

October 7, 2018 ~ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Call to register. Next class is Nov. 12th 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, 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



The Month of October is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary.



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Last Week's Collection: \$7,578.12
Direct Deposit Weekly: \$2,051.25
The Pickle Jar: \$32.25
St Vincent de Pau 5th Sunday: \$2,903.80

Up-Coming 2nd Collections
October 7th Building Fund
October 14th No 2nd Collection
October 21st World Mission Sunday
October 28th No 2nd Collection

Eagle Catholic (CSA) main fundraiser this year will be a "Drawdown" on November 16th. Total of \$12,500 to be awarded. The Grand prize is \$5,000. All tickets may win multiple times. Tickets available at the parish office beginning September 24th. The \$100 Ticket includes admission for two, open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, DJ entertainment and dancing. Please support Eagle Catholic.

THE EAGLE CATHOLIC RAFFLE		First name: _____
Grand prize \$5000	"Joy is the noblest human act" -Saint Thomas Aquinas	Last name: _____
3 winners of \$1,000		Phone: _____
9 winners of \$500		Email: _____
Heavy hors d'oeuvres, DJ Entertainment, Dancing	\$100 per ticket admits 2	
Open Bar beer & wine	Friday, November 16 6 PM-9 PM	
**need not be present to win		
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Monday Adoration ~ 2:00 - 9:00 PM with a pause for the 5:30 Mass. We are in need of help with 8:00 - 9:00 PM hour. All are welcome. To participate, contact Pat at 601-549-4620 or Beverly at 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. Please consider coming for an hour to be with Our Lord. For more information call Beverly Frosch at 601-408-2853.

Join Fr. Mark and Fr. Godfrey on a Pilgrimage to Rome / Medjugorje on **October 7 - 17, 2019**. The cost will be between \$3,000 and \$3,700. I cannot give you a set price until we receive them in Oct., 2018. The 47 spots on the Pilgrimage are currently filled, you can however be put on a waiting list. **Trinity Retreats & Pilgrimages, 5521 Avron Blvd., Metairie, LA 70003.** You may call Donna Bodin at 504-812-5135.

Coffee and Catholicism ~ This is a no homework, and no commitment faith formation program held in the Parish Center during CCD (9:00 - 10:00 AM). We view and discuss videos on FORMED. We follow the CCD calendar, observing their scheduled holidays. All are welcome! The nursery is open.

Covered Dish Dinner ~ Please join us for our Covered Dish celebration, honoring Deacon Braxton, who will soon finish his tenure here. Please bring your favorite side dish and enjoy food & fellowship with us after the dedication of our new statues immediately following the 10:15 Mass.

KC Fall Raffle

\$10.00 Tickets are on sale now.
\$50.00 Weekly drawing begins Oct. 7th thru Dec. 2nd.
Grand Prize drawing on Dec 9th.
1st Place - \$500.
2nd Place - \$200.
3rd Place - \$100.

Winning tickets are put back in for additional chances. Thank you in advance for your support of your local Knights of Columbus Council #15382.

In November We Remember Our Deceased Loved Ones ~ Again this year St. Thomas is having an All Souls Day Mass to honor all those who have died since November 1, 2017. This year's mass, with a breakfast reception following, is on Friday, November 2, 2018 at 9:00 AM. Email or bring pictures of your loved ones to the church office.

The All Souls Novena will run from Oct. 25th to Nov. 2nd you may use the envelopes provided in your monthly mailing or the ones at the back of the church.

Calling All Men Back To Prayer!! Brothers in Christ men's group has started back at the St Thomas Parish Center on Tuesday mornings with a 6:00 AM breakfast and then the 6:15-7:15 prayer session. We are trying to appease everyone's taste so we will be alternating between "That Man is You" and "Lectio Divina" every other week. Please plan on joining us and help bring Christ back into our hearts and homes. For more information call Don McCloskey 601-270-3255.

Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniv. Mass Mass will take place on Sun., Oct. 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM at the Nativity B.V.M Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more are welcome to attend. A registration form is available from the Parish office. **The deadline for registration by mail is October 12, 2018. Please note that registrations by phone, fax or e-mail are not accepted.** Please come by the Parish Office to pick up a registration form.

Blake Nettles Day 2018 ~ Blake Nettles will be remembered for his contributions to the soccer community on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at the Southern Miss Soccer Complex on 4th Street. Tailgating will begin at 11:00 AM. Southern Miss Women's Soccer team will play at Noon against UTEP. Free admission. Free food.

Mass Intentions

M-Oct 8 Micky Harrington - RIP
 T-Oct 9 Communion Service
 W-Oct 10 Communion Service
 T-Oct 11 Communion Service
 F-Oct 12 Magdalana de la Rea - RIP
 S-Oct 13 Cristina Otalvaro - Birthday
 S-Oct 14 8:00 Terry Bethea - RIP
 10:15 Ty Cannon - RIP
 6:00 Parish

Readings October 8th - 14th

M Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37
 T Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42
 W Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4
 T Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13
 F Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26
 S Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28
 S Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or Mk 10:17-27

St. Thomas CYO!

