (662) 342-1073 or by email nwms.evangelization@gmail.com

Qualifications for godparents are that they are practicing Catholics, registered in a parish, attending Mass regularly, baptized, confirmed, Holy Communion and if married, married in the Catholic Church. GODPARENTS SHOULD PROVIDE THEIR CATHOLIC CHURCH MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE AND CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE. Godparents who live in another parish require a letter from their pastor recommending them as godparents.

For Your Safety Church doors will be locked 6:00 pm Saturdays and 9:30 am Sundays

BLESSING OF THE FAMILY

We will have a special blessing of families on the weekend of December 31st-January 1st in honor of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry would like to invite all couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 60th wedding anniversaries to the **Diocesan World Marriage Day**

celebration held Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Jackson, Mississippi.

There will be a Mass followed by a reception.

To register contact your parish office or go to www.jacksondiocese.org/family-ministry to register yourself. For additional information or questions, please contact Debbie Tubertini at the Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or email Debbie.tubertini@jacksondiocese.org



Our Holy Spirit Parish Family offers their deepest Sympathy & Prayers to Dee Gavel on the recent death of her sister Josephine Malin May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26th



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Deacon Ted at (662) 342-1073 or nwms.evangelization@gmail.com

Any youth interested in singing pre mass Carols on Christmas Eve, please contact Stacy Michaels, our Choir Director.



Save the date, coming in January 2023!



Cocktails and Catholicism will be on the second Friday of each month at Sacred Heart School from 7pm until 8:30pm. Where we will meet in the school will be determined by the number of RSVPs. For adults only, these BYOB nights are open to anyone with a connection to Sacred Heart School or the parishes served by the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

On January 13th, Fr. David Szatkowski, SCJ Pastoral Team Moderator in DeSoto, Marshall and Tate counties, will lead the theme "The real story of angels and demons."

On February 10th, Fr. Ben Bradshaw, pastor of St. Michael's in Memphis and creator of the podcast Soul Food Priest will discuss two of his favorite topics, faith and food in his talk "Can we eat alligator on Fridays and other important things to prepare for Lent." RSVP information will be provided in the near future.



Families in Mission

A Journey of gratitude



4th Sunday of Advent Short Journeys

1.-Introduction:

Sometimes the shortest journeys take the most courage. Joseph and Mary each struggled with the decision to be husband and wife. Mary worried that Joseph would not accept her when he found out that she was pregnant before marriage. Joseph struggled with what to do when he found out about Mary's pregnancy. Yet, both were courageous enough to set out on the journey that eventually resulted in Jesus being born. How grateful they must have been to be companions on the journey. Do we see our family members as companions on the journey to Jesus? Do we help and support each other on the journey?



Put something in your sacred space to remember to help each other in their journey to get closer to Jesus

3.-Sharing the Good News:



Read today's Gospel:
MT 1: 18-24

2.-Opening Prayer:



Dear Jesus

Sometimes the hardest ones to welcome into our homes and hearts are the ones closest to us, members of our own families who may have hurt and disappointed us. Help us in this final week of Advent to let go of our hurts, fears, and worries. Help us to forgive and be grateful so that we can journey as a family to get closer to Jesus. Amen.

4.-Reflect Together:

- In the gospel we see that Joseph trusted the message of the angel. Why is trust important in the family?
 - What makes it easy to trust? What makes it difficult?
 - How should we act, speak, behave to build trust among family members?
- Remember a time when you were away, even for just one night, and then were welcomed back home.
 - What was that like for you to be away?
 - What did your family do to make you feel welcome?

5.-Take action as a family

Some families need a helping hand on their journeys

- Consider supporting migrant workers and families in Taiwan
- Offer to provide an evening or day of child care for a single parent that you know or one from your parish. If you are a single parent yourself consider suggesting, to another single parent that you take turns looking after each other's children so that each can get some time to relax
- Pay attention to how other members of your family are feeling this week.
 - Offer support, an encouraging word, or a helping hand without being asked.
 - Show your gratitude when someone does something kind.



6.- Closing Prayer:

Loving God, who walks with us on our journey

May we learn from the example of the Holy Family how to be trusting, welcoming, and grateful. May we support each other in our journey to be more like Jesus. May we reach out this Advent season to those families that are especially in need and help them on their own journeys. Amen



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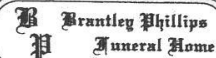
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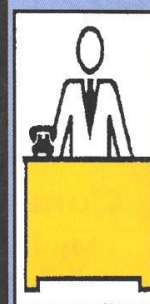
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