

RCIA

There will be no RCIA class this week in observance of Mardi Gras. Please continue to pray for the Catechumens, Candidates and Sponsors as they are fast approaching the Easter Sacraments and as they continue their journey of faith together. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

CCD CLASSES

The CCD/LifeTeen classes will meet at the Cathedral on Wednesday, March 6, for Ash Wednesday services at 6:00 p.m. We will not have regular classes that day. We hope you can all join us for Mass that day! Our regular classes for March will be on March 13, 20, and 27. Thanks for your tremendous support of our program and for having your children attend classes. For any other information, please contact: Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778, for CCD (K-5th) or Kristy Arguelles 228-324-9934 for LifeTeen (grades 6-12)

7th ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED BEER & WINE TASTING

SAVE THE DATE! On May 11, 2019 from 5:00-8:00PM, Nativity BVM Cathedral will host its 7th annual Uncorked & Uncapped Craft Beer and Wine Tasting featuring an expansive silent auction, delicious food and wonderful assortment of craft beer and wine, and live music. You will not want to miss out on this fabulous event! Tickets will be available next week!

NATIVITY ELEMENTARY NEWS!

As Sister Mary Jo wanted, our second semester of school is going well. The students, faculty and staff are all working together to make this another successful year. Thanks to all of our church community friends for your continued support.

It's not too late to get your entry in for the Saints Shenanigans-Sister Mary Jo Memorial Race 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run to be held on Saturday, March 9th. We hope to see you there!

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is going well! We will continue to accept new students until classes are filled.

Our school will be closed for Mardi Gras holidays on Monday, March 4th through Wednesday, March 6th Happy Mardi Gras!

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19, 2019

The Parish Life Committee of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is proud to announce the St. Joseph Altar will be on display at the Sacred Heart Center on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. We invite everyone to join us, view the altar, have lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 7th, we will have our weekly Thursday Adoration from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

CATHEDRAL RECTORY CLOSED

The Cathedral Rectory will be closed on Tuesday, March 5th, for Mardi Gras. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m., on March 6th, Ash Wednesday.

BINGO MANIA:

Due to Mardi Gras, we will NOT have Bingo on March 5th. Bingo will pick back up on March 12th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon	Mar 04	Sir 17:20-24, Mk 10:17-27
Tues	Mar 05	Sir 35:1-12, Mk 10:28-31
Wed	Mar 06	Jl 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	Mar 07	Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25
Fri	Mar 08	Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15
Sat	Mar 09	Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32
Sun	Mar 10	Dt 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	9,812.00
Maintenance	\$	1733.93
Capital Improv.	\$	230.00
Nativity Elem.	\$	10.00
Miscellaneous	\$	460.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,245.93

Thank you for your generous contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 05** Nativity Rectory closed
Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
- Mar 06** Cleaning Team “A”
Ash Wednesday Masses, 6:30, 8:00, Noon, 6:00
CCD, Cathedral at 6:00 pm
- Mar 07** Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 08** Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC
First Friday Adoration, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Chapel
Stations of the Cross, Cathedral, 6:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY is on March 6th, 2019. Masses for Ash Wednesday are as follows: 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., in the Cathedral. We will also have masses at noon and at 6:00 p.m., in the Cathedral.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the weekdays of Lent the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day but does not prohibit taking food in the morning and evening. All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless Friday is a solemnity.

GIVE UP OR DO MORE?

With Ash Wednesday coming upon us, we ponder the age-old Lenten question of “what will I give up for Lent?” Certainly, fasting and abstinence is part of the practice of Lent. However, have you ever thought of perhaps doing something a little extra? Attending daily Mass during Lent is a great way of “going the extra mile”. Daily Masses take place at 6:30 am and 8:00 am in the Marian Chapel. Saturday’s daily Mass is at 8:00 am. Morning Prayer is said each Lenten day at 7:45 am in the Chapel.

FOCUS

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), Eagle Catholic, and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will be hosting a “Spiritual Bootcamp” March 22-24 with the focus on the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. The retreat will be led by CFR Franciscan Father Gabriel and Jessica Navin, FOCUS Missionary and Spiritual Formation Project Lead on the FOCUS Formation Team. The retreat will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and will end at noon, Sunday. For more information, please contact St. Thomas at (601) 264-5192.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS
Mar 9 4:00 pm 1. Kathleen Coskey 2. Dale Dorcik 3. Barbara Ziz 4. Sondra Ahern 5. Andrea Gilich	Mar 9 4:00 pm Elizabeth Becker	Mar 9 4:00 pm Sam Burke
Mar 10 7:00 am 1. Danny Kavanagh 2. Colleen Kavanagh 3. Nancy Powell 9:00 a.m. 1. Deacon 2. Vicki Howard 3. Traci Kessler 4. Michael Kessler 5. Belinda Corley	Mar 10 7:00 am Joe Powell 9:00 am Al Simons, Jr. 11:00 am Rhonda Clark 5:30 pm Tara Junkert	Mar 10 7:00 am Alec Ryan Liam Jerrel 9:00 am Sabree Puz McKinsy Mathis Army Gollott Nicholas Gruich 11:00 am Brennan Tarrant Aiden Tarrant Annabelle Tarrant Bailey Joy Tarrant 5:30 pm Sydni Wills Taylor Yasar
11:00 am 1. Deacon 2. Deacon 3. Judy Steckler 4. Sandy Steckler 5. Sondra Williams 5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel	CANTORS Mar 9 4:00 pm Lauren D. Clark Mar 10 9:00 am Elizabeth Cobb CATHEDRAL CHOIR 11:00 am Peter Abide	

