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FAITH IN ACTION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 9AM-4PM

Each year, Catholics from around Mississippi gather in Jackson to participate in the Catholic Day at the Capitol. By participating in this event, you will have the opportunity to:
--Put your faith into action by advocating for laws that protect and defend human life and dignity
--Strengthen the presence of our Catholic values in the public square
--Give a voice to some of the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in Mississippi and help promote the common good for all

Links to rosters for the MS House and Senate are below. We encourage you to contact your legislators to request a meeting with them on February 11.
To view the full agenda & register on-line, go to: www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org/mscatholicday or contact Charles Graham at 601-326-3785.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME
AN INVITATION TO NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

We are happy to report that we have had numerous calls from people seeking answers to questions about returning to the Catholic Church. Our next series begins Monday, February 15th at 7:00p.m. We would like to invite anyone who is interested to join us. Please call Cindy Vogt at 228-860-5250 for more information.

CHURCHES IN EASTERN EUROPE & CHURCHES IN AFRICA

Ash Wednesday collection will be a special collection for Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa.

GOOD SHEPHERD SHOWCASE

...will be open before and after all Masses this weekend, February 6th & 7th. Please consider purchasing your gifts from us. Great place for religious gifts!

FEW REMINDERS

Sat, Feb 6 & Sun, Feb 7....Good Shepherd Showcase after all Masses
Sun, Feb 7....No SRE, Mardi Gras Holiday

Mon, Feb 8 & Tues, Feb 9....Parish Offices Closed Mardi Gras

Mon, Feb 8....7pm, RCIA meet
Tues, Feb 9....9am, Quilters meet

Wed, Feb 10. Ash Wednesday Masses 8:30am, 12noon, & 7pm

Fri, Feb 12....8am-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BUY SCRIP

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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SAVE THE DATE!

Another Life Teen/EDGE Springtime car raffle is in the works! Mark your calendars to attend Friday, April 29th, 2016 in the Community Center. Details are not yet finalized but Rick Foley of Turan Foley Chevrolet-Cadillac-Buick and Foley RV Center has graciously offered to donate a 2016 Chevy Malibu for this year’s event. Tickets for the fundraiser will be available for sale once event details are announced. This year, due to parish members’ request, tickets will not be mailed but, once available, can be purchased at church office. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses close to the date of the event. Each ticket price will include food for one (again, details to be announced) and a chance for the car. Wine and beer will be available, so no one under age 21 is permitted to attend. Come for the silent auction and car raffle but most of all fellowship and a great cause – proceeds benefit our Support for Youth Ministry. If you have questions, please contact Linda Shirk at lal909@yahoo.com or phone # 228-547-7921.

LUNCHKINS

We try to schedule Lunchkins on the second Wednesday of the month, at 11:30am. Please note date changes for February and March, both 1 week later.

ADORE NIGHT

This year for LENT... GO BIG OR GO HOME!!! Our world doesn't need another lukewarm person. This world needs people to be witnesses to God's MERCY!!! So TURN OFF your TV, PUT DOWN your cellphone, LOAD UP your family and come SPEND AN EVENING with GOD (Yes... the one that created you and breathed life into you...)

As we celebrate the year of Mercy during the Season of Lent, come join Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Father Mike O’Connor, Father Adam Urbaniak, Shea Michaels, Ray Lacy, Shannon O’Brien Collins, Deacon Eddie Renz, Matt Ladner, Cody Roth, and Kyle J Lizana for a night of Worship, Teaching, and Adoration on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Our Lady of the Gulf, 228 South Beach Blvd, Bay St. Louis, starting at 6:30pm.

CRS OPERATION RICE BOWLS:

CRS Rice Bowl is a Lenten faith formation program that helps us to live in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable around the world. We PRAY to reflect on what type of person we are called to be. We FAST to remove the things that get between us and God, and to remember those without enough to eat. We GIVE to honor Jesus’ call to serve those in need.

Please make sure to take home a rice bowl (located by the east/west/front entrance doors) on ASH WEDNESDAY (February 10), share your blessings with those in need, and drop off your rice bowl in the basket on Palm Sunday (March 20). Thank you in advance for your sacrificial giving and solidarity with the poor!

