



The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*

Saturday Vigil
January 13, 2018
4:00 p.m.

Lectors: Donna Martello, Ryan Wingfield
Eucharistic Ministers: Melinda Laird (E), Allen Richard (E), Beth Richard (PB), Jean Biglane (PB), Pat Gamberi (Handicapped)
Greeters: Karen Blain, Emily Eidt, Ruth McWilliams (EI)
Ushers: Mark Carter (H), Freddie Biglane (C), Paul Burns (C)
Gift Bearers: Chosen by Head Usher / Mass Coordinator
Cross Bearer: Paul Burns
Servers: Sophia Bennett, Kot Morris
Mass Coordinator: Mark Carter

Sunday
January 14, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Karen Verucchi, Maria Verucchi
Eucharistic Ministers: Joey Gunning (E), Margaret Guido (E), Betty Lou Hicks (PB), Agnes Holloway (PB), Julie Riley (Choir and Handicapped)
Greeters: Paige Iseminger, Barry Iseminger, Ann Gaude (EI)
Ushers: Dan Miller (H), Barry Iseminger (C), Donnie Holloway (C)
Gift Bearers: Chosen by Head Usher / Mass Coordinator
Cross Bearer: David Gaude
Servers: Maddie Verucchi, Philip Zuccaro
Mass Coordinator: Philip Zuccaro

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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ALTAR WORKERS

January 12: Jeanne Sanguinetti

FLOWER GUILD

January 13: Lorraine Hampton

CARPENTER'S CUP (10:00 am Mass)

January 14: Kenny & Brenda Decareaux

PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Weekly Envelopes:

Loose Contributions:

Children's Contributions:

Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget

\$11,057.70

\$326.93

Amount received last weekend

\$15,519.00 (159)

\$693.00

\$0.00 (0)

Mississippi Catholic, 2018:

Special Collections:

Budgeted weekly amount for 2017-2018 fiscal year is \$11,096.16 (\$577,000.00 for the year)

AN AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATOR (AED) IS LOCATED IN THE BULLETIN ROOM ON THE ELEVATOR SIDE OF THE BASILICA. USHERS AND MASS COORDINATORS ARE AWARE OF THE LOCATION.

NOTE TO PARISH AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS / EMPLOYEES:

Do Not Forget To Read Your Monthly VIRTUS Training Bulletin! The current month's bulletin and all past bulletins are available online.

This is a diocesan requirement for *all* employees and volunteers. Please call the church office if you have any questions!



RCIA meets on Thursday evenings in the O'Connor Family Life Center, 613 Main St., in the Youth Wing. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is available.

6:00 pm Light Supper followed by RCIA presentation at 6:30 p.m. and Question and Answer Session at 7:30 p.m. Please join us!

January 11 Eucharist Todd and JoAnn Waycaster
January 18 Reconciliation Ruth Powers



The following friends and members of our parish need our prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the church office 601-445-5616 to have names added to the prayer list. Names will be removed after four weeks.

Henry LeBlanc	Mary Brasher	Joe Eid
Christine LeBlanc	Johnnie and David	Speedy Wilson
Judy Clements	Galer	Father O'Connor
Ann Thompson	Lewis Vance	Willie Rymer
Brian Warren	Evelyn Ferguson	Diane Golden
Lance Gaude	Karen and Larry	*****
Mary Warren	Gardner	Paisley Mardis
Esther Shaifer	Fr. Antoine Lynch	Rolland Golden
Mary Gunning	Charlene Rushing	Dennis Christian
Clarene Guercio	Philip Callahan	Connie Louviere
Bernice Martello	Mac Mardis	Ann Martello
Markia Sullivan	Kay Whitehead	Spitchley
Suellen Barnett	Johnny Germany	Aaron Hunter
Tommy O'Beirne	Beverly Hall	Cole Doughty
Johnny Gamberi	*****	Jennifer Daste
Kenneth J. Nosser	Anne Giadrosich	Crowder
Ben Butler	Dinah Ricks	Ricky Wilcox
Walter Harrison	Patricia Gaude	Jimmy McGraw
Carolyn Krueger	Daniel Miller	Katie Sims
Brenda Oliphant	Virginia	Lynda Doughty
Patty Brown	Whitehead	Bridget Swindell
*****	Donnie Verucchi	
Leland Reames	Mary Faggione	
Henry John Barnett	Bobby McLean	
Leona Carter	Phillip Mardis	
Logan Byrne	Roxie Miller	
Angeline Gibson	Audley and Lorna	
Wanda Mulvihill	Case	
Cathy Helmrich	Leona Uzzetta	

KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY JOIN ONE OF OUR CLASSES

QiGONG / TAI-CHI CHUAN

QiCong /Tai-Chi Chuan is taught every Wednesday 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center. Great for seniors or anyone!

YOGA is offered every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center. Babysitting available.

LINE DANCING Every Monday morning 10:00-11:00 at Assumption, Tuite Hall (10 Morgantown Road) Everyone is welcome!

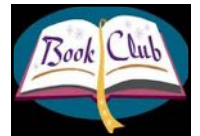
SECOND COLLECTION

January 6 and 7: Saltillo Mission

Saltillo Mission, sponsored and supported by the Catholics of Mississippi and staffed by our diocesan priests, ministers to approximately 35,000 Catholics of Saltillo as well as to 40 village missions. Please give generously. Envelopes are in the pews.

BOOK CLUB TO RESUME

The next meeting of the St. Mary Book Club will be at 6 p.m on January 16 in the FLC. If you plan to attend, we will be discussing Chapters 1-8 of *A Pope and A President: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Extraordinary Untold Story of the 20th Century* by Paul Kengor.



FATHER O'CONNOR TO BE AWAY

Father O'Connor will attend an annual priests reunion in Biloxi Monday-Wednesday (Jan. 8-10) and the Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference in New Orleans on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 11-12, 2018.



PRAYERS FOR MILITARY and LAW ENFORCEMENT

We pray for those listed below who serve in the military or in law enforcement at this time, especially any of those who are serving in Iraq or in other dangerous areas of the world. Contact the church office at 601-445-5616 to have names added.

Bob Loyed Lively	Matt Bounds	Bruck Krafft
Russell Fleet	Richard Walcott	Josh Jackson
Palmer Taylor	Russ Williams	Matthew Voss
Jay Foggo	Brandan Bordelon	Xander Miller
Michael Stevens	Christopher	Priester Byrne
James Arnold	Shaidnagle	Mike Chapman
Ashley Bennett	Marcus Estes	Ben Hewitt
Kyle Aldrich	Aaron Moore	Travis Patten
	Matthew Henderson	Josh Gamberi

Take the trip of a L I F E T I M E

Join Father David O'Connor
on a trip to Ireland

Spend nine nights in Ireland, staying in four-star hotels and traveling in a luxury coach. Full breakfast each day, five dinners including a banquet at a medieval castle.



\$3,884

For information or reservations contact

617-639-0273 or

info@caragrouptravel.com

THE ST. MARY PARISH WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER JANUARY 10, 2018



MENU

Pork Loin
Yellow Rice
Green Beans
Salad
Rolls
Cake

Chef:

Bonnie Woodward

Parish Team

Knights of Columbus

COST

Adult	\$5.00
Senior	\$4.00
Student	\$3.00
Under 3	No charge
Family Maximum	\$20.00
Takeouts after 6 pm	\$6.00

KIDS CAFÉ MENU for Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Steak Fingers, Rice and Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Cake

PARISH / COMMUNITY



ADORATION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come to a quiet place where you can be with Jesus every Monday following Mass, from 8:30 am-5:30 pm in St. Mary Basilica.

There will be NO Adoration on Mondays, December 25 and January 1, due to Christmas and New Year's Day.

