

**Parish Office will be closed on Mon.,
Jan. 21st for MLK Holiday.**

**January 20, 2019
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Baptism Class: Candee Goff 601-467-0914
Call to register. Next class is Jan 28th at 6:30.
Ultreya: 2nd Wed. of each month @ 6:45 PM.



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Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekday Masses:
Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. 8:15 AM, Wed. – 6:00 PM,
Thur. & Fri. – 8:15 AM

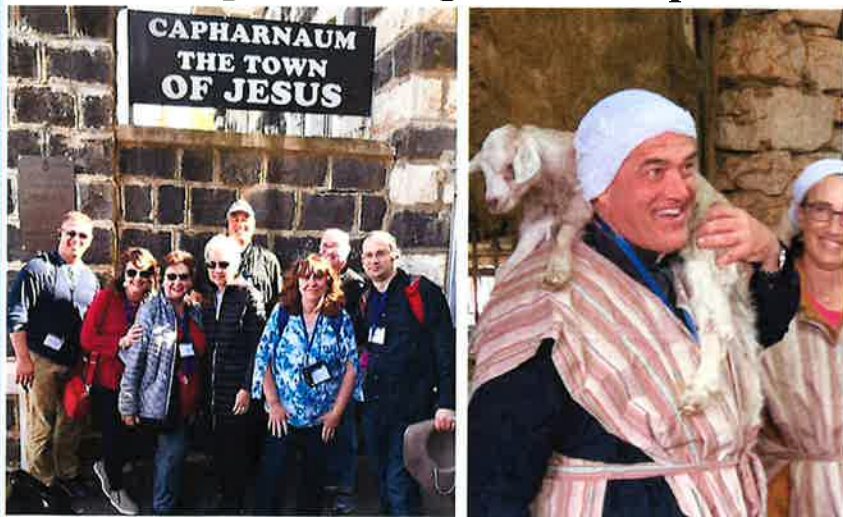
Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM; 1:30 PM in Spanish
St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 5:00 PM, Sunday: 10:00 AM
Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM

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Last Week's Collection: \$8,096.94
Direct Deposit Weekly: \$2,013.75
The Pickle Jar: \$32.43
Building Fund: \$2,028.72

Up-Coming 2nd Collections
January 6th Aged & Infirm Priests
January 20th Eagle Catholic (CSA)
January 27th Saltillo Mission
February 3rd Building Fund

Holy Land Pilgrimage Our Shepherd being a real Shepherd.



Monday Adoration ~ Adoration is canceled on Monday January 21st because of the Martin Luther King Holiday.



Thursday Adoration begins after Mass at 9:00 AM and continues through the day and night until Friday at 8:00 AM. Please consider coming for an hour to be with Our Lord. For more information call Beverly Frosch at 601-408-2853.

Baptismal Preparation Class ~ Our next Baptismal preparation class is scheduled for Monday evening, **January 28th at 6:30 PM.** Please call Candee Goff 601-467-0914 to register.

Save the Date ~ Jeff Cavins will be here for one night only on February 22nd at 7:00 PM to speak on Discipleship. Please plan to attend this one night event.

The Sanctuary Candle ~ January 6th - 26, 2019 is for a Special Intention for Martha Adams.

A Healing Service will be held at St. Thomas on Monday, February 11th following the 5:30 Mass. Child care will be available if needed. Sign-up sheets will be at the doors of the church. More details later - watch the bulletin.

Prayer Groups have begun to meet and pray for our church, and other intentions. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, here is when they meet:

Mondays from 1:15 to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday mornings from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. (8:15 mass follows)

Each group meets for about 45 minutes.

Another group will be starting in mid-January on **Friday afternoons.**

If you would like any information about any of these groups, call Kathy Schimmel at 601-270-4741.

Coffee and Catholicism has a new name and purpose. **"Catholic Conversations"** ~ We meet on **Sundays from 9:00 - 10:00 AM** in the CSA building. This casual group is a place for us to talk about how God has touched our lives. We will explore ways to share our experiences, to enrich our church community, and to defend our Catholic faith to those who challenge it. Please call either myself or Renee with any questions. Yours in Christ, Joe Lichtenhan

Church Library ~ January is Pro-Life Month. We have some helpful books, CDs, and DVDs on the subject including some new materials. Come see what we have that you might like!

Mass Intentions

M-Jan 21 Ty Cannon - RIP
T-Jan 22 Sp. Int
W-Jan 23 Sean Fink - Diaconate Formation
T-Jan 24 Ric & Norma Hernandez - 60th Anniv.
F-Jan 25 Nancy Canales - birthday
S-Jan 26 Msgr. Santiago Rivera - RIP
S-Jan 27 8:00 Sean Fink - Diaconate Formation
10:15 Ty Cannon - RIP
6:00 Parish

Readings Jan 21st - 27th

M Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22
T Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28
W Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6
T Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12
F Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18
S 2 Tm 1:1-8316 Mk 3:20-21
S Neh 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10
1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Saint Stanislaus Admission Testing Saturday, January 26, 2019
8:15 AM Students currently in the 6th grade.