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Mar 04	Chester Balius	Ann Tarrant
Tue Mar 05	Chester Balius	Collins-Sims Fly.
Wed Mar 06	George Terry	Int. of Ext. Society
	Noon Sr. Mary Jo Mike	6:00 pm Florence Bellais
Thur Mar 07	Norma McMahan	Collins/Sims Fly.
Fri Mar 08	Maria Hoang Thi Khoai	Gaspar/Mary Pizarich
Sat Mar 09	8 Ben Wimberly	4 Josephine Esposito Allen
Sun Mar 10	7 Hugh Kavanagh	9 F. T. P.
	11:00 – Diane/Brett Shroder (SI)	5:30 Elie Hebert

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nora Ziz, Marianne Sherman, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O’Gea, Nicholas Rodolfich, Marsha Marie, Nick Pass, Cooper Williams, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Jerry Ellis, Lehwmom Skrmetti, 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, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Raymond Egers on the anniversary of his death. In loving memory from his sister, Jeannette Romero.

From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:

CHILDREN’S CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Children’s Choir will celebrate their next 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral on March 24th. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE! The Cantors for this Mass will be McKenzie Corley and Eva Cook. The Children’s Choir will also celebrate a Lenten Mass at Nativity BVM Elementary on Friday, March 15th at 9:00 a.m.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:

The Cathedral Choir will sing for the Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6th, and for the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 10th in which we will observe “The Sending Rite” with the RCIA. 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 continue their rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

ON STAGE IN THE ACADEMY OF SACRED HEART BUILDING.

All interested singers – Catholic or non-Catholic - are cordially invited to attend. Our next concert/service in the Cathedral will be presented on Sunday, April 7th at 3:00 p.m. – “Reflections on Holy Week.”

With the advent of Lent beginning with “Ash Wednesday” on March 6th, the music for this liturgical season will change. We will dismiss the prelude and postlude from our services during this period. We will not proclaim the “Gloria” of our “ordinary” and our response to the Gospel Acclamation will change from the “Alleluia!” to our Lenten response of “Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! King of Endless Glory!” These markers in worship symbolically call us to additional reflection during this time. The music and organ will be more solemn, and much of the music will be in minor/reflective keys. We “Walk the Lonesome Valley” with our Lord Jesus as we rise to the hill of Calvary and ultimately our Lord’s Resurrection!

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	#723
OFFERTORY	#435
COMMUNION	#339
SENDING	#532

WIN A FABULOUS VACATION

Nativity Cathedral will be raffling off a fabulous package of vacation trips. First place is an eight-day, all-expense paid trip on a European Avalon River Cruise for two. Air flight from New Orleans to Budapest included. In Budapest you board your luxury river boat which sails down the Danube River with many stops along the way. The option for the cruise is \$10,000.00 cash. Second place is an all expense four-day vacation for two at the Crown Plaza Time Square Hotel in New York. Round trip air fare is included. The option for this trip is \$1,500.00 cash. Third place is a weekend for two at the Monteleone Hotel on Royal Street in New Orleans. The option for this weekend is \$400.00 cash. The winning tickets will be drawn at this year’s Uncorked and Uncapped Beer and Wine Tasting event, held at our Sacred Heart Center on May 11, 2019. If you are present at it and win you will receive extra spending money at \$1,000.00 for the European cruise, \$300.00 for the New York trip or \$100.00 for the New Orleans weekend. Buy your winning ticket for these fabulous vacations soon!

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Nativity BVM is hosting a men’s and women’s bible study this lent based on Dr. Edward Sri’s series titled “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass.” This five part series will take participants on an exciting tour of the Mass. This series explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at mass. The groups will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM starting March 20! If you are interested please e-mail Keith Gibson (keithgibson4@aol.com) or Joan Strayham (rnjoans1@gmail.com)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are observed every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church. Come and walk with Jesus on his way to the cross in Lent.