

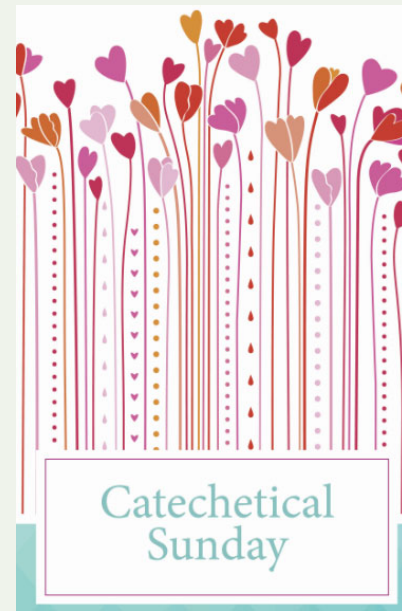
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday-Thursday, 8:30am
Friday: 6:30am



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jsmith@biloxidiocese.org

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Religious Education (SRE): Pre-School-5th Grades, Sundays 10:10-11:20am
6th-12th Grades, Sunday evenings, following the 5:30pm Lifeteen Mass, (September-May)

Baptism: Usually held on the second Sunday of each month. Preparation workshop is required.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Chapel (upstairs in the Office Complex)

Marriage: Call the office at least six months in advance of scheduled wedding date. Attendance at pre-marriage course is required. Wedding policy guidelines may be obtained from office or on website.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:15 – 4:45 pm (or call 863-1610 for an appointment.)

We welcome you to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Long Beach, MS.

If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself before or after Mass.

*Please pick up a census form located in the back of the church, in the display cases,
or call the parish office.*

SCRIPTURE CORNER

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Catechetical Sunday is this Sunday, Sept 17. We will have a special commissioning service for all catechists of our parish who are involved in SRE, Youth Ministry, RCIA, RCIC, RCIT, Adult Faith Formation, teachers in private and public schools, and all adults who teach our children and teens. **The commissioning service will be at the 9am and 5:30pm Masses on Sept 17th.** THANK YOU to our catechists for their dedication and leadership to the faith formation of our children & teens here at St. Thomas.

DATE CHANGE FOR LUNCHKINS
Please note that Lunchkins has been changed to Sept 20.

BUDDY BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR 2017/18

Summer vacation is over and our students are back in school. This is the time that the Buddy Backpack program is organizing for another successful year. This is a chance for our church family to come together and help make sure that students have food for over the weekend. This program is designed to provide children in needy households with food for the weekend when the school meals are not available and works with each school system to identify the children. Donations could include oatmeal, tuna, canned beef stew, fruit cups, cereal, breakfast bars, juices etc.; foods that are nourishing and that little fingers can handle.

Our St. Thomas family has been so generous in the past and I pray for the same support again this year. Monetary donations are also accepted and checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church. Let us keep our students fed. The Backpack bucket will be in the east foyer. The donations will be taken to the First United Methodist Church. Thanks so much! - Judi Matsuba

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council group we are showcasing this week is the Adult Faith Formation Ministry whose mission is to help our Catholic Community learn about our Catholic Faith, putting our beliefs into action by using many methods. If interested, please contact Linda Linder at lkinder59@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

FEW REMINDERS

- Sun, Sept 17....**8 am, KofC Breakfast, 8am, CC
- Mon, Sept 18....**7pm, RCIA, Rm 222
- Tues, Sept 19...** 9am, Quilters, Rm 222
- Wed, Sept 20....** 11:30am, Lunchkins, CC
- Wed, Sept 20....** 7pm, Gospel Study, Isaiah, Rm 222
- Thurs, Sept 21....**7pm, KofC mtg
- Thurs, Sept 21....**7pm, New Wine, Rm 222
- Fri, Sept 22....** 8am-7pm, Adoration in the Chapel
- Sat, Sept 23....**7am, SVdP Society, Friends of the Poor Walk, Long Beach Harbor

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WOMEN'S G.I.F.T. REFLECTION

Thanks to all who attended Women's G.I.F.T. on Saturday Sept 16, 2017. Special thanks to our speakers Father Cuddy and Tara Meleones. We sincerely hope you enjoyed this opportunity to grow in your Catholic Faith Formation. We look forward to providing another opportunity for Women to grow in faith on Sat, Nov 18, 2017.

