

This Tuesday, March 15th
Mass will be at 8:15am

March 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent

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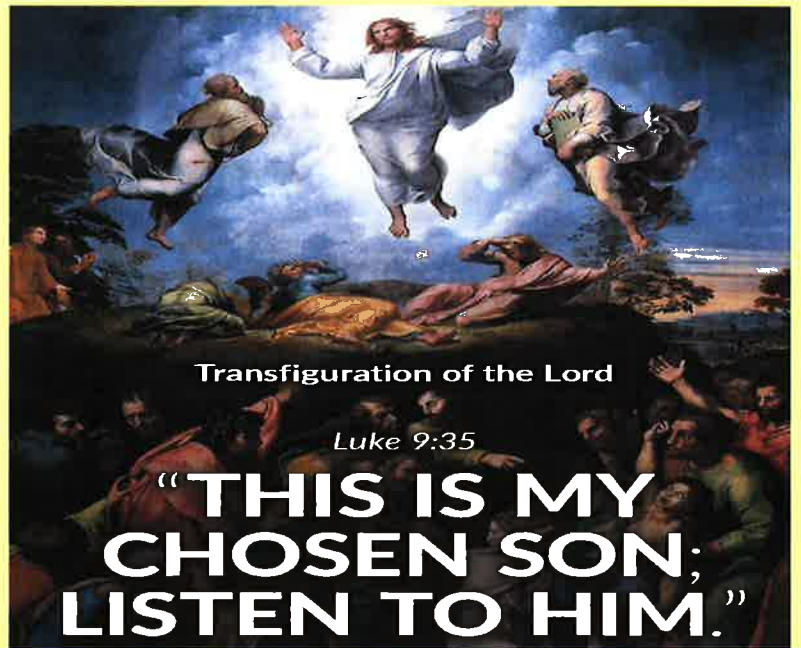
March 6th \$13,819.00
Direct Deposit: \$2,531.25
Online \$887.50
Ash Wednesday \$2,881.13
Black & Indian Missions \$1,266.12
Central & Eastern Europe \$617.00

Upcoming Second Collections
March 13th Building Fund
March 20th No Second Collection
March 27th Catholic Relief Services

Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8AM, 10:15 AM, 6:00PM
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
Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM
St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday: 10:00AM



Transfiguration of the Lord

Luke 9:35

**“THIS IS MY
CHOSEN SON;
LISTEN TO HIM.”**

Adoration

Monday Adoration:

Hours are 2PM-9PM. Starting at 4:45PM the Patriotic Rosary will be prayed during Adoration, led by Noelanne Bennett. After the Rosary we will pause Adoration to prepare for the 5:30PM Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. St. Pope John Paul has stated "Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration..." **Currently we need help with 7PM hour.** To offer your help for a weekly hour or for information please contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are always welcome.

Tuesday Adoration is from 9:00 AM after daily Mass until 12:00 noon. Please consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please be sure to sign in so we know the hours are covered.

Thursday Adoration begins after the 8:15 AM Mass and goes until 9:00 PM in the church. At that time Our Lord is moved into the Adoration Chapel and adoration continues through the night until Friday Mass. **Currently we need help with 1am hour.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

Irish/Italian raffle

This year we will be raffling the chance to win \$3000. Tickets are \$20 each. The drawing will be held at 8:30pm at the festival and you do not have to be present to win. If you have not received your tickets or if you would like additional tickets, they are also available in the office.



Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank Chesterfields for supporting the parish bulletin. They are located at 4646 Hwy. 98 West- Phone 601-336-7134.

Irish-Italian Festival March 19th.
Schedule: Mass @ 4PM
Festival @ 5 - 10:00PM



Irish-Italian Festival Art Exhibit

will showcase the art works of artists in Hattiesburg and surrounding areas in south Mississippi at its annual celebration. The exhibit will include a special section for elementary and high school student art. The show is open and non-juried, but the show committee reserves the right to reject art that is not in accord with parish and community standards. Artists may offer their work for sale if they wish, or they may choose to donate their artwork and allow the proceeds to go toward the work of the festival. For more information email Maria Englert at airame@gmail.com or call/text her at 601-520-0317.