Please consider committing to an hour with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday from 8:30 am-5:30 pm. We have many hours during this time with no committed adorers or with only one committed adorer. If that one person cannot make his/her assigned time, no one is there with Jesus. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended for any amount of time! If you can commit for one hour each Monday at St. Mary, please call the St. Mary office.

- Adoration—realizing the greatness of God, pondering who God is, who I am.
- Contrition (Sorrow) - for my failings, my sins, my weakness, and for the sins of the world.
- Thanksgiving—for the blessings and gifts God has given to me, natural and spiritual
- Supplication (Petition) - presenting to God my needs, whether spiritual or temporal, for body or soul. especially for vocations, respect for life, family needs, our country.
- Pray the Sacred Scriptures, Rosary, or Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
- Just spend time with Jesus.



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Dr. John and Marcie Carlton and family on the death of John's grandmother **Ann Lum Ballew** on Sunday, December 24, 2017.

We extend our sympathy to the Art Dawson family on the death of **William Ronald "Ronnie" Dawson** on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

We extend our sympathy to Allen Wingfield, Ronny and Jan Wingfield, Ryan and Amanda Wingfield and family on the death of Allen's wife, **Harriette Scruggs Wingfield**, on December 29, 2017.

We extend our sympathy to Stephen and Susan Nielsen on the death of Susan's mother, **Barbara Lae**, on January 2, 2018.

May God be with these families in their time of grief, and may He grant Ronnie, Ann, Harriette, and Barbara eternal rest and peace.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join us at 8:30 in the O'Connor Family Life Center on Sunday mornings before 10:00 Mass for our Bible study program. No preparation is necessary nor is any commitment to continue with the group.

We will just be happy to have you join us! If you have questions or comments please let me know! Thanks!

—Karen Verucchi, Class Facilitator 601- 870-5388

CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS



St. Mary Basilica Catholic Extension wall calendars for 2018 are now available for each parish family to pick up by the doors of the church.

We apologize for the delay in receiving the calendars this year. They were ordered in a timely manner in June, but due to unknown circumstances, they were not delivered until January 2, 2018!

2017 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

All contributions to St. Mary for 2017 should be turned in to the church office no later than Tuesday, January 18. Checks must be dated 2017. All contributions received after Jan. 18 will automatically be credited to your 2018 statement. Tax statements for 2017 for all parishioners will be printed in late January.

Miss Lou Community Support Group for those grieving loss due to suicide meets Thursday, January 18, 2018.



**The session begin at 6:30 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church
2 Fatherland Rd., Natchez, MS**

If you have any questions, please contact:
Jana and Pete Mills, 601-431-4818

Grief and Loss Support Group

WHEN: Second **Monday** of each Month, 5:30 pm

WHERE: Compassion Care Hospice Suite A
113 Jefferson Davis Blvd. Natchez



**Open to the Public
Next Meeting:**

This Monday, January 8, 2018
(for information call 601-442-6800)

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: December 11, 2017

(Submitted by Megan Guido)

PRESENT: Father O'Connor, Norm Yvon, Augusta Smith, Carolyn Eidt Myers, Gabe Cassagne, Paul Dawes, Jessica Stubbs, Pat Tumminello, Justin Johnson, Mark Carter, Charles Garrity, Jimmy Simmons, Ruth McWilliams, Barbara Kaiser, Ruth Powers, Megan Guido, Philip Zuccaro, Joey Gunning, Ricky Warren and Mike Roboski.

CORRECTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: It was brought to Megan's attention that she left two council members off of the roll call. Gabe Cassagne and Pat Tumminello were indeed present for November's meeting.

Commission reports stand without much discussion unless there is a proposal that needs voting on or clarification or direction is needed from the Council

COMMUNITY SERVICES: A council member suggested that a central meeting place/time for the disbursement of gifts such as the Family Life Center be implemented with the St. Mary Christmas Adopt-a-Family. A couple other council members agreed that the exchange of gifts is very awkward.

LITURGY: A huge amount of work goes into decorating the Basilica for Christmas and setting up the Nativity Scene. Thanks to all the volunteers!

