

WE ARE ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT IN CHRIST

We, as the body of Christ, celebrate our faith just as millions of people before us have done for two thousand years. We hear our salvation story proclaimed to us in the Scriptures, and we celebrate the Eucharist. We remember that the body of Christ includes all of those who came before us, and all those across the world right now who profess the same creed. It will continue to include all who are baptized into the faith and strive to follow the commandment of the Lord to love one another. For as Saint Paul says today, *in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.*

One faith, one baptism, one body. But infinite individually: with unique gifts, charisms and missions all for the sake of the body. All with a purpose designed and graced by God. All with honor and dignity for the sake of the Gospel. And all of this is possible because of God's laws and promises: the law as a means of signifying that God is for us. God will work for us, he will fight for us, he will take care of us and we will delight in his laws if we will only trust in him. And God's promises that adhering to the laws will bring full, lasting and eternal joy.

This is what the community of Nehemiah heard and understood when Ezra read to them, as told in our first reading today. They wept first with lament at their failures, and then with joy in their understanding of God's love for them, and his promises of redemption. And in our Gospel, we see that promise fulfilled, as the scene echoes that of Nehemiah: Jesus reads to the community from the scrolls of Scripture, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Then he finishes with these words: Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.

This is the God to whom we belong. This is the Christ who fulfills the law of love and embodies the promise of eternal life. As others before us had their purpose: Ezra and Nehemiah to lead others out of exile, Paul to evangelize the Gospel, and Luke to make record of Jesus' ministry, so do each and every one of us have our own specific, unique contribution to make to the body of Christ. All while mindful that, as Paul says, *If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.*

We are one body, one spirit in Christ. May the grace of the sacrament we celebrate today strengthen each one of us, and the entire body as a whole, for the good of the world and the glory of God.

FOR CURRENT MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIBERS

The February edition of the Magnificat prayer books are available for pick up this weekend in the back of the church. Please remember to leave your envelope for next month's edition.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

It is time for us to renew our subscription for the Magnificat. If you currently receive your Magnificat through us and want to again in 2019, it is time to get your check in to us. This offer is to all parishioners as well. Please submit your check in the amount of \$36 to the church rectory no later than February 15th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Jan 28	Heb 9:15, 24-28, Mk 3:22-30, Wis 7:7-10, 15-16, Mt 23:8-12
Tues	Jan 29	Heb 10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35
Wed	Jan 30	Heb 10:11-18, Mk 4:1-20
Thu	Jan 31	Heb 10:19-25, Mk 4:21-25, Phil 4:4-9, Mt 18:1-5
Fri	Feb 01	Heb 10:32-39, Mk 4:26-34
Sat	Feb 02	Mal 3:1:4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40
Sun	Feb 03	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19, 1 Cor 12:31—13:13, Lk 4:21-30



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	9,283.25
Maintenance	\$	1,340.00
Capital Improv.	\$	44.50
Nativity Elem.	\$	120.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	10,787.75

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 28 Women of Mary, 5:30 pm
- Jan 29 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
BINGO, 5:30 p.m.
RCIA, 6:00 p.m., SHC
- Jan 30 Cleaning Team "D"
CCD, 5:30 p.m. SHC
- Jan 31 Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 01 First Friday Adoration 8:30-9:30 am, Chapel
Mom's Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

St. Patrick Catholic High School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week January 28 through February 1. Please join us for a Ribbon Cutting at the school hosted with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. On Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m., songwriter Brandon Green will perform a Christian contemporary concert. Tickets are \$10 in advance online in the Fighting Irish Spirit Store and can be purchased at the door for \$20. St. Patrick registration will open online on February 1 at www.stpatrickhighschool.net/apply. For more information about these updates, please visit the school's website!

RCIA

This week the RCIA class will be learning about the Fifth Commandment with Father Dennis, and Ryan Canon will be leading our prayer service. Please pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as they study the beliefs and traditions of our faith and continue this journey together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CCD CLASSES