Mass Intentions

M-Mar 14th Diaconate Classes of 2022 & 2025 (Joe, Calvin & Felix)
T-Mar 15th Angelo Acocella – RIP
W-Mar 16th Kathy McLuckie – Sp. Int.
T- Mar 17th Nerio Antonio – RIP
F-Mar 18th Wilbur & Christina Moreland – 53rd Wedding Anniversary
Sat-Mar 19th Edward Peacock III – RIP
Sun-Mar 20th
8:00 Diaconate Classes of 2022 & 2025 (Joe, Calvin & Felix)
10:15 Joseph Rider – RIP
6:00 Parish

Readings March 14 – 20th

M Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
T Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
W Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
T Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sun Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

March Lector Schedule

12th 5:30 John Perry
13th 8:00 Reggie Blackledge
10:15 Renee Brett
19th 4:00 Patricia Sherman
20th 8:00 Kathy Schimel
10:15 Silvia Preston
26th 5:30 Roger Smith
27th 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Shirley Hendricks



The staff and parishioners of St. Thomas offer our sincere sympathy to Sherry Finneran on the death of her aunt Dean Brumfield. May she and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.



KC Lenten Fish Fry

Each Friday, 5:30 – 7:00 PM during Lent, the Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry. Cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per plate. Fried catfish, fish tacos, and boiled shrimp plates are available, with fries and coleslaw. Dine-in or Take-out.

HELP US FIND HEROES

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Thomas Catholic Church

Sunday, March 27, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bloodmobile
3117 W. 4th St.
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Registered volunteers register online at 662-293-4525
Bloodmobile Center, St. Thomas Catholic

Blood Drive sponsored by Eagle Catholic, Sunday March 27th from 9am until 1:00pm.

St Vincent de Paul needs hygiene items for the homeless.

Small items such as toothpaste & brushes, soaps, shampoo, deodorants, and any usable towels and wash cloths. Thank You for helping those in need.

Parish Council members needed.

There are cards in the pews with the current members listed. We need your suggestions for a few new members. Please nominate 3 people on the back of the card and drop your vote into the boxes by the entrances to the church. Thank you for your help.

Spring forward



SAVE THESE DATES:

March 25, 26, & 27th

ANANIAS Retreat

Friday 6:00PM to 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

(Lunch will be provided).

Sunday 9-11AM

Signup sheets are at the entrances of the church.

Do you need childcare for the Ananias sessions? Please call the office to register.

Breaking the Silence

Being Ananias for one Another

As much as Saul came to understand his encounter with Christ during his “day with the disciples in Damascus” (Acts 9:20), so we can come to a deeper relationship with God and a deeper understanding of our call to follow Jesus in a community of fellow believers. Looking at your own life, who has been an Ananias to you? All the Saints had someone God sent them as His instrument. St. Thomas Aquinas had St. Albert, St. Augustine had St. Ambrose, St. Francis Xavier had St. Ignatius of Loyola. Reflect on who has been there for you. Maybe it was your grandparents, parents, siblings, or a high school or college friend. Take time to thank God for that person God placed in your life. Is there someone God is placing in your life at this moment to walk with him/her? Father Mark

The Sacred Heart softball team is raffling off 2 chances to win 1/2 a steer. The winner can choose the cuts of meat. Processing will be May/June. Drawing is March 24th before the game. Winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$20 each. Cash/Check/Venmo. Students will be selling tickets after the 8:00 and 10:15 masses this Sunday.

Lenten Schedule 2022

Weekday Masses

Monday	5:30 PM
Tuesday	8:15 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	8:15 AM
Friday	8:15 AM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 5:30 PM

KC Fish Fry

Fridays 5:30 – 7:30 PM



The next Men’s Cursillo will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Dedeaux May 12-15, 2022. What is a Cursillo you ask? The Spanish word “Cursillo” means “short course” or “little course”. The full title is “a little course in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, but everyone simply calls it “Cursillo.” For more information you can contact Felix Diaz or Shelby Miserendino in the church office. De Colores!!

Mini-Library: March 17th is St. Patrick’s Day! We have a great children’s book, St. Patrick’s Day by Gail Gibbons. She has written and illustrated more than 100 books for preschoolers and early readers and has won many awards. Gail will tell you everything you need to know about the holiday. You’ll learn about his life, legends about the saint, and history of the holiday. Her colorful illustrations create a perfect introduction to a fun holiday—parades, special meals, and of course, wearing green. Filled with facts, legends, and traditions, this book is ideal for kids learning about the holiday, Irish culture, and history. Suggested Reading age: 4-8 years, and grade levels: kindergarten – 3rd grade.

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