PARISH LIFE: Parish Life will host an open house in the Family Life Center on 12/23 from 10 until noon. Santa will pass by with the parade.

FAMILY LIFE: The nursery at the Family Life Center needs some attention.

YOUTH: Breakfast with Santa in the Family Life Center was a fun event. Thanks to everyone who helped!

TECHNOLOGY: This commission is looking for a new chairperson.

PARISH HEALTH: Faith community nursing has great potential, but this current committee might be revamped.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Enrollment #'s for 17-18 as of 12/5/17:
PK3-6th = 384; 7th-12th = 279.

PRAYER GARDEN: Mrs. Barbara Kaiser is waiting on a cost estimate for the proposed gazebo.

REPORT ON LITURGICAL MUSIC: The search is still ongoing. It is hoped that we find a music director that comes with knowledge of a fundamental children's music program.

CATHOLIC CULTURAL CENTER: The next steps in our planning process are as follows:

1. Set up a meeting with Dr. Charles Nolan, who started the Catholic Cultural Center in New Orleans in order to get information on details of setting up such a center and make it work with our prioritized goals.
2. Meet with member(s) of the Building and Maintenance Commission to discuss changes that will be needed to the two rooms that will be used for exhibit space.

OTHER: Ruth Powers reported on the Loyola Theology Program. The group is going strong and moving forward with seven participants. The second course will begin in January.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6 p.m.

***PLEASE SEE THE INSERT IN THIS BULLETIN
REGARDING THE ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP.***



PASTORAL COUNCIL TRAINING WORKSHOP

All members of *St. Mary Pastoral Council* and of the *Commissions / Committees*

[Building and Maintenance, Finance, Liturgy, Parish Life, Family Life, Religious Education, Technology, Community Services, Youth, Parish Health Ministry] are expected to attend the annual Pastoral Council Strategic Training Session on **Monday, January 15, 2018 in the O'Connor Family Life Center.**

Light Supper 5:30-6:00 pm

Training / Planning Sessions 6:-8:30 pm

Babysitting will be provided.

This workshop will serve as the January meeting for all the commissions.

NOTE: Commission/Committee Chairpersons are asked to contact their members and remind them to be present at this January 15th training and planning meeting.

Contact the church office if you are unable to attend (stmarybasilica@cableone.net) or call Donna Martello at 601-445-5616.



NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Almost every commission welcomes new members (exception: **Finance Council**—members are individually chosen by Father O'Connor to verify that prospective members are regular contributors to St. Mary Parish).

Prospective members to **Building and Maintenance** are drawn from people with knowledge and understanding of maintenance and repairs of building.

Community Services has a new chairperson, Susan Nielsen, and seeks new members. **Family Life** now has two sections. **Section A** has Ricky Warren as acting-chair. This section addresses concerns of adults and families, enrichments of families, ministry to special groups, support groups, etc. This section needs new members.

Section B has Jessica Stubbs as interim chair. This section provides ministry to children and young families—Children's liturgies, Vacation Bible School, Children's Liturgy of the Word, etc. New members are needed.

The following commissions are working well but can use new members: **Liturgy, Parish Life, Religious Education, Youth.**

The **Technology and Media** commission needs a new chairperson and new members. The mission of this commission is to explore ways that St. Mary can effectively use social media for the work of evangelization, education and spiritual growth.

If you are willing to serve on any commission (except finance) and /or attend the Pastoral Council Planning workshop in Monday, January 15, 2018, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., please contact Donna Martello at the parish office.

LITURGICAL ROLES—lectors, ushers, servers, greeters, choir members: New members are needed for each of these roles. Again contact the parish office 601-445-5616.

YARD SIGNS Due to the success of the Walk With Us In The Christmas Spirit campaign, you are asked to either store your yard signs for reuse next year or to turn them in to the church office. Thank you for your participation!



