

**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL (CSA)**

“Prayer and Our Call to Discipleship”

As we near the end of our Lenten journey, we are grateful for your support of the 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your prayers and financial support helps the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus. If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are located in the pews. You may also give online at [www.biloxidiocese.org](http://www.biloxidiocese.org).

**RCIA**

This Sunday, we continue the celebration of the Scrutinies. On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we pray in a particular way for those who are to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We pray that any attachment to evil might be removed, and that they be truly converted to Christ. Please continue to pray for them on this journey of faith as we are approaching the Easter Vigil, when they will be in full communion with our Church. Because we are celebrating the Scrutinies, the readings will be taken from Cycle A of the Lectionary. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348.

**CCD CLASSES**

CCD/Lifeteen will meet for class on Wednesday, April 10. There will be no class on Wednesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 24, for our Easter/Spring Break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, May 1. We hope all of your families enjoy a wonderful, blessed Easter!

**CHRISM MASS**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:30, here at Nativity Cathedral. The Mass emphasizes the unity of the diocesan Priesthood with its Bishop. Please consider attending this beautiful Mass.

**WEEKLY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

April 11th we will have our weekly Thursday Adoration from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**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 next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested please e-mail Keith Gibson ([keithgibson4@aol.com](mailto:keithgibson4@aol.com)) or Joan Strayham ([mjoans1@gmail.com](mailto:mjoans1@gmail.com))

**OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, MRS. TRACI KESSLER**

Gratitude is extended to all who applied for the position of principal for Nativity Elementary School. Also, many thanks to the Principal’s Search Committee for the many hours in review and interviewing the applicants. Let us join in welcoming and supporting our new principal, Mrs. Traci Kessler. An announcement letter is attached to the bulletin.

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 08</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Jn 8:12-20
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Apr 09</b>	Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Dn 3:52-56, Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>	Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Apr 12</b>	Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>	Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-46
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14—23:56



**YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Regular Collections	\$	8,605.64
Maintenance	\$	601.00
Capital Improvement	\$	80.00
Miscellaneous	\$	457.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,743.64</b>

**Thank you for your generous contributions!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Apr 08** Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.  
Lenten Mission, 6:00 pm.
- Apr 09** Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC  
RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.  
BINGO, 5:30 p.m. Bingo Hall  
Lenten Mission, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 10** **Cleaning Team “B”**  
CCD, Cathedral at 5:30 pm, SHC  
Biblical Walk through Mass 6:00 pm
- Apr 11** Greenbriar Mass, 10:00 a.m.  
Adoration, 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 12** Mom’s Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., SHC  
Stations of the Cross, Cathedral, 6:00 pm

**HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULES AT NATIVITY**

- April 16th, 2019 Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m.
- April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Parish Penance Service, 6:00 p.m.
- April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 6:00 p.m.
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 12 Noon, Stations of the Cross
- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Veneration of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.
- April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
- April 21st Resurrection of the Lord – 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (with a Mass in the Cathedral and Chapel), 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

**LENTEN MISSION – FR. KURT YOUNG**

Our 2019 Lenten Mission is being given to us by Fr. Kurt Young. Fr. Young is a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Serving the Archdiocese of New Orleans for several years as Vocations Director, he will soon be joining the faculty of Notre Dame Seminary as a formation director to the seminarians and as a member of the faculty. Please welcome Fr. Young and make plans to attend the mission on Monday and Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**NATIVITY PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral is accepting nominations for the Pastoral Council. The Council has been dormant for the past several years and is seeking to re-establish its purpose to provide organization, voice and a sharing wisdom to assist the parish Rector and staff. If you would be interested in submitting your name to the Nominating Committee please contact the Parish Rectory Office.

**MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

ENTRANCE HYMN	#476
OFFERTORY	#408
COMMUNION	#402
SENDING	#137

<p><b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b></p> <p><b>April 13 4:00 pm</b>  1. Helen Languirand  2. Liz Joachim  3. Barbara Ziz  4. Gayle Mavar  5. Jim Compton</p> <p><b>April 14 7:00 am</b>  1. Marcia Mayfield  2. Jim Shugart  3. Linda Stewart</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b>  1. Deacon  2. Sharon Tash  3. Judy Trahan  4. Joan Strayham  5. Belinda Corley</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b>  1. Deacon  2. Deacon  3. Sondra Williams  4. Robert Moniot  5. Rhonda Clark</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b>  1. Tricia Creel  2. Roland Creel</p>	<p><b>LECTORS</b></p> <p><b>April 13 4:00 pm</b>  Jim Compton  Michael Bruffey</p> <p><b>April 14 7:00 am</b>  Jim Shugart  Marcia Mayfield</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b>  Terry Simons</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b>  Linda Bourgeois</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b>  Elizabeth Becker  Tara Junkert</p> <p><b>CANTORS</b></p> <p><b>April 13 4:00 pm</b>  Lauren D. Clark</p> <p><b>April 14 9:00 am</b>  Peter Abide</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b>  Elizabeth Cobb</p>	<p><b>ALTAR SERVERS</b></p> <p><b>April 13 4:00 pm</b>  Sam Burke</p> <p><b>April 14 7:00 am</b>  Wyeth Stewart  Alex Stewart</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b>  Sophia Carreon  Army Gollott  Terrence McDonnell  Cameron McDonnell</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b>  Blake Walli  Kendall Walli  Hadyn Hollis</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b>  Dylan Mitchell  Sydni Wills</p>
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	<b>6:30 AM</b>		<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr 08</b>	Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Peter J. Skrmetta
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Apr 09</b>	Kay Lawson	Peter J. Skrmetta
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	Sr. Mary Jo Mike	Matthew McDermott
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>	Joseph Hoang	Walter Blessey
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Apr 12</b>	Josh Bozeman	Glenn/Joyce Pisarich
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>	8 Ben Wimberly	4 Bros. Jordan/Gary (SI)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	7 Jerry O'Keefe	9 F. T. P.
		<b>11:00</b> – Gabriel/Doris Kasovich	<b>5:30</b> Peter J. Skrmetta

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Lionell Sentell, Kevin Kavanagh, Nora Ziz, Bill Bergdoll, 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, Lehmon 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.

**From the Music & Fine Arts Ministry:**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE:**  
The Children's Choir will join the Cathedral Choir to celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with Saturday, April 13th's beginning ceremony/Mass for Palm Sunday at the 4:00 p.m. celebration that day.

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHEDULE:**  
The Cathedral Choir will join with the Children's Choir to sing for the 4:00 p.m. Palm Sunday MASS on Saturday, April 13th. We will begin with an opening ceremony in the courtyard that day at 3:40 p.m. The Cathedral Choir along with members of the Cathedral's Civic Choral Society, will sing for the 10 a.m. Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 16th. The Cathedral Choir will hold an extra rehearsal for Holy Week music on Sunday evening, April 7th at 7:00 p.m.

**"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS":**  
Rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on stage in the Academy of Sacred Heart Building.

**NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL'S CONCERT SERIES: - "REFLECTIONS ON HOLY WEEK." THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 3:00 P.M.**

This hour-long concert-service narrative travels with Jesus through the Passover evening of Maundy Thursday, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to chambers of the religious and the political through that night and ultimately to the Hill of Golgatha/Calvary; - to our Savior's crucifixion. Reflective choral renderings of the scriptures make this a "powerful, spiritual preparation" for one's Holy Week Journey.

**In the words of Pope Francis:**  
"Fast from pressures and be prayerful." "Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy."

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

**BINGO MANIA**  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for **April 9th:** Ramon (Missy), Rensch (Terri), Rhodes (Jamie & Whorton, Lee), Richards (Sally), Richardson (Debbie) and Simnicht (Ron & Dusti). REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement!!!

**WIN A FABULOUS VACATION**

**LET'S MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL! PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENSES OF PROPERTY INSURANCE AND SCHOOL SUPPORT!**

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. **TICKETS ARE \$100.00!** 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!

**7th ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED BEER & WINE TASTING**

**SAVE THE DATE!** On May 11, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Nativity BVM Cathedral will host its 7th annual Uncorked & Uncapped Craft Beer and Wine Tasting featuring an expansive silent auction, delicious food, wonderful assortment of craft beer and wine, and live music. You will not want to miss out on this fabulous event! Prices for the tickets are: **\$50.00 for 1 ticket, \$90.00 for two tickets or \$450.00 for a table of 10.** Tickets are now available.