A MARDI GRAS PRAYER

Tomorrow we will fast and abstain from meat.
Today we feast.
We thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us.
We thank you especially for one another.
As we give you thanks, we are mindful of those who have so much less than we do.
As we share these wonderful gifts together, we commit ourselves to greater generosity toward those who need our support.
Prepare us for tomorrow,
Tasting the fullness of what we have today,
let us experience some hunger tomorrow.
May our fasting make us more alert
and may it heighten our consciousness
so that we might be ready to hear your Word
and respond to your call.
As our feasting fills us with gratitude
so may our fasting and abstinence hollow out in us a place for deeper desires
and an attentiveness to hear the cry of the poor.
May our self-denial turn our hearts to you
and give us a new freedom for generous service to others.

(excerpts from Praying Lent, Creighton University)

ARTS UNDER THE DOME PRESENTS WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLE

The venue is First United Methodist Church on 15th Street at 24th Avenue in downtown Gulfport. Tickets are $15 adults and $10 students, available at the door or from www.arts.fumc-gulfport.org. Season tickets are also available for all four of this season’s remaining concerts: Celtic group Mithril on February 13, dynamic violin and guitar duo Duo del Sol on March 12, and jazz trumpeter and vocalist Bria Skonberg with her quintet on April 24. All details can be found on Arts Under The Dome’s website, or call 228-229-6851.
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mon, Feb 8 & Tues, Feb 9….NO SCHOOL, Mardi Gras holidays
Wed, Feb 10….spirit shirt
Wed, Feb 10….8am, PPM meeting in the café
Wed, Feb 10….Ash Wednesday Mass
Thurs, Feb 11….3rd grade leads Prayer & Pledge
Fri, Feb 12….2nd grade leads Mass

Visit the website:
svdpcatholicschool.org
228-222-6000

FEBRUARY 7, 2016——FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSIONS
Dear parents,
For the past few weeks I’ve noticed that we do not have altar servers at the 9:00 am Mass. If your child is scheduled to serve at Mass, please make sure he/she is at the scheduled Mass to serve. In the event he/she cannot come, please contact another family to have another server take his/her place.

Please try to encourage your child to serve as an altar server here at St. Thomas. Children who have received First Holy Communion (3rd grade) already and older can come to the rehearsals.

We will have 2 training sessions in the church for new and returning altar servers on the following Wednesdays:

NEW ALTAR SERVERS MUST attend these two training sessions:
Wednesday, February 17th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.
Wednesday, February 24th from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Please make every effort to bring your child to these rehearsals so that he/she can be well prepared to serve at the altar.

Thank you and God bless.
—Sr. Cecilia

LEN TEN FIS H FRIES
Knight’s of Columbus will host fish fries on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent except Good Friday. Times will be from 4:30pm-7pm in the community center. Eat in or carry out!

DOORS OF MERCY
EXPLORING GOD’S COVENANT WITH YOU
Hosted by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STL
with Special Guests

COMMUNION PROCESSION
Communion procession will now begin in the back of the church and process to the front. There will be four stations for the host and four stations for the chalice. The middle sections will process using the middle aisles of the church. The west side will process to the host on the west side of church and the east side will process to the chalice on the east side.

Looking great with the transition so far!

COUNCIL #4898
Upcoming events:

Thurs, Feb 18….7pm Meeting
Thurs, Mar 3….7pm Meeting

For more information on membership or any questions, contact Jim Delinski, Grand Knight at 863-6643.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!
**February Calendar**

**LIFE TEEN**

During our Life Nights for 9th – 12th graders, teens will participate in goofy, fun games or skits relating to the weekly theme, listen to powerful sharings by adult leaders, share in small groups and leave with a weekly challenge. We meet in the youth room upstairs right after the 6pm LifeTeen Mass & end with a meal in the community center.

**February 7th** – Super Bowl Social – Come enjoy some of the game with your church family!

**February 14th** – “What’s Love Got to Do With It” – We will be exploring what true love looks like for teens.

**February 21st** – “Misericordia” - The goal of Misericordia is for the teens to understand and receive the restoring power of Christ’s forgiveness and mercy in their lives. This will be a powerful night to explore the concept of Mercy in their lives.

**February 28th** – “Dangerous” - The goal of Dangerous is for the teens to understand holiness as being set apart for God and dangerous to the status quo because it challenges mediocrity and inspires extraordinary living. So come join us as we dare to be Bold!