ST. MARY YOUTH PROGRAMS CALENDAR

YOUTH BAKE SALES – Jan. 20 & 21 After Sat. Vigil & Sun. Morning Mass

The Youth Groups are having a Bake Sale after both the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses. We'll have cakes, cookies, brownies, homemade candy, casseroles, homemade soups and more! Proceeds from the bake sales help support our Youth Programs. **Calling All Bakers!!!!** St. Mary's Youth welcomes and greatly appreciates any parishioner's help in making treats for our upcoming bake sale immediately following mass. Baked goods can be dropped off in St. Therese Hall before each Mass.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION - St. Mary's Kids (PK3-2 Grades) & KCYO (3-5 Grades)

Wed., Jan. 10 – 6pm – After the Wednesday Night Dinner we will have a celebration of the Epiphany after the Parish Dinner, where a reading of the Epiphany story to the children will take place with crafts and coloring activities.

ST. MARY'S KIDS (PK302 Grade) & KCYO (3-5 Grade)

Jan. 10 – Wed – 6p - Epiphany Celebration after Parish Meal – crafts, storytelling, & more

JCYO (6-8 Grade)

Jan. 7 – Sun - No meeting due to school holidays

Sun., Jan. 15 – No Meeting – MLK Holiday weekend

Jan. 20 & 21 - Sat. & Sun. - Bake Sales after both Masses

Jan. 21 – Sun - 4:30-6p – Meeting & Meal

Jan. 28 – Sun. – No meeting

Feb. 4 - Sun. – 4:30-6 pm – “Bible Bowl” with Super Bowl games and snacks

CYO (9-12 Grade)

Jan. 7 – Sun - No meeting due to school holidays

Sun., Jan. 15 – No Meeting – MLK Holiday weekend

Jan. 20 & 21 - Sat. & Sun. - Bake Sales after both Masses

Jan. 21 – Sun - 5:30-7p – Meal & Meeting

Jan. 28 – Sun. – 10a-4p – **LEADERSHIP RETREAT** – mass, lunch, games, & more – presented by John Smestad, Jr. (Executive Director of Pastoral Planning and Ministries at the Archbishop of New Orleans) and CYO members of St. Dominic Parish in New Orleans. **More information in next weekend's bulletin!**

Feb. 2-4 – Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference – “Ablaze 2018” – Vicksburg Convention Center – 9-12 Grades (For more information contact Carrie Lambert: 601-445-5616 or stmaryyouth@cableone.net)

ST. MARY PEWTER ORNAMENTS 1-25 IN STOCK

For twenty-five years, beginning in 1993, St. Mary Basilica has provided a Christmas ornament in pewter. Many of the images on these are from the windows of St. Mary Basilica. However, this Christmas we are depicting a statue in St. Mary Basilica of a very popular saint of the Catholic Church—St. Anthony of Padua. This new ornament has been delivered to the Rectory. With this new ornament's arrival, we now have all 25 of these ornaments in stock in the church office available for purchase. Ornaments #1-18 sell for \$10 each (plus shipping if applicable). Ornaments #19 - #25 sell for \$12 each (plus shipping if applicable). The complete set of all 25 is \$250 (plus shipping if applicable).

Ornament #25 St. Anthony of Padua



- #1 The Nativity
- #2 Our Lady of Sorrows
- #3 Saint Ann and Mary
- #4 St. Dominic, The Blessed Virgin, and Mary
- #5 St. Joseph and Child
- #6 Our Lady of Good Counsel
- #7 The Basilica
- #8 St. Catherine Labourer
- #9 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- #10 Angel Above St. Peter Window
- #11 St. Theresa, the Little Flower
- #12 St. Francis of Assisi
- #13 St. Roch
- #14 Sacred Heart of Jesus
- #15 Bishop Chanche
- #16 St. Patrick
- #17 Cure of Ars
- #18 Immaculate Heart of Mary
- #19 St. Jude
- #20 St. Mary Family Life Center
- #21 Pope Francis I
- #22 Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- #23 Maria Alexandrina Bell
- #24 St. Teresa of Calcutta