Sunday, Oct. 7th Off for Fall Break
Sunday, Oct. 14th Cook for Eagle Catholic! 4:00-8:00 PM. We will need lots of volunteers! Let Mary Lou know if you can help!

St. Michaels Prayer - Beginning on October 20th - 21st weekend, and following every mass, we will be saying the St. Michaels prayer as a parish community. There will be laminated cards in the pews with the prayer we will be saying, and there are prayer cards in the pews for you to take home with a slightly different St. Michaels Prayer.

Save the Date! ~ #iGiveCatholic is Nov. 27th. It's a good opportunity to give back to your church.



Our Goal for "focus" for 1 year is \$60,000. To date we have \$43,904.00

5,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	30,000	35,000	40,000	45,000	50,000	55,000	60,000	Goal
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Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Padre **October 7, 2018**

My fiancée and I were hoping to be married in a park. When we mentioned this to our priest, he informed us that, in this diocese, all Catholic weddings are to take place in a Catholic church. Why is that? It's true that Catholic weddings always take place in a church, unless the bishop grants specific permission for the ceremony to be performed elsewhere. First, there is a purely practical reason for Catholics to get married in their parish church. It is a way of recording when and where Catholics marry. Parish records serve a useful purpose in both Church and civil matters. But a more important reason is that marriage, in the eyes of Catholics, is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics marry, they believe God binds their union. The love of the couple for each other is a sign of God's love for both of them. This is expressed during the wedding ceremony with the words: "What God has joined together, let no one put asunder." The union of the couple is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Saint Paul tells us that husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25). So when Catholics marry, they do not view it simply as a contract between a man and woman. Rather, they see it as something in which God is deeply involved and which also involves the whole Catholic community. The church building, which contains the presence of Christ, is thought of as the most sacred place to make this most sacred of commitments.

Liguori Publications

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct 6th & 7th Holy Land Gifts
Oct 7th – Dec 2nd KC Fall Raffle
Oct 14th Covered Dish Dinner
Oct. 24th Mass on The Grass
Nov 10th St. Fabian's Festival
Nov 16th Eagle Catholic Drawdown

Thinking Priesthood??? ~ Want to

have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about discerning a priestly vocation? The Vocations Office is hosting an event titled VOCARE on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9:00-11:00AM at the Sacred Heart Center located immediately behind the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Biloxi. This event is for all young men, 13-18, interested in learning more about priesthood and gaining practical tips on how to discern a priestly vocation. It will include a free breakfast, prayer, fraternity, and more! There will be time for all present to ask questions to priests of the diocese to help better understand what priesthood is and how to discern a vocation. Parents are also welcome to attend. There will be a breakout session for them and will include time for questions as well as tips to help support and encourage their son in his discernment. There is no cost for the event. Please register at <https://biloxidiocese.org/vocations>

Holy Land Gifts - Olive Wood Carvings

Saida & George Rashmawi, who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish the weekend of Oct. 6th & 7th. They will speak to us about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land. They will also have some beautiful Olive Wood carvings which are all handmade by the Christian people in Bethlehem, for sale after all the Masses that weekend.

Co-Ed Arise, Friday, October 26th - 28th at the Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis. For info. Call Abby Crosby 601-466-1007 or Joseph Parker 985-705-6963 or you may visit the website www.biloxicursillo.org.



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LECTORS & COMMENTATOR

Oct. 13th ~ 5:30 NoelAnne Bennett
Oct. 14th ~ 8:00 Reggie Blackledge
10:15 Mindi Bennett

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.

October 6 Kim McCloskey
13 Judi Williams
20 Sue Kern
27 Karen Kern
** Patsy Hammett
** Gloria Yunker
Alt: Patricia Sherman

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M.

September 7 Diane Hammond
14 Kathy Schimel
21 Ondine Rudolph
28 Richard Mohn
** Esbelia Perez
** Matt Gerald
Alt: Mary Hays

SUNDAY 10:15 A.M.

September 7 David OR Michelle Gibbs
14 Patricia Burchell
21 Adina Green
28 Hope OR Orlando Andy
** Kim Rutland
** Jacquelyn Jones
** Joan Trago
** Ronnie Parker
** Valarie Acocella
** Barbara Ellender
Alt: Rick OR Melanie Pecunia

Can You Help? ~ Harry & Gwen Roy need a ride to Church on Sunday mornings for the 10:15 Mass. They live at 2501 W 7th St. Apt 225. Phone 678-276-9508.

Next Generation Parish ~ Our parish will be participating in a survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, to see how we are growing in our spiritual life with Christ, and how we can improve so we can continue to grow. First thing we need to do is update our database with email addresses, and there will be cards in the pews the next two weekends that we ask everyone to complete. Following that, there will be an online survey or a paper survey, whichever you prefer, that we would like everyone to participate in by filling out. More information will follow.

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