Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

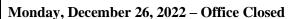
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

CALENDAR OF MASSES/EVENTS

Sunday, December 25, 2022

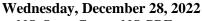
Christmas Day

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



Tuesday, December 27, 2022

10:30 am Weight Loss/Exercise Support Group



NO Open Gym - NO PRE

Thursday, December 29, 2022

8:00 am Liturgy +Jean Chalk by: Noreen French

9:00 am Bible Study

3:30 pm Garden Café

7:00 pm AA & Al Anon

Friday, December 30, 2022 – Office Closed

8:00 am Liturgy +Zachary Vance by: Carolyn Vance

Saturday, December 31, 2022 – New Year's Eve 6:00 pm Liturgy **For The Parish Community**

Sunday, January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

9:30 am Liturgy +Mike Cullen by: Diane Cullen NO PRE

SUNDAY OFFERING



PARISH SUPPORT

Needed Weekly for Budget\$	6,094.81
Offering\$	4,671.00
Maintenance Fund Last Wk\$	130.00
Community Services\$	45.00
Christmas Flowers\$	50.00

RELIGIOUS GOODS STORE

December 24 – Closed/December 25 – Closed December 31 – Closed/January 1 - Closed

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

December – Donna Grasso January – Rose Powell

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

December 24 – None/December 25 – None December 31 – None/January 1 - None



https://www.youtube.com/@nwmscatholic Sunday homilies are posted now.

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/Jose` Martinez/

LaRae Walgenbach

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/Robin B./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 cells 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.

Effective on the Vigil Masses on Christmas

Eve, all of our 6 parishes 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.





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.

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@qmail.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.



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

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.

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), Wesley Greer, Becky Abernathy, Deanne Greer (B. Dean Niece), Moira Whittle, Juanita Young, Ruth Ann Casey, Marvin Dixon, Michelle Terry, Bill Warner, Jaime & 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 Sepulvida (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 sonnlaw), Jan Norris (B.Caruthers cousin), Kathy Eldred, Judy Ferguson (daughter-n-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).

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 31st, 2022

Christ the King, Southaven
Good Shepherd, Robinsonville
Holy Spirit, Hernando
Queen of Peace, Olive Branch
Sunday, January 1st, 2023

St. Joseph, Holly Springs
St. Gregory, Senatobia

Holy Spirit, Hernando
Queen of Peace, Olive Branch
Christ the King, Southaven

8:00 am
9:30 am
10:00 am
11:00 am

Christ the King, Southaven (Spanish) 12:30 pm



Our Holy Spirit Parish Family offers their deepest Sympathy & Prayers to Betty Mize on the recent death of her nephew Billy Runken May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



To Our Holy Spirit Parish Family,
May Jesus' limitless mercy, His
changeless character and His endless love
become very real to each of you this most
Holy Season and remain with you every day
of the year as you rest in His unwavering
faithfulness!

From your parish staff, Chris Greer, MaryAnn Nix & Jennifer Robinson



Office will be closed on Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2

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



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.

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.



Save the date, coming on January 2023!

Cocktails and Catholicism will be held on the second Friday of each month at Sacred Heart School from 7pm until 8:30pm. 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. Please scan the QR code to RSVP for the event or sign up in the gathering space.

On January 13th, Fr. David Szatkowski, SCJ Pastoral Team Moderator in DeSoto,

Marshall, Tunica 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 by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex or online RSVP at https://forms.gle/urKyiFhAqi13bunD7

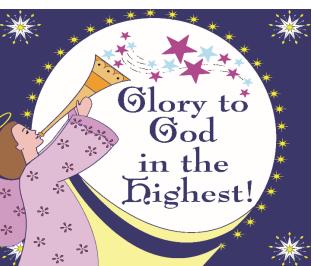


Cocktails &

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code and start the process. Thank you for remembering your parish during these difficult times.



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Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 31st at 6:00 pm. Sunday, January 1st at 9:30 am

We have Holy Spirit cookbooks for sale for only \$10.00 in the Gift Shop!! They make wonderful Gifts!!!

FOOD PANTRY NEED

For our new families/a reminder for us all — Holy Spirit furnishes 1 lb bags of rice and packages of Idaho instant potatoes for the Hernando Food Pantry. This is an ongoing need. We ask each family to pick up a bag of rice and package of the potatoes (or more) when you do your regular grocery shopping. Bring them to Mass with you and drop them in the basket just inside the door in the Narthex.

