

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent



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Call to register. Next class is November 30th
This is the last class this year.



November 21st Collection: \$8,624.80
Direct Deposit: \$2,711.25
Online \$630.50
Campaign for Human Development
\$1,446.00

Upcoming Second Collections
November 28th No Second Collection
December 5th St Vincent de Paul
December 12th Retired Religious
December 19th Building Fund

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
Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM
St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
Sunday: 10AM

Saint Andrew Christmas Novena
Hail and blessed be the hour and
moment in which the Son of God was
born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at
midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to
hear my prayer and grant my desires,
through the merits of Our Saviour
Jesus Christ, and of His
Blessed Mother. Amen.



Imprimatur
Michael Augustine, Archbishop of New York,
February 6, 1897

It is piously believed that whoever recites
the above prayer fifteen times a day from the
Feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30th) until
Christmas will obtain what is asked.

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Girl's Retreat #91

December 10th-12th, 2021

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Boy's Retreat #92

MARCH 4TH-6TH,
2022

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For All 9th-12th
Grade Boys

Contact Desmond Hoda
by (228) 493-8817 or
dwhdc2@gmail.com
to Register

Retreat Opportunities for our Teenagers.

Registration forms can be found near the church entrances.

Girl's Retreat- December 10th-12th, 2021

SEARCH- January 14th-16th, 2022
February 4th-6th, 2022

Boy's Retreat- March 4th-6th, 2022

St Thomas' email bulletin is being sent out using a new system. If you have received the bulletin in the past and did not receive it this week – please contact the office to be registered to receive it again.



Fr. James' sister in WV and her husband have produced their debut Christmas music album, "Comfort and Joy"! It features 15 fresh arrangements of classic Christmas songs and is available in physical CD and digital format at www.rebeccahardingmusic.com

NO LIFE TEEN - November 21 or 28 due to Thanksgiving Break. Join us for our Life Teen Christmas party at Family Formation on December 5th 11:30-1:30
FAMILY FORMATION - December 5th 11:30-1:30 with Santa!

SANTA'S COMING TO SAINT THOMAS'S FAMILY FORMATION

DEC 5

11:30 AM

LUNCH WITH SANTA FOLLOWED BY CLASSES

If you have completed your **Call & Gifted** questionnaire and would like to schedule your Gifts interview; please call Kathy in the office 601-264-5192.

Golf Cart for sale. We have another golf cart for sale AS IS. The cost is \$800. Call Kathy in the office if you have any questions or would like to look at it.

The last **Baptism class** for this year is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 PM.** Please call Candi Goff at 601-467-0914 or the church office if you have questions or would like to register.



The parishioners and staff of St. Thomas extend their deepest sympathy to Lisa Richardson and her family on the death of her father, Richard Stigler. May God's loving presence strengthen her and her family during this time of sorrow, and may they be consoled knowing that their loved one is at peace.

#iGiveCatholic GIVING TUESDAY

Everyone has heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but have you heard of Giving Tuesday? This year Giving Tuesday is November 30th, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. During the hustle and bustle of the holidays' Giving Tuesday is a perfect opportunity to give back. Early online giving begins on Monday, November 15th and will run until midnight Monday, November 29th. The money we receive will be used to have the upholstery on the pews in church professionally cleaned before the holidays. As you can see, several pews are badly stained from all the spraying that was done to sanitize the church during this pandemic.

It is the season of giving, so let's remember Christ's generosity and give with open arms.

This year go to our web page: www.stacumweb.wixsite.com/stac and click on the **Learn More & Donate** button. This will take you right to the information to make your donation.



#iGIVECATHOLIC

Adoration

Monday Adoration: hours are from 2pm – 9pm. The Patriotic Rosary is said during Adoration prior to the 5:30 Mass. After the Rosary we pause Adoration to prepare for the Mass. Adoration resumes when Mass is over and will continue until 9pm. **We need help with the 6pm hour.** Visitors are welcome. To offer your help or for information contact Pat Peterson by calling or texting 601-549-4620 or contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

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.

Help Needed for Thursday Adoration

We have not returned to our full number of adorers for Thursday Adoration and are asking parishioners to please prayerfully consider spending an hour each week in Adoration. **We especially need help with the following hours: 1:00 am – 2:00am.** If you are interested or need additional information, please call Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

SAVE THE DATE:

St Thomas' Parish Adult Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, following the 6:00 PM mass. Please call the office if you will need childcare. The church will provide the main course, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.



Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank **Helen Rayburn with Vitamins Plus** for supporting our parish bulletin. Vitamins Plus can fill all your vitamin and health food needs. Please visit them at 427 Weathersby Rd., Hattiesburg, MS 39402. **Remember on the 1st Tuesday of every month everything is 25% off.**

2nd Collection December 4/5th

SVDP Community Pharmacy provides prescription medication and wellness education to those in need. We have now been serving the poor in the Dioceses of Biloxi for over 20 years and our program continues to evolve to meet the increasing demands for prescription medicine. We filled over 30,100 prescriptions in 2020. The value of the medicine dispensed or secured for clients through our Patient Assistance Program topped \$1.5 million. Our pharmacies in Biloxi and Hattiesburg have worked tirelessly during the Covid-19 pandemic. At no point has our pharmacy had to close, we've simply changed how we operated. We are grateful to Bishop Kihneman and Fr. Mark for setting aside the weekend of December 4th & December 5th, for the annual second collection for the SVDP Community Pharmacy. Thank all of you for your generous support of our Mission.

Lectors: As you see the schedule is not complete. Please contact Kathy if you are willing to read at one of the masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve and Day.

Mass Intentions

M-Nov 29th Recardo Hernandez-RIP
T-Nov 30th Joey & Christina Villacorta-30th Anniversary
W-Dec 1st Joe Lichtenhan-deaconate formation
T- Dec 2nd Rogene Molaison-RIP
F-Dec 3rd Charles Hosey-RIP
S-Dec 4th Deaconate classes of 2022&2025, Calvin, Joe & Felix
S-Dec 5th 8:00 William Schwaed-RIP
10:15 Parish
6:00 Bernadetta Seva-healing

November 29-December 5th

M Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11
T Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
W Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
T Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27
F Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Sat Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Sun Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11, Lk 3:1-6

November Lector Schedule

27th 5:30pm David Williams
28th 8:00am Rich Mohn

10:15am Italo Subbarao

December Lector Schedule

4th 5:30pm David Williams
5th 8:00am Rich Mohn

10:15am Shirley Hendricks

11th 5:30pm Debbie Boyer

12th 8:00am Malia Lewis

10:15am Italo Subbarao

18th 5:30pm Carmen Robinson

19th 8:00am Reggie Blackledge

10:15am Valerie Acocella

24th 4:00pm Elizabeth Yankay

6:00pm Need Volunteer

Midnight: Carol Soriano

25th 10am **Need Volunteer**

26th 8:00am Kathy Schimel

10:15am Shelby Miserendino

31st 11:30pm Rich Mohn

January 1st 9am Need Volunteer

5:30pm Need Volunteer

**PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY
DECEMBER 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God’s people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen”</p>			<p>1 Father Everardo Mora- Tores</p>	<p>2 Father Braxton Necaise</p>	<p>3 Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihneman III</p>	<p>4 Please Pray For An Increase In Vocations</p>
<p>5 Pope Francis</p>	<p>6 Fathers Cuddy O’Connell & Michael O’Connor</p>	<p>7 Fathers Bernard Papania & Daniel Patino</p>	<p>8 Fathers Dominic Vu Xuan Pham & Thang John Pham</p>	<p>9 Father Ken Ramon- Landry</p>	<p>10 Father Mark Ropel</p>	<p>11 Father Alwin Sami H.G.N.</p>
<p>12 Father Jacob M. Smith OFM</p>	<p>13 Father James Smith</p>	<p>14 Father Mike Snyder</p>	<p>15 Father Emmanuel Subaar</p>	<p>16 Father Sebastian Thekkedath CMI</p>	<p>17 Father Truong Q Trinh</p>	<p>18 Father John Ugochucwu</p>
<p>19 Father Adam Urbaniak</p>	<p>20 Father Joe Uko</p>	<p>21 Father Peter Varghese C.M.I.</p>	<p>22 Father Khoa Phi Vo</p>	<p>23 Father Thomas White</p>	<p>24 Father Richard Wagner S.S.J.</p>	<p>25 Father Marcin Wiktor</p>
<p>26 For Priest &Brothers @ St. Augustine Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School</p>	<p>27 For Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers, & Deacons</p>	<p>28 For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Morin</p>	<p>29 For Our Deacons & Deacon Candidates</p>	<p>30 For Our Seminarians</p>	<p>31 For Your Parish Priest(s)</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>

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