Saint Stanislaus' admission testing for prospective students who will be in the 7th grade next year is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 26, 2019.

In order to sit for the admission test, please submit a completed Admission Application on or before January 18th. Testing day check-in will be from 7:30 AM until 8:15 AM and students must be checked in by 8:15 AM in order to test. The test is used to give us an overview of the students' academic abilities. Please also remember to mail in or bring a check or cash in the amount of \$125, which will cover the \$100 Saint Stanislaus Application Fee and the \$25 Placement Test Fee.

An application can be completed online on the Saint Stanislaus Admission page at <http://ststan.com/admissions/apply-online/>.

For more information or to request a paper application, please contact Richard Gleber, Admissions, at richard@ststan.com or 228-467-9057, ext. 249.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 9th - 26th Fr. Mark - Holy Land tour.
Jan 21st Office Closed - MLK Holiday
Jan 25th Parents Night Out 5:00 - 8:00PM
Jan. 28th 6:30 PM Baptism Class
Jan. 29th 6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group
Feb. 3rd Parish Pot Luck Lunch
Feb. 11th Healing Service

Office Closing ~ The parish office will be closed for Martin Luther King on Monday January 21st, 2019.

Fr. Mark has gone to the **Holy Land** with a group on a pilgrimage. Please pray for their safe travels.

CYO starts back Sunday, Jan. 27th from 5:00 - 6:00 PM in the CYO trailer. Join us as we plan for the Biloxi Convention and hear Hayley talk about the upcoming Search Retreat. YOUR INPUT is NEEDED.

Diocese of Biloxi

42nd Annual Youth Conference
"CHOSEN" March 15th - 17th,
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Bible Study ~ Our next Bible study class with Jeff Cavins will begin in February. The topic will be the "Psalms". There are sign-up sheets at the entrances of the church.

Brothers In Christ Men's Prayer Group will resume Tues., Jan. 29th @ 6:00 AM. All men are welcome to join us for breakfast and prayer. Please consider this for **putting Christ First in 2019**. For info call Don McCloskey - 601-270-3255

Please help us keep our church neat by replacing the books in an orderly manner. **Spines up; Breaking Bread** in front, **prayer cards**, student **Spirit and Song** in the back. Thank you for your help.



First Eucharist Preparation for the Older Child (3rd grade and older)

Children who are baptized but have not yet received First Holy Communion, may enroll in preparation classes to prepare for this sacrament. Please contact Renee Lichtenhan at 601-329-6075 or sainthomasccd@gmail.com to enroll.

Parents' Night Out: ~ On Friday, January 25th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Saint Thomas will offer free child care for children of all ages. Pizza will be served. Space is limited, so please sign up online by visiting our website or by calling the office at 601-264-5192

Prayer Blankets are available if you know of someone who is sick or homebound. Contact Kathy Schimel @ 601-270-4741 if you would like a Blessed Prayer Blanket to give.

Anyone is welcome to sew, knit, crochet or make a blanket for anyone undergoing surgery, chemotherapy, welcoming a new baby, or in the hospital or at home due to illness. Blankets are blessed and given to the person when needed. Monetary donations to purchase fabric, as well as fabric donations are welcome. Contact: Kathy Schimel at 601-270-4741.

Saint Vincent de Paul Pharmacy is now open in Hattiesburg. We are so very blessed to offer this free service for needed prescriptions to those who cannot afford it. We are in great need of volunteers to assist in getting these RX to the clients. Please consider volunteering 2-3 hours of your time just 1-2 days (2nd Monday, 4th Tuesday) a month. Thank you in advance for considering being the hands and feet of our Lord. Call St Thomas office for more info.

Next Week

LECTORS & COMMENTATOR

Jan. 26th ~ 5:30 John Perry
Jan. 27th ~ 8:00 Italo Subarao
10:15 Jacquelyn Jones

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

January 5 Carolyn Nation
12 Kim McCloskey
19 Carmen Robinson
26 Camille Soulier
** John Lee
** Suyon Rhee
Alt: Gloria Yuunker

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

January 6 Ondine Rudolph
13 Diane Hammond
20 Betty King
27 Kathy Schimel
** Matt Gerald
** Roger King
Alt: Esbelia Perez

SUNDAY 10:15 A.M.


January 6 Ronnie Kemp
13 Joe Lichtenhan
20 Hal Odom
27 Jimmy OR Ginny Kendrick
** Rick OR Melanie Pecunia
** David OR Michelle Gibbs
** Blanca Meek
** Barbara Ellender
** Brad OR Lisa Diaz
** Kim Rider
Alt: Kim Rutland

Parish Pot-Luck Dinner ~ To get us in the mood for our Irish Italian Festival March 16th, our covered Dish Sunday on February 3rd will feature "Spaghetti & Meat Sauce". We will have some fun Super Bowl activities! Please bring a side dish or two.

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