Women's Growing In Faith Together is presenting a "Get Your Mary On!" Weekend

When: 2 Days October 14th and 15th

Time: Saturday 9-3, Sunday 1-4

Where: St. Thomas Community Center

Cost: \$25.00 fee for any participant to include the workbook or \$5.00 registration fee to attend but not receive the study materials.

Registration Deadline of Oct 1, 2017

For information call or text Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



2017-2018
School Calendar

Wed, Sept 27Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

Thurs, Sept 28....Student of the Month

Visit the website:
svdpcatholicsschool.org
228-222-6000

SVS ANNUAL TECH RUN



SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 14TH 2017
SVS TECH RUN

This family friendly fun run will benefit the Technology Department at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School. The race is an out and back course. Runners and walkers of all fitness levels are invited.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4898
Upcoming events:
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Sun, Sept 17....8-11am, Parish Breakfast
(All proceeds will be donated to benefit Catholic Charities.)

Thurs, Sept 21....7pm, meeting

For more information on membership or any questions, contact Ben DiLorenzo, Grand Knight, at 596-3379.
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Nativity Cathedral. Couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage or more are welcome to attend. Registration forms are available online, in the rear of the church or in church office. **The deadline for registration by mail is September 15, 2017. Please note that registrations by phone, fax or e-mail are not accepted.**



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE
CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION OF
LONG BEACH

QUEEN'S PARTY

Sept 23, 7 to 10pmOaks Club House
Contact Audrey Mayer 228-363-0107 or
Diane Desporte 228-363-4797

A Few Facts About Our Queen and King

Queen Candidate—Linda Nguyen Frost

- an active member of the community
- a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church
- married to Mike Frost
- they have two teenagers

King Candidate —Shane Walker

- an active member of St. Thomas Catholic Church
- married to Rachel Pell
- they have three children
- Shane also has a daughter and one grandchild

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FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Isaiah - The View From Babylon

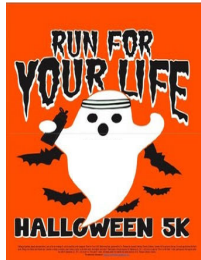
**“Wake up! Wake up! Arise Jerusalem.”
(Is 51:17)**

Study: Isaiah Chapters 40 – 55
When: Wednesdays, continuing until September 27th
Time: 7pm
Place: 2nd floor, St Thomas Parish Office Complex
Information: Call or text Dave Gauthier at
228-596-8835
No Registration Required

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

Calling all goblins, ghosts, princesses, runners, and walkers---join us for St Thomas Youth Ministry's "Run for your Life" 5k and 1 Mile Run/Walk on Oct 7, 2017. This will be an evening race in Downtown Long Beach!

For registration information please go to <https://saintthomaslb.org>. We encourage all our parishioners to come out and support our Youth Ministry program. Register by September 9th to ensure your glow in the dark t-shirt!



SAFE ENVIRONMENTS MANDATORY TRAINING “PROTECTION OF CHILDREN”

.... will be on Tues, Sept 19 from 7 to 8:15pm in the SRE Building for ALL EMPLOYEES and VOLUNTEERS who work with our children/teens here at St. Thomas. They must also complete: THE BACKGROUND CHECK FORM, THE ONLINE CATHOLIC MUTUAL TRAINING SITE & ATTEND THE ABOVE CLASS.

The Diocese of Biloxi is committed to providing a safe environment to all children entrusted to our care and assisting each child to grow in grace and wisdom. Every volunteer who works with minors and every employee of all parishes and Catholic schools of the Diocese of Biloxi must receive a copy of the *Policy of the Diocese of Biloxi Regarding Complaints of Abuse of Minors*.

For complete program materials, please visit the Biloxi Diocese's website:
<http://www.biloxidiocese.org/safe-environment>

Please email Sr. Cecilia if you have any questions or need more information:
ReligiousEducation@SaintThomasLB.org

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



For your tailgating supplies and football parties - please consider purchasing a gift card for your preferred retailer from St Thomas! For athletic and sports wear, we offer Belk's, Dillard's, Footlocker, JC Penney, Kmart/Sears, Kohl's, and Marshall's, just to name a few. For tailgating supplies, including food or take-out, we offer Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings, Winn Dixie, WalMart and Target.

Find a gift card that perfectly matches your sports fan style! Stop by and purchase a gift card from the Support Our Youth Scrip Gift Card sales table in the east foyer after mass or at the Parish Office during the week. Remember, when you buy the gift cards from St Thomas, our proceeds go to youth programs that not only benefit our church but the whole community. Thank you for your continued support!