All grades K-12 meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 in the Sacred Heart Center, which is directly behind the Cathedral. Any new students are welcome to join us. For additional information please call Barbara Ziz 238-918-9778.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Feb 02 4:00 pm 1. Gerrie Weldon 2. Gayle Mavar 3. Helen Languirand 4. Kalin Lloyd 5. Liz Joachim	Feb 02 4:00 pm Jim Compton	Feb 02 4:00 pm Keegan Cuevas
Feb 03 7:00 am 1. Jim Shugart 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Danny Kavanagh 9:00 a.m. 1. John Brauchle 2. Judy Trahan 3. Sharon Tash 4. Joan Straham 5. Linda Bourgeois 11:00 am 1. John Sherman 2. Susan Toche 3. Sarah Barhonovich 4. Rhonda Clark 5. Edith Richardson 5:30 pm 1. Janice Thornton 2. Teresa Ballinger	Feb 03 7:00 am Marcia Mayfield 9:00 am Michael Kessler. 11:00 am Peter Abide 5:30 pm Tara Junkert CANTORS Feb 02 4:00 pm Lauren D. Clark CATHEDRAL CHOIR Feb 03 9:00 am Nicholas Rodolfich 11:00 am Dennis Burke	Feb 03 7:00 am Clayton Stoddard Ava Stoddard Bryan Stoddard 9:00 am Terrence McDonnell Cameron McDonnell McKinzy Mathis Nicholas Gruich 11:00 am Brady Barhonovich Victoria Barhonovich Rush Newman Rhys Newman 5:30 pm Taylor Yasar Breanna Smith

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Jan 28	Maria Gioi	Ann Tarrant
Tue Jan 29	Maria Khuyen Ly	Sam J. Ardoline
Wed Jan 30	Frank Kappee	Collins-Sims Fly.
Thur Jan 31	Kay Lawson	Hugh Kavanagh
Fri Feb 01	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich	Int. of Extension Society
Sat Feb 02	8 Hugh Kavanagh 4	Thomas Andrews
Sun Feb 03	7 Betty Lou Callegari 9	F. T. P.
	11:00 – Stanley Dellenger 5:30	Int. of Extension Society

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS
 Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nicholas Rodolfich, Marsha Marie, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Elie Hebert, Jerry Ellis, Lehmon Skremetti, Helen Gutierrez, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Betty Hilton, Norma McMahon, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS
 The altar flowers this weekend are for Jackie Gilich in loving memory from her family.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:
CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE:
 The Children's Choir will celebrate a 9:00 a.m. Mass at Nativity BVM Elementary on Wednesday, January 30th in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Bishop Kihneman will be the celebrant.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:
 The Cathedral Choir will sing for the Saturday, February 2nd Mass at 4 p.m. and for the Sunday, February 10th Mass at 9 a.m. Any interested individuals who would like to consider or become a part of the Cathedral Choir are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal at our usual time of 7:00 p.m.

"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":
 Our Cathedral/Diocese's Choral Society will resume their rehearsals on Tuesday evening, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. All interested singers – Catholic or non-Catholic - are cordially invited to attend.

For more information regarding our Music & Fine Arts Ministry Programs - please contact: Terry D. Maddox, M.M. – terrydalemaddox@gmail.com &/or 251-406-1454.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND	
ENTRANCE HYMN	#537
OFFERTORY	#597
COMMUNION	#600
SENDING	#581

WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 January 31, we will have our weekly Thursday Adoration from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. This week Adoration will be in the CATHEDRAL. Adoration is a special time to spend with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. You don't have to spend the whole hour, our Lord just wants to be with you.

CATHEDRAL RECTORY VOLUNTEERS
 If you have a desire to help in the Cathedral Rectory, we need you. We need a few volunteers to help answer phones and help visitors when they come to the door. Please let us know if think you would like to help. You may contact Jackie at jhewitt@nativitybvm.org or call 228-374-1717.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A NOTE FROM MRS. SUSIE BASS, INTERIM PRINCIPAL
 This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The them of CSW this year is: Catholic Schools Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Catholic Schools are unique in their identity. Students are given a faith-filled education; a curriculum striving for academic excellence and a strong support system in their church communities.

I have been an educator for 38 years – 36 of which were in Catholic Schools. It is obvious that I chose Catholic School because of our faith mission and not that of salary. It is a beautiful way to teach where God is first and foremost and where parents and teachers share the same values. Once again, I am able to renew my Catholic School experience as I assist at Nativity BVM School this semester.

NATIVITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUS

The annual Open House at Nativity BVM Elementary School will take place on January 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please be sure to come and place your children in the Sweetest Little School in the World.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

This is such a beautiful and holy time to come and spend with Jesus in Adoration. Won't you prayerfully consider giving the gift of your time to our savior and be pleasantly surprised to receive the gifts He will give you in return. First Friday Adoration is February 1st, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 in the Marion Chapel.

BINGO MANIA:

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for January 29th, 2019. Clayton (Jason & Raegan), Cloud (Brandon & Emily), Codella (Armondo & Renae), Codella (John & Rachel), Collins (Shelly Ann) and Conway (Joshua & Victoria). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**