

July 24, 2022
The Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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July 17th Collection: \$9,858.25
Direct Deposit: \$2,638.75
Online Deposit \$782.50

Upcoming Second Collections
July 24th No Second Collection
July 31st St Vincent DePaul
August 7th Extension Society
August 14th Building Fund
August 21st Eagle Catholic

Summer Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00PM

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Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.

Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8AM, 10:15 AM

Weekday Masses:

Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. 8:15AM, Wed. – 6:00 PM,

Thur. & Fri. – 8:15 AM

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,

Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM; 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



If happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place,

after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him,

Lord, teach us to

PRAY

just as John also taught his disciples. Luke 11:1

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Divine Mercy Cenacle

If you would be interested in joining a group to study St Faustina's diary, consider joining the Cenacle. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10am in the St. Thomas room. Feel free to come & see. For more information call Tish at 601-543-9723.

Catholics in Recovery

Catholic in Recovery is a ministry that provides healing for those seeking recovery from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery with the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join us as we overlap scripture from Sunday's mass, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer.

Confidentiality is protected. We meet every Monday night at 6:30 in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Emily at Emiliosbornerhodes@gmail.com or leave a message at the St. Thomas parish office, (601) 264-5192.

Vocation Prayer

Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest has told us that the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women, Dedicated Married couples, and Committed Single persons. Help us to follow Christ faithfully and to answer the call to holiness and discipleship. We ask this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III
Bishop of Biloxi

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The Healing Road: Moving Through the Change Weekend Retreat

Friday, August 26 –

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Retreat Description: Everyone experiences at one time or another life events that bring them to their knees, where Hope and Light fade. The Healing Road retreat participant has an opportunity to tune in to God's healing presence in the context of prayer fellowship and wisdom words

WHAT TIME DOES IT START?

Check-in Friday night from 6-7 pm EST. Retreat begins at 7pm EST and ends after Lunch on Sunday

NEED INFORMATION?

Contact: Retreat Team Leader

Cindy Hoover, MCA

Phone: 334-614-8669

Email: cjhoover_99@yahoo.com

WHERE IS IT HELD?

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat

107 Holy Trinity

Rd

Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856

WHAT IS THE COST?

Overnight: \$200.00 per person (includes \$85.00 non-refundable deposit).

Day Hop: \$95.00 per person (includes a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit).



We extend our deepest sympathy to Leroy Rider and the family of Kim Rider who died July 18, 2022. May God's loving presence strengthen them during this time of sorrow, and may they be consoled knowing that their loved one is at peace.

There will be a funeral service for Kim on Saturday, July 23rd at 10:30am.

Mini- Library:

New Book; "Catholic Essentials; A Guide to Understanding Key Church Teachings by Fr. Wade L. J. Menezes, CPM. Imprimatur. EWTN publishing. Finally, here is a book that provides brief teachings on the basics of the Faith for everyone. Quickly find answers to questions on Faith. Contents are listed by subject. Scott Hahn says 'I highly recommend Catholic Essentials for its solid doctrine, moral clarity, and compact practicality. It addresses real questions that ordinary people ask today.' For information contact Pat Peterson, librarian, by phone or text at 601-549-4620.

The St. Thomas Comfort and Care

committee will have a day of prayer and reflection for all the ladies of St Thomas parish, on Monday, August 22nd from 9am to 2pm in the Parish Center with talks by Fr Mark and Fr Braxton. Lunch will be served.

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adoration

Monday Adoration:

Hours are 2-9PM. 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 5:30 PM Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9PM. Visitors are more than welcome and can come anytime for whatever amount of time they'd like. For any questions, contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 by phone or text

Tuesday Adoration

From 9am after daily Mass until 12 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. **We currently need help with the 1am hour.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

Brothers in Christ

men's bible study and prayer group will resume meeting after Labor Day.

CatholicMassTime.org

provides easy access to Mass schedules, church locations, parish contact information and more. If you are traveling, check for masses near you or check church contact information within a specific area.

Business Sponsor Spotlight



We would like to thank Stewart Deen for supporting the parish bulletin. Stewart joined The Nowell Agency, an independent agency and a Nationwide Insurance Company, as an insurance executive. His office, located on Oak Grove Road, can evaluate your insurance needs regarding your home, auto, life, jewelry, guns, boats, RV, trailers, and motorcycles. Please contact him at 601-268-8838 for all your insurance needs.



Thank you so much to those who have committed to our goal for FOCUS. We appreciate your investment in our Catholic Students! As of July 22, 2022, we have raised \$59,910.00 of the \$67,000 needed to cover the cost for the year. (Only \$7,090.00 to go!!). If you are interested in pledging for FOCUS, please pick up a green pledge card, located in the pews and near the entrances of the church. To turn your pledge card in you may drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Please help us reach our goal & Thank You for your support.

Do You Have Any Damaged Flags?

The Knights of Columbus have donated a box to St. Thomas that is to be used for any old flags that can no longer be flown. The box is in front of the nursery, and you can put your flags in the box and the Knights will have a ceremony in the fall where they will dispose of the old flags.

Mass Intentions

M-July 25th Matt Morris family – Sp. Int.
T-July 26th Gene Martel - RIP
W-July 27th Emmanuel Nwachukwu – BD
T- July 28th Richard Krieg family – Sp. Int.
F-July 29th Gerri Heckel – RIP
Sat-July 30th Carreme Curry – 90th BD
Sun-July 31st
8:00 Emmanuel Nwachukwu – BD
10:15 Parish
6:00 NO PM MASS

Readings July 25th – 31st

M 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
T Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43
W Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
T Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
F Jer 26:1-9 (405)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sat Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
Sun Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

July Lector Schedule

23rd 5:30 Roger Smith
24th 8:00 Rich Mohn
10:15 Shirley Hendricks
30th 5:30 Debbie Boyer
31st 8:00 Renee Brett
10:15 Silvia Preston

Bible Study:

Beginning in September we will start the bible study, The Bible and the Virgin Mary. The 12 sessions are part of the St. Paul Center's dynamic journey through the scripture bible series. It is based upon Dr. Scott Hahn's book, Hail, Holy Queen. We will meet Mondays from 1:00 PM to 2:30PM and Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Sign-up sheets are at both doors. Please sign up so we know how many books to order. You do not need to attend both sessions, but if you miss one day you can catch up in another class.

The cost of the books is \$30.00

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