The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Department of Family Ministry is pleased to announce that World Marriage Day 2018 will be held Sunday, February 4, 2018, at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson, Mississippi. There will be Mass with a reception immediately following. The Mass honors all married couples but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th or 60th anniversaries or any significant anniversary. Invitations will be mailed in January. *If you have an anniversary and your name has been accidently omitted from the following list, please call Donna as soon as possible at the church office 601-445-5616.*

St. Mary will host its parish celebration for all married couples, especially those celebrating their 15th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60th plus anniversaries in 2018, on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at the Wednesday Night Dinner.

60th Plus Anniversaries

Billy and Pat Dale	April 4, 1951
Sonny and Mary Estelle Sanguinetti	April 7, 1951
Clint and Elizabeth Smith	June 3, 1951
Robert and Rose Foley	Feb. 20, 1954
Ron and Roseminette Gaudé	June 21, 1956
Walter and Peggy Sandel	August 4, 1956
Ed and Claudette Songy	December 21, 1957

60th Anniversary

Walter and Estelle Maier	October 11, 1958
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50th Anniversaries

Frank and Dorothy Drouillard	October 12, 1968
Johnny and Betty Lou Hicks	August 31, 1968
Michael and Patricia Murphy	April 27, 1968
Lamont and Margaret Rowe	April 6, 1968

40th Anniversaries

Pat and Karen Biglane	November 19, 1978
Braxton and Carol Hobdy	June 10, 1978
Lee and Deborah Martin	February 4, 1978
Thomas and Janet Matthews	August 12, 1978
Michael and Mimi Puddister	December 15, 1978

25th Anniversaries

Craig and Margaret Beesley	August 7, 1993
Blane and Jennifer Mire	April 3, 1993

15th Anniversaries

Clay and Shannon Bland	January 4, 2003
Matt and Karen Verucchi	May 24, 2003
Brandon and Suzanne Price	September 6, 2003

STAPLES FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 6 and 7

This weekend at the Masses, we are having our monthly food collection for the needy in our area. A box for all donations is located in the vestibule of the church. As always, all non-perishable food items, especially those items on the Staples Drive list, are appreciated and distributed. *We also welcome cash/check donations that we use to fill boxes with specifically needed items. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Basilica.* Catholic Charities Natchez handles distribution, so you can be assured your donations are helping.



Also, please feel free to drop off food items or cash by the church office at any time. Thank you again, St. Mary Basilica parishioners and friends, for your continued support of this project coordinated by the Community Services Committee.

STAPLES FOOD DRIVE LIST:

#2 bag sugar, flour, corn meal; Dried beans of any kind; Rice; Canned vegetables and Canned fruit; Macaroni and cheese; Vegetable oil; Peanut butter and Jelly; Grits and Oatmeal; Dried or non-perishable milk; Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, ravioli, beef stew, etc.)

STEW POT NEWS—

Please Note Change

Starting in January, the St. Mary Stewpot volunteers will serve on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month, instead of the **THIRD SUNDAY**. Please make note of this for service hours and if you are cooking the juicy burger meat. **The first, FIRST SUNDAY will be this Sunday, January 7, 2018.**

Thanks to all who all who volunteer to cook and serve!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Altar Society, Liturgy Commission and volunteers will dismantle the manger/nativity in St. Mary Basilica on Epiphany Sunday afternoon, January 7, at 2:00 p.m. ***We ask that you help us in this undertaking— all are welcome and your help will be truly appreciated!***



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People passed by the U.S. Bishops in Dallas, the Diocese of Jackson wishes to encourage any victim of sexual abuse by a member of the Catholic Clergy to come forward and begin the healing process. When an allegation is found to be credible, counseling will be offered, so that the healing process can begin in accord with our present diocesan policy.

We encourage any victim to contact Valerie McClellan, Victims Assistance Coordinator at 601-326-3728.