The Hernando Food Pantry is serviced by Interfaith Council on Poverty which is made up of 16 churches in Hernando/Nesbit. Each church is asked to provide 1 or 2 common items. Please keep this in mind and keep these items on your grocery list when you shop.

December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



The Word becomes flesh; God became man. God gives us the greatest gift of all — His Son, Jesus, Who will open for us the path to eternal salvation. God brought forth Jesus, our Savior, from the house of David and heralded by John the Baptist. All creation rejoices in praise and glory to God that the prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

As Christian **stewards**, our gratitude should be unending for this greatest of gifts.

Excerpts: catholicdos.org
Artist: The Nativity, Giuseppe Maria Crespi, c.
1665-1774, Public Domain.





Become Part of Our Church Family

REGISTRATION FORMS —We would love to have you as part of our Holy Spirit Catholic Church parish family!! Please complete a registration form found at the bulletin board and give it to MaryAnn or drop it in the collection basket.

Holy Spirit is collecting, diapers, formula and



gently used baby gear and clothing for infants/toddlers for the **Care Center in Southaven.** Please place items in the crib located in the Narthex. Thank you to all who

have contributed.

Parishioners News Flash

There is space available on the back of our bulletin for parishioners, relatives, friends, and colleagues to advertise their business or service in our bulletin. The cost is very reasonable and it covers the cost of the bulletin to the church. Please contact Michael Paulson at J.S. Paluch Co. 901-351-9638. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors!



Christmas Gift from the Church for our Families - "Holy Moments" book

Due to the generosity of Dynamic Catholic, your parish's Adult Faith Formation team is happy to give a Christmas gift (FREE) to our parishioners while the books last. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It's

time to explore your soul-potential. Enjoy this 120-page book to enrich your life. Our Adult Faith Formation team is striving to offer you greater opportunities to draw closer to Christ and His Church. We hope that you will read the book and discuss it with friends and family.





Hear a Preview of this new Podcast kicking off on Jan. 1, 2023. Fr. Mike Schmitz will journey with

all of us through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* over the 365 days of 2023. The hope is that, through reading the Catechism together, we allow these teachings to transform our hearts, our families, and our communities, and thus transform the Church itself.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3QXbsu-7aQ To find the podcast, go to:

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-catechism-in-a-vear-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1648949780

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Mary Lovell, Clyde Lovell, Dixie Busler, Louis Busler, Chris Lovell

by: Tom & Paula Busler

Mike Cullen by: Diane Cullen

Dan, Donna, Jim, Calen by: Jane Dettmer Al Gawel, Karen Streit by: Dee Gawel

Bessie Henderson, Nathaniel Henderson, Eric McCain by: Nathalie Gorden

Will & Emile Henderson, Ema L. Wilkerson, Chip Mitchell, Bill Henderson, Jerry Thompson

by: Ron & Shirley Henderson

Emily Hendryx, Don & Hilda Hendryx, Vince & Inge Howard, Reiner Lamparter

by: Charles & Roxann Hendryx

Katie Crismon Henning, Ernest B. Henning by: Andrew & Sarah Henning

Mark Nix, Angela Porter, Deceased Members of the Nix, Dunavant, Whittle, Summer, & Shelby Families

by: MaryAnn Nix

Susan Mahla by: Paul Mahla



In Honor of:

Holy Spirit Church by: Ken & Bonnie Eckel



Other Christmas Flower Offerings

Jon & Kristen Andre`

Ron & MaryAlane Gaunt

Carmela Holt



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A Journey of gratitude

Nativity of the Lord The end of the journey

1.-Introduction:

With the birth of Jesus that we celebrate today, our Advent journey has ended. When a baby is born there is usually great happiness and thanksgiving for this new life. The gratitude is even bigger on the occasion of Jesus' birth because it means that we are saved! And that one day we will live with Jesus in heaven. How can we give thanks for the birth of Jesus? Typically, we give presents to each other, but perhaps it is time to think about who really needs our gifts and how we can spread the gift of God's love.



Think back through all of Advent. Write or draw something to represent what you are most grateful for and prayerfully place it in your sacred space.

3.-Sharing the Good News:



Read today's Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

2.-Opening Prayer:



Dear Jesus

Let us remember that your birth is the reason for Christmas. Help us make room for you in the midst of our joy and celebrations, good food, and festive cheer. Help us also to make room in our celebrations for those around us who may be in need. Amen.