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK/RUN

The annual SVdP Society Friends of the Poor Walk is Sept. 23, 2017. Registration begins at 7am at the Long Beach Harbor. Please join us to help the needy in our community.

There are several ways you can sign-up and donate online at friendsofthepoorwalk.weebly.com

- Walkers register online or at the Long Beach Harbor (the day of the walk)

We appreciate your support and welcome any donation if you can't join us.

CATHOLIC CLASSES

Our parish is offering “classes” for those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and tradition. The sessions begin on Mon, Sept 18 at 7pm in the RCIA Classroom 222 (upstairs in the administrative office complex-enter through the back parking lot). If you know someone who might be interested, please invite them or bring them. These sessions are for ANYONE who wants to learn about the Catholic faith-maybe a spouse who is not Catholic or a friend or a relative who just wants to understand the Catholic church and its teachings. People who attend these sessions may decide to take the next step—to become Catholic— but there is no obligation at any time. We just invite people to “Come and See”.

For more information, contact Sue Hoffman at 864-5868 or psuehoffman@gmail.com or just come.

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Both Middle and High School Students gather after the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass. Edge Nights (6th—8th grade) will gather upstairs in the Youth Room and Life Nights (9th—12th grade) will gather upstairs in the RCIA / Balcony area. The sessions will begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm. Attendance will be taken each Sunday evening!

September

17th – **Edge** – “**Healthy, Happy, Holy**” – The goal of this night is for the middle school youth to come to a greater understanding of their dignity, worth, and their call to live healthy, happy, and holy lives. This Edge Night is intended to be a part of the Catholic Church’s initiative for continuous training and awareness in Safe Environment.

LifeTeen – “**For What It’s Worth**” The goal of this life night is to help teenagers realize their dignity and worth as given by God. It will challenge teens to understand what a safe environment is, and why our dignity requires that we work for the safety and respect of everyone.

23rd - **7th and 8th Grade Retreat** – Location TBA- Times 9am until 2pm.

24th - **Edge** – “**New Creation**” - The goal of this Edge Night is for the middle school youth to have a greater understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

LifeTeen – “**Take the Plunge**” -The goal of this Life Night is to provide teenagers with a basic understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism, its importance to our faith in Christ, and to challenge teenagers to remember their baptism as an affirmation of God’s love for them.

—Ashlie Moran, youthministry@saintthomaslb.org
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ULTREYA

Fellow Cursillistas, an ULTREYA has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept 21, 2017 at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church 9062 Kiln-DeLisle Road, Pass Christian from 6:30pm to 8pm.

We are revitalizing the Ultreyas in the Western Deanery so your presence would be a great blessing. De Colores!

PreK-5th Grade & RCIC Calendar (2017-2018)

Classes meet on Sundays From 10:10 – 11:20AM
***SAINT MOVIE SUNDAYS BEGIN AT 11:30AM
Sept 17..... SRE Class – Catechetical Sunday
“Living as Missionary Disciples”
Sept 24..... SRE Class

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MANDATORY MEETINGS IN SRE BUILDING FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS ONLY:

9th & 10th Gr....Wed, Oct 11, 7pm

11th Gr....Wed, Oct 18, 7pm or Thurs, Oct 26, 7pm
Parents & Sponsors are required to attend **ONE MEETING ONLY** (either Oct 18 or Oct 26).

MEN’S CURSILLO #270

Week of Sept 21-24, 2017

Dedeaux Retreat Center

The Cursillo is for Catholics who are looking to enrich their faith and prayer life, as well as learn how to live a life of fullness in grace.

For more information contact Al Gombos at 228-348-0203 or agombos@diberville.ms.us

Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, to the diaconate, and to the religious life, especially in the Diocese of Biloxi.

SVdP THANKSGIVING HOME GIVEAWAY

Foxhole Promise, LLC is raffling a home to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Societies in the Biloxi Diocese including St Thomas. The raffle will take place on the Friday after Thanksgiving. There will be a drawdown with additional gifts valued at \$10,000.

The home is 2,110 sq. ft. valued at \$250,000. \$50,000 will be paid toward taxes making the total prize worth \$300,000. Hopefully the winner will be able to move in for Christmas!



For additional information go to www.facebook.com/SVDPHomeGiveAway. Please help us spread the word by Liking, Commenting and Sharing the page every week. Also, there will be updates to watch as the house is being built.

