

July 15, 2018 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our focus Team will be arriving back on August 1st.

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Call to register. Next class is July 23rd at 6:30.

Ultreya: 2nd Wed. of each month @ 6:45 PM.



Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat.-5:30 PM Sunday 8:00, 10:15 AM

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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The Pickle Jar: \$41.00

Building Fund: \$492.00

Up-Coming 2nd Collections

July 15th No-2nd Collection

July 22nd No-2nd Collection

July 29th St. Vincent DePaul (5th Sunday)

Monday Adoration ~ Monday Adoration Summer hours of 6:00 - 9:00 PM have begun. All are welcome. For information please call Pat at 601-549-4620 or Beverly 601-408-2853.

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



A Special Thank You
to the person who restored our St. Francis Statue! He looks better than ever!!

The Sacred Heart Parent Morning Out Program is now registering for the 2018-2019 school year. We offer a structured program of social and learning experiences for children 18 months to 5 years of age, in a Catholic setting through a variety of daily activities. **Parent Morning Out** meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. (September - May) in the Parish Life Center. For further information please contact Candace Barquero at 601-408-0299 / candacebarquero@gmail.com or Theresa McKee at 601-297-2078 / tmckee@cablone.net.



VBS ~ Parents go out and "hang loose" while we show your kids a "gnarly", "epic", 100% Catholic good time! 6:00 - 9:00 PM on Wednesday night **July 18**, this is the last class.

No cost.

Dinner is served for the kids.

Volunteer CCD Teachers are needed for the coming school year. Please contact Renee Lichtenhan to learn of opportunities to serve in this ministry. saintthomascgd@gmail.com or 601-329-6075.



CCD Classes Resume on August 12th ~ CCD is our parish religious education program for children Pre-K4 through 11th grade (Confirmation). Children who do not attend Catholic school should attend CCD. Sacramental preparation w/ mandatory attendance occurs in grades 1, 2, 9, 10, & 11. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 AM.

Registration forms can be found on our website or in the CCD displays near the church doors.

Congratulations

to the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #15382!

They have achieved the Star Council Award.

It is 1 of 5 in Mississippi, based on Membership, Retention, Fundraising and Community Service.

Well Done Knights!



Mass Intentions

M-July 16 Ty Cannon - RIP
T-July 17 Richard S Mahon - RIP
W-July 18 Rebekah Arrington - Birthday
T-July 19 Beverly Frosch - gift
F-July 20 Ronnie & Lester Parker - gift
S-July 21 Gabriel Otalvaro - Birthday
S-July 22 8:00 Parish
10:15 Ty Cannon - RIP

Readings July 16th - 22nd

M Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34-11:1
T Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24
W Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27
T Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30
F Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8
S Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21
S Jer 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

Book Club ~ The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday **August 8th at 4:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. You can still join, just read chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6 of ***The Case For Jesus***. If you have any questions call Kathy Schimel at 601-270-4741.



Prayer for Protection Against Storms and Hurricanes ~ Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Thank you to my Saint Thomas Family! Your donations of over \$800 to the ARC of Southeast MS will assist the disabled community by helping them continue to provide much needed support for us and our families. The weekend respites, Show Choirs and Summer camps, etc.. (ALL Ages) and Rise and Shine (day program for adults) with disabilities are just a few of the programs your money will help fund. You are a blessing to me!!



Lynda Grace Holifield

Remember Mass is a Time of Prayer and Silence.



Please be respectful of others when you are in church before Mass, they are here to pray. If you must speak to someone, do so in a quiet voice, save the "visiting" for after Mass.



Choir ~ Our Choir is taking a break during the month of July. They will be back in August and would like to invite anyone interested, to join them. They practice one hour before Mass and it is for that Sunday. There are many beautiful voices in the congregation and they would really love to have you with them.

Blessed Mother Garden ~ Our Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of St. Thomas Statue should be arriving soon. They will go one in the garden area and the other along the west wall outside the garden area. There is still time if anyone would like to help defray the cost, or purchase a memorial for a family member, please let Kim or Fr. Mark know. The total cost of the statue/fountain area will be \$4,500.

Dear Padre July 15, 2018

Recently a genetic testing kit became available. Does the Church have any teaching on these tests? In principle the Church is not opposed to genetic testing. The number of tests available seems to rise almost daily. The critical issue from a moral standpoint is what we do with the information that is gained.

Any use of the information to harm people would be judged immoral—for example, using genetic information to detect Down syndrome in a fetus with the subsequent abortion of a developing life. Another example would be using genetic information against people seeking employment or health insurance.

Another concern is the impact that genetic testing results might have on the person receiving it. For example, a person may wish to know if he carries the gene for Huntington's disease, an illness that will surface in his life if he has the gene. There is no cure for this debilitating disease. However, the information may assist him in preparing himself and others for the time when the disease will manifest itself.

In other instances, however, genetic information may lead to prevention and treatment of disease. Such testing would allow spouses to know if they carry a particular gene, for example, associated with cystic fibrosis. A couple finding themselves carriers of the gene should bear this in mind as they make decisions about responsible parenthood.

Summarizing, information obtained from genetic testing holds promise and potential peril. The dignity and life of persons should guide judgments about the morally acceptable use of genetic information.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Up-coming Cursillo's
Men's Cursillo Sept 27th – 30th At Dedeaux. Fr. Mark is the Spiritual Advisor.

Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi ~ 20th Annual Married Couples Return Weekend July 20 – 22, 2018 at the William Kelley Retreat Center – St Augustine Seminary, Bay St Louis, MS.

For more information, contact Charles & Linda Walden at 985-237-9881/985-285-2997 or cwaldensr1@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

July 18 6:00-9:00 PM - VBS
July 29th Knights of Columbus
Rosary after 10:15 Mass.
Sept 14th & 15th Gus Lloyd
Sept 27th – 30th Men's Cursillo
Nov. 9th & 10th Scott Hahn

In Our Church Library ~ *Go in Peace:* Your Guide to the Purpose and Power of Confession by Fr. Mitch Pacwa and Sean Brown is an easy-to-read comprehensive guide to confession with 101 questions and answers about this indispensable Sacrament. Includes an Examination of Conscience, and the Rite of Penance. Gives the biblical basis of confession and its psychological and spiritual benefits. In the Library's Penance section. For help or information, contact Pat 601-549-4620txt.



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Next Week

LECTORS & COMMENTATOR

July 7th ~ 5:30 Sue Kern
July 8th ~ 8:00 Laurie McCarty
10:15 Mindi Bennett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

July 7 Camille Soulier
14 Bob McCarthy
21 Carolyn Nation
28 Carmen Robinson
** John Lee
** Kim McCloskey
ALT: Beverly Frosch

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

July 1 Kathy Schimel
8 Adam OR Mary Hays
15 Italo Subbara o
22 Richard Mohn
29 Vann Jones
** Robbin Jones
Alt: Ondine Rudolph


SUNDAY 10:15 A.M.

July 1 Sean Fink
8 Pat Peterson
15 Ronnie Kemp
22 Joe Lichtenhan
29 Jimmy OR Ginny Kendrick
** Renee Lichtenhan
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