4.-Reflect Together:

- When Joseph and Mary arrived at the end of their journey to Bethlehem there was no room for them.
- · How do you think they felt?
- When have you felt the same way they did? Who or what made you feel better?
- Ask your mom or dad (or both) to discuss the day that you were born or adopted. What was it like for your family? What did they do to celebrate your arrival?

5.-Take action as a family:

- Make a list of people who may be struggling to belong and feel there is no room for them. Think of your classroom or school (a new student), neighborhood or parish (a family who just moved to the area), country (immigrants or refugees).
 - Think of ways your family can make them feel welcome and try to do some of these especially during the Christmas season
 - Look for a program in your area that aids refugees or immigrants. See what you might do to help.

6.- Closing Prayer:

Gather around your sacred space and share what you are most grateful for this Advent. Then pray together:

Loving God who sent Jesus to be born among us,

Help us always to be grateful for the greatest of all gifts in our lives- Jesus your son. Send your Spirit that we may always make room for Jesus in our lives. Teach us to remember that the best gift we can give others is to love them like Jesus loves us.



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Drawing Closer to Christ & His Church, Acercándonos a Cristo y Su Iglesia

This monthly calendar is provided as an effort to share the opportunities for our Adult parishioners to experience varying levels of Adult Faith Formation. This includes Scripture and Book and Video Studies, Service Opportunities, Special Holiday Masses, Retreats, Prayer Services, Podcast Suggestions, and more.

You can also call your parish office to learn more:

Christ the King (CTK)/Good Shepherd (GS)/St. Gregory (SG)/St. Joseph (SJ) – 662-342-1073

Holy Spirit (HS) - 662-429-7851

Queen of Peace (QP) - 662-895-5007

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January 2023



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Director of Evangelization

Deacon Ted Schreck -

785 Church Rd West, Southaven, MS 38671



January 1-7

1/1, 8 am: Adult Study Group (Book/Video Study) @ Holy Spirit

1/2, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/3, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/4, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/4, 9:30 am Bible Study @ Queen of Peace

1/4, 4 pm Marian Cenacle @ Queen of Peace followe by potluck

1/5, 9 am: Bible Study @ Holy Spirit

1/5, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/6, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/5, 7 pm: AA & Al Anon @ Holy Spirit

January 8-14

1/8, 8 am: Adult Study Group (Book/Video@ Holy

1/9, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/9, 7 pm: English as a 2nd Language (ESL) @ Christ

1/10, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/11, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/11, 9:30 am Bible Study @ Queen of Peace

1/12, 9 am: Bible Study @ Holy Spirit

1/12, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/12, 7 pm: AA & Al Anon @ Holy Spirit

1/13, 7 pm: Cocktails & Catholicism, "Angels and Demons" by Fr. David @ Sacred Heart School

January 15-21

1/15, 8 am: Adult Study Group (Book/Video Study) a Holy Spirit 1/16, 10 am: Ignatian Spirituality "Teach Me to Pray" @ Queen of Peace - Alan Endermann

1/16, 7 pm: English as a 2nd Language (ESL) @ Christ the King

1/16, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/17, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/18, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/18, 9:30 am Bible Study @ Queen of Peace

1/19, 9 am: Bible Study @ Holy Spirit

1/19, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/19, 7 pm: AA & Al Anon @ Holy Spirit

January 22-28

1/22, 8 am: Adult Study Group (Book/Video Study) @ Holy Spirit

1/23, 10 am: Ignatian Spirituality "Teach Me to Pray" @ Queen of Peace - Alan Endermann 1/23, 7 pm: English as a 2nd Language (ESL) @ Christ the King

1/23, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/24, 11:30 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/25, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/25, 9:30 am Bible Study @ Queen of Peace

1/26, 9 am: Bible Study @ Holy Spirit

1/26, 9 am: Rosary @ Queen of Peace

1/26, 7 pm: AA & Al Anon @ Holy Spirit

January 29-31

1/29, 8 am: Adult Study Group (Book/Video Study) @ Holy Spirit 1/30, 7 pm: English as a 2nd Language (ESL) @ Christ the King

PODCAST SUGGESTIONS

- Bible in a Year

Catechism in a Year

- Girlfriends with Danielle Bean
- Kings: A David and Saul
- Saints Alive
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