Tickets are \$100. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling the SVdP St. Thomas office number at 228-822-0609 for more information.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 9/19	8:30am	+Alice Carrubba
Wed, 9/20	8:30am	Robert Schnebelen & Son
Thurs, 9/21	8:30am	+Dr. Joseph Villard Jr
Fri, 9/22	6:30am	Donald Leslie
Sat, 9/23	5:00pm	Special Intention Beatrice B. Wilson +Alice Carrubba
Sun, 9/24	7:30am	Jackie Bates
	9:00am	St. Thomas Parish Family
	11:30am	Special Intention
	5:30pm	+Alice Carrubba



PETITIONS OF PRAYER

*Bobbie McIntyre, Janice Cannon, Jimmy DiLorenzo John Hadden, Joyce Smith, McKenzie Mailes, Mary Ann Galle, Laurie Rivenbark, Melinda Broom, Mike Lott, Myrna Jordan, Nicholas Vizzini, Ricky Bullock, Warren Galle Sr. and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual. **We regret that space does not allow us to list the names of each and everyone in the bulletin each week. Names remain on the list for a period of four weeks before being removed.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Julia Marie Lawson
Brad and Brittany Sumrall and children
Elizabeth Perry and daughter, Ramona
Margaret Natalia Cannon

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST HURRICANES

We ask Mary our Mother to join with us in praying that God will protect us and our neighbors during this hurricane season from the dangers and ravages of storms.

We pray to the Lord.

Amen

We also pray for the continued recovery of our neighbors in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida following their hurricanes.

NEXT WEEKEND'S LAY MINISTERS

<u>Sept 23&24</u>					
	<u>5:00 PM Mass</u>	<u>7:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>9:00 AM Mass</u>	<u>11:30 AM Mass</u>	<u>5:30 PM Mass</u>
L	Billie Lee	Susan Pennell	Rodney Sandoz	Sue Hoffman	L1 Bryce Warden
C	Mike Bohilke	Blair Ryle	Annette Williams		L2 Ashton Herodes
	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST	HOST
EMI	Priest	Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest	1 Priest
2	Beverly Leslie	Pam Fallo	Mena Sandoz	Kelly Ribar	Jeré Anthony
3	Jennifer Ellett	Phylis Carlton	Mike Barry		Suzanne Gibson
4	Linda Carden	Carmen Peters	Bob McCummins		Jennifer D. Thomas
	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE	CHALICE
1	Eleanor Commiskey	Linda Shirk	Paige Stinson	Jerry Olson	Julie LaFontaine
2	Bitsy McDonald	Charles Fallo	Martita Pierce	Andrew Ribar	Gerri Richards
3	Spencer Ellett	Jennifer Schmidt	Darlene Barry		Heather Annulis
4	Lisa Starita	Edgar Dapremont	Christine McCummins		Keith Annulis
AS1	Christina Parry (K)	Ada Shirk (S)	London Tredek (P)	Athan Alexander(P)	Gabriel Chappell
2	Charlie Starita (S)	Samuel Shirk (S)	Grace LeFort (P)	Julia Ribar (K)	Carter Hudson
3	Sammy Starita (P)	Jenna Shirk (P)	Jackson Pearce (P)	Nathan Ribar (K)	
4			Theodore Kallinkos(P)		
Gr E	Nathan/Carol Paola		Helen Bristol	Brenda Boney	
Gr S	Linda Carden			Bob Boney	
Gr W	Jeanne/Brian Jemigan		Gail Stopson	Amanda Merrell	

SEPTEMBER 3th & 4th OFFERINGS TOTALS

Envelopes, \$14,478.68
Loose Money, \$1,455.00
Children's Pickle Jar, \$43.00
Electronic Giving, \$8,819.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE OFFERINGS TOTALS FOR SEPT 9 & 10 are unavailable due to Hurricane Irma.

FEATURED AD OF THE WEEK

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Lighthouse Catholic Media Stand... East foyer St Vincent de Paul Society...9:30am-12:30pm, Mon & Thurs, open to help

Adoration in the Chapel... 8am-7pm, Fridays

Youth Gift Cards (Scrip) sales... After all Masses & during office hours, 9am-4:30pm weekdays

Knights of Columbus, Council #4898... 7pm, every first & third Thursday of the month

St. Joseph's Helping Hands... Work day is every first Saturday of the month; meeting is every fourth Thursday

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