

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

Come to the feast! God calls us to participate in the banquet of life, a banquet that can fill and satisfy us like no other. It is a spiritual feast where we kind find inner refreshment and satisfy the thirst and hunger of our souls. Do you want to come? Every human being receives an invitation; no one is excluded. There is no charge and an abundant table is set. Some will blatantly refuse. They see no merit in attending and feel that they can fill their needs in other ways. Others will simply ignore the invitation. Maybe they are too consumed with other matters they feel are more important at the time. Still others may even get angry and feel deep resentment for even being asked, resorting to acts of violence in protest of the very presence of the feast. In spite of this, many will also come. They will be the good and the bad, the lost and the lonely, and the ones who understand. They know love when they see it. When they go to the feast, they will rejoice and be glad as they will have found the God for whom they looked! ©LPi

SCRIPTURE NOTE

Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in his parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles). The details about the sending of troops and the burning of the city, were added later. They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus.

The incident concerning the wedding garment seems to have belonged to a separate parable. It introduces contradictory elements into the story, and is perhaps best omitted. However, if used, keep the following in mind. Courtesy demanded that any guest at a wedding should have the proper wedding garment. One man came without it, symbolizing a life that has undergone no basic change, a life that has not produced the fruits of repentance. The new guests (Christians) will suffer the same fate as Israel if they don't produce the fruits of good works.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (no cooking involved) this coming week (October 12th - 16th). If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Norma Williams at 875-2636. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



You are invited to come to a Marian Movement of Priest Cenacle Mass on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass, Rosary, and Consecration



OUR LADY OF SORROWS: You are invited to come and join us for the 8:15 Mass followed by the recitation of the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows (a rosary of repentance) on the third Saturday of each month. (i.e. October 17th). The purpose of our coming together is threefold: 1) To pray for all victims of sexual abuse 2) To pray, in reparation for all the vile sins committed against the Body of Christ, and 3) To pray for the graces of repentance, healing, conversion and salvation of ALL SOULS!



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jocelyn Mayfield, sister of Norma Williams of this parish, who passed away October 5th.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

Altar Society Members for next week
Judi Anderson, Theresa Stuart & Mark Aultman



The Flowers on the Altar are in
Memory of Jene Pierre

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	OCTOBER 12
Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 37—5:1; Luke 11:29-32	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mollie Davidson
8:15 a.m.	Int. Vice President Michael Pence
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 13
Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Marguerite Spears
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Nolan Fremin
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 14
Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Kathy Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Private Intentions for R,N,P&D
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 15
Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Mr. Robert Carlton
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Toni Gunkel
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 16
Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Mary Wronko
8:15 a.m.	Int. Dr. Randy Roth
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 17
Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Maria Theodore
4:00 p.m.	Mr. André Kaufman Albert Sr. and Eunice Misko
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 18
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21	
7:30 a.m.	Ann and Cecil Wolf
9:00 a.m.	Ms. Susie Jurich
11:30 a.m.	Congregation
5:30 p.m.	Ms. Anna Mitchell

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$11,804.91
 Monthly/Weekly Online Collection.....\$ 4,440.00
 Monthly Poor Collection.....\$ 3301.18
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Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard, Ellen Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry Endt, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Ncaise, Leonard Ncaise, Peggy and Edward Ncaise, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Nancy Riedinger, Jamie Sablich, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch and Thane Williams.

Pray for Vocations

Religious Education News

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Kindergarten – 5th Grade: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Confirmation Class: 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.;
6th – 8th Grade – Edge: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
9th – 12th Grade – Lifeteen: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Oct 15: RCIA, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall Meeting Room
Oct 18: Youth Religious Education Class (times above)



SAINT STANISLAUS EXPLORE SCIENCE DAY: Saint Stanislaus invites all area 5th & 6th grade boys to join them for their 4th Annual Explore Science Day on Thursday, October 15th. This very special day will include hands-on learning guided by our expert science department and upperclassmen. To register and more info: www.ststan.com/explore



A special collection will be taken up next weekend (October 17/18) for World Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith). Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. No special envelope will be available so please mark you donation for World Mission Sunday.



2020 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION: Due to COVID-19 we will not celebrate together at the Cathedral as usual, but, we definitely want to remember the special wedding anniversaries being celebrated in 2020. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc), please complete the form (available in the rectory office or by printing off the parish website under Forms & Applications) and mail it in by October 23, 2020. Couples will receive a certificate signed by Bishop Kihneman, a Renewal of Vows Ceremony that can be celebrated with family or friends and a commemorative program listing all the 2020 couples. Bishop Kihneman will also offer a Mass at the Cathedral for the celebrating couples.



Unite Our Nation, founded by the laity, is a non-political organization formed to help bring peace and prayer to local communities, and healing to our nation. Unite Gulf Coast Mississippi will process (with Eucharist and Rosary) through downtown Ocean Springs on Sunday, October 25th at 3:15 p.m. It will start and end in the St. Alphonsus parking lot. Please join us! It is a family friendly event. For more information, visit uniteournation.net.

Prayer Before an Election: Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. –From *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL

Oct 14: Report Cards
Oct 15: Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK3,K, 2, 3, 4
Oct 16: Children's Mass for Students/Faculty, 9:15 a.m. PK4, 1, 5, 6

St. Alphonsus Catholic School will be hosting its **Annual Night of Neon** on Friday, October 30th. To-go hamburgers will be served as well. To sign up for this year's race or to make a donation supporting the event, please visit www.stal.org/night-of-neon-2020-2/. Sponsorships are also available, including public relations benefits. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities you may email pto@stal.org.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Oct 12: Fall Holiday – No School
Oct 15: Mass, 9:40 a.m.
Oct 16: Fall Sports Senior Night, 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic High School is excited to launch the 2020-21 **LUCK OF THE IRISH RAFFLE** school fall fundraiser! The Luck of the Irish Raffle supports all of the athletic teams and student activities at St. Patrick. Tickets are \$20 each, and a lucky \$1,000 winner will be drawn each month throughout the school year. Each month, the winning ticket remains in the drawing, so those who purchase tickets have a chance to win up to \$10,000. The first drawing will be Friday, October 16! Tickets may be purchased online at stpatrickhighschool.net/irishraffle.



During the month of November, we offer one Mass daily throughout the month in memory of all our deceased loved ones. You may use either the envelope that is in your monthly contribution package or use a blank envelope. Please include the names of your loved ones along with your contribution and return it prior to November 1st if possible. These envelopes will remain on the Altar for the duration of the month of November.



Radio Maria - a Catholic Radio right here in Ocean Springs! You can listen to it on your radio at FM 88.1; livestream it on your computer at radiomaria.us; download the free app onto your smartphone; or by calling 1-712-832-8065. There are many good programs from inspirational Catholic speakers, programs about history, prayer, care giving, finding a job, Marian apparitions, conversion stories, and many others! Plus there is great music. Let us be grateful to God for this sublime gift to us, for His mercies endure forever! Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)



The Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and after all weekend Masses. They are now set up to take credit cards.



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REFLECTION

God's call comes to us in many ways and at many different levels. However, his call is not so much a voice as a tug at our hearts, which we feel at quiet and reflective moments in our lives. He is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life. He is calling us into intimacy with himself. He is calling us into community with others. And at death he will call us into eternal life. To accept means to admit our need. Jesus said, 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry. But blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.' A sense of something missing in our lives is not a curse but a blessing. A spiritual hunger is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.