HEALING HANDS and PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you knit, crochet, tat, quilt, do needlework, the St. Mary Healing Hands and/or the Prayer Shawl Ministry would like you to join them this **Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Family Life Center**. Bring your latest project and a snack to share. Come relax with friends and enjoy the healing power of handwork.



ANOINTING MASS January 10

The monthly Anointing Mass for January will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at Assumption Church at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow in Tuite Hall. All are welcome.


Confirmation Focus Session

for all candidates and their sponsors will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2018, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Wing of the Family Life Center. All candidates and sponsors are expected to attend.



CALL CHURCH OFFICE

If someone in your family or a friend is admitted to a nursing/rehabilitation home and this person is a Catholic, please call the St. Mary church office (601-445-5616) and provide us with this information so that we can arrange for someone to visit them and bring them the sacraments. Due to privacy policies, nursing homes cannot give our parish ministers to the sick information regarding the religious denomination of patients. Also, if there are members of our parish who because of illness or some other condition cannot regularly attend Mass and are confined to their home, please let us know. We would like to place these parishioners on our weekly visitation list.

 Masses for the Week	INTENTION	DONOR	INTENTION	DONOR
	8:00 a.m. Mass			
Monday, 8	Frank M. Pitchford (D)	Patricia Loomis		
Tuesday, 9	Communion Service			
Wednesday, 10	Communion Service			
Thursday, 11	Communion Service			
Friday, 12	Communion Service			
Saturday, 13	Communion Service		4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Special Friends	Father David O'Connor
Sunday, 14			10:00 a.m. Sunday People of the Parish	

MEETINGS THIS WEEK ST. MARY BASILICA

SUNDAY, January 7 Staples Food Drive
 -8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, FLC
 -10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass / 2nd Collection: Saltillo Mission
 -2:00-p.m. Take Down Nativity Scene in Basilica
 -2:00-4:00 p.m. Healing Hands in FLC

MONDAY, January 8
 -8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 -6:00 p.m. Loyola Theology Class, FLC
 -7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, KC Hall

TUESDAY, January 9
 -8:45 a.m. Archives Meeting, Rectory
 -6:00 p.m. Yoga, FLC

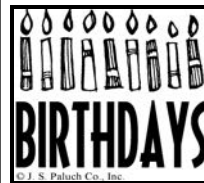
WEDNESDAY, January 10
 -9:00-10:00 a.m. QiGongTai Chi Chuan, FLC
 -11:00 a.m. Anointing Mass / Lunch, Assumption
 -4:00-5:15 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 -5:30-6:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, FLC
 -6:00-7:30 p.m. Confirmation Focus Session, FLC

THURSDAY, January 11
 -10:00 p.m. Deanery II Meeting
 -6:00 p.m. RCIA Light Supper, Youth Wing
 -6:30 p.m. RCIA Presentation, Youth Wing

FRIDAY, January 12

SATURDAY, January 13
 -3:30 p.m. Individual Reconciliation
 -4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, January 14
 -8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, FLC
 -10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass / CLW
 -6:00 p.m. Loyola Theology Class, FLC



Parishioners, please contact the parish office if your birthday is not listed.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 7
 John Holleman
 Mary Beth Dawes
 Emily Rasco
 Margaret Farmer
 Shannan McCalip

January 8
 Estelle Porter
 Reagan White
 Will Christian



January 9
 Beth Trosclair
 Mackie Saleeby

January 10
 Danny Huffines
 Janet Gay
 Madeline Foley

January 11
 Robert Willard
 Rosilyn Adams
 Jennifer Lambuth
 Ruth Darg
 Tina Montagnet
 Grace Biglane

January 12
 Duke Edwards
 Julie Kendall
 Darren Cowart
 Walter Harrison

January 13
 Angela Gibson
 Mike Roboski
 Isaac McIntosh
 Lindley Burkley
 Piper Britt
 Ali Haile
 Diana Glaze

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;
 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or
 Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
 Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
 Mk 2:13-17