**February Calendar**

During our Edge nights for 6th – 8th graders, teens will participate in goofy, fun games or skits relating to the weekly theme, listen to powerful sharings by adult leaders, share in small groups and leave with a weekly challenge. We meet on the balcony upstairs right after the 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass and end with a meal in the community center.

**February 7th** – Super Bowl Social – Come enjoy some of the game with your church family!

**February 14th** – “Desert Wanderer” - The goal of this night is to discuss the real meaning of Lent and how we can more fully enter into this season of repentance and conversion.

**February 21st** – “The Media and Conforming to Christ” - Our middle school youth will develop a deeper understanding of the effects of the media on their lives. They will be challenged to be conformed to Christ, rather than the influences from media.

**February 28th** – “The Season of Lent” – The goal of this night is for our middle school youth to develop a deeper awareness of the season of Lent; its traditions and significance to the spiritual life of a Christian.

—Ray Lacy, 863-1610, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org

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**SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**PreK-5th (RCIC) Grade Calendar (2015-2016)**

**CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAYS FROM 10:10 – 11:20 AM**

Feb 7………….NO SRE Class – Mardi Gras Holidays

***Feb 10 …….ASH WEDNESDAY***

***Feb 13……..First Reconciliation at 9:00 am (church)***

Feb 14…………SRE Class

Feb 21……….. SRE Class

Feb 28……….. SRE Class

**6th-12th (RCIT) Grade Calendar (2015-2016)**

**CLASSES MEET ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 – 8:15 PM**

Feb 10……….. SRE Class/Ash Wednesday Mass

Feb 17……….. SRE Class/2nd Special Conf Prep Class

Feb 24……….. SRE Class/3rd Special Conf Prep Class

***Feb 26-28...Confirmation Retreat at Sacred Heart, Dedeaux (11th grade)**

**SACRAMENTS:**

- **First Reconciliation:** Saturday, February 13th at 9:00am (in the church)
- **First Holy Communion:** Sunday, May 1st at 11:30am (in the church)
- **Confirmation:** TBA

**11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

The Confirmation Retreat for 11th graders will take place on the weekend of February 26th-28th at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Dedeaux. Registration Forms were due on January 30th. Please contact Sr. Cecilia with any questions regarding the retreat: ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org or call 228-868-3774.

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Please pray for our children (2nd graders and RCIC) who will receive their First Reconciliation next Saturday, February 13th at 9:00am.

Sr. Mary is teaching the dances to be performed at the festival! Come and join us at our celebration of "2016 Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival - Year of the Monkey" with Vietnamese music, cultural dances, games, and plenty of authentic Vietnamese foods on Saturday, February 13th, from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm and Sunday, February 14th, from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm at Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 171 Oak St., Biloxi, MS 39530. For more information, please contact Fr. John Pham (228) 233-9908.
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PETITIONS OF PRAYER

Amy Cagle, Cathy Gluffria Ayala, Dee Gaddy, Elizabeth Wilson, Ernie Zimmerman, Ethel Violanti, Gary Lacy, Georgia Bailey, James Loftus, Jonathan Favre, Joseph Moore, Linda Bass, Lloyd Page, Marly Crawford, Mykie Vizzini, Peggy Lassabe, Peggy West, Raymond Schmidt, Taylor Huey, and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

GONE HOME TO GOD

†Faye E. Elrod

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Charles, Meghan, Jack & Charlie Harris.

RECURRING AROUND THE PARISH...

Lighthouse Catholic Media Stand...East foyer
St Vincent de Paul Society...9:30am-12:30pm, Mon & Thurs, open to help
Adoration in the Chapel...8:00am-7:00pm, Fridays
Youth Gift Cards (Scrip) sales...after all Masses & during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays
Knights of Columbus, Council #4898...7:00pm, every first & third Thursday of the month
St. Joseph’s Helping Hands...Work day is every first Saturday of the month; meeting is every fourth Thursday

LAST WEEK’S OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity!!
Envelopes, $10,921.00;
Loose money, $1,449.00;
Children’s Pickle Jar, $124.50;
Electronic Giving, $1,540.00

RECOMMENDED READING

See attached Lenten flier

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FEATURED AD OF THE WEEK

Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 10th
Palm Sunday, March 20th
Good Friday, March 25th
Easter Sunday, March 27th

See attached Lenten flier

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