



# St. Thomas Newsletter

## January 5, 2024

### **NOTICE**

Starting from February 17, 2024, our Sunday Bulletin will be published in-house, allowing us to provide you with more up-to-date information. As a result, the last newsletter will be sent on February 9, 2024. If you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please contact [bulletin@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:bulletin@saintthomaslb.org).



Please bring non-perishable grocery items to restock the Long Beach Food Pantry to the Masses on this weekend, January 6 & 7, and leave them in the East foyer.

### **LUNCHKINS**

Please Join us for Lunch and Fellowship  
Wednesday Jan 10, 2024, 11:30am  
Bring your favorite dish



### **Parish Family Breakfast**

Sponsored by  
the Knights of Columbus  
Join YOUR St. Thomas Family  
for breakfast and fellowship.  
Sunday, January 21, 2023  
8am – 11am  
\$8.00 a plate



### **HEALING MASS**

Friday, January 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM.  
Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church  
216 Saucier Ave.  
Pass Christian, MS. 39571  
Please bring your friends and those who  
needs special prayers in this powerful  
**Healing Mass.**



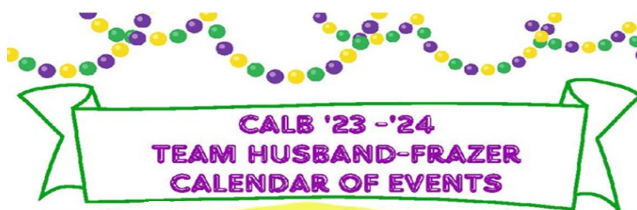
### **SCRIP GIFT CARDS ARE ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE MONDAY—FRIDAY, 9AM—4PM**

Aeropostale, Amazon, American Eagle, Applebee's, Barnes & Nobles, Bath & Body Works,  
Bed Bath & Beyond, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Cabelas, Chili's, Chuck E. Cheese's, Coastal Car Wash, Cracker Barrel, Dairy Queen, Dick's, Dillard's, Domino's, Gymboree, Hallmark, Home Depot, iTunes, JC Penney, Landsend, Little Caesars, Lowe's, Nike, O'Charley's, Office Max, Outback, Papa John's, PetSmart, Pier 1 Imports, Pizza Hut, Rite Aid, Sears-Kmart, Shaggy's, Shoe Carnival, Sonic, Taco Bell, Talbot's, T.J. Maxx, Winn Dixie



### *Adult Confirmation Classes are Forming*

Contact Dave Gauthier at 228 596 8835 or [RCIA@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:RCIA@saintthomaslb.org)



### **JANUARY**

**12th - Jeep-a-Greet**  
Coastal Daiquiri, LB

**13th - Jeep-a-Gras parade**  
Downtown LB

**27th - Drawdown/Silent Auction**  
LB Activity and Senior Center

### **FEBRUARY**

**2nd-CALB Royal Coronation Ball**  
**3rd - Long Beach Night Parade**





**JULY 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**\*Only 225 tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis!**

**CONGRESS PACKAGE BY AIR 4 NIGHT:**

JULY 17-21

4 NIGHTS INDIANAPOLIS - SHERATON HOTEL - 4 STAR

**TRANSPORTATION & OTHER:**

Roundtrip Airfare from Gulfport, MS\*  
Roundtrip transfers in Indianapolis

**FEATURES INCLUDE:**

**CONVENTION EVENT PASS**

Double Sharing (2 people): \$1,800 Per Person  
Triple Sharing (3 people): \$1,600 Per Person  
Single Occupancy: \$2,300

**To Register:**

Visit our website: [caragrouptour.com/nec-2024-tour](http://caragrouptour.com/nec-2024-tour)

Email Paula Spears at [Eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com](mailto:Eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com)



**Save 10% with Code EMMANUEL**

Christ is born; the world rejoices! Here's another reason to rejoice: our sale has been extended through January 31. Continue to celebrate the coming of Christ and prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress this summer by getting your passes 10% off with code: **EMMANUEL**

Day passes will be released in only a few days, and when that happens, we expect the stadium will fill faster than ever before. If you've been planning to attend the full event, July 17–21, don't wait to secure your pass!

Go to [www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule) to see the updated schedule for the full Congress experience.

Register at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register> and don't forget to use code **EMMANUEL** at checkout to claim your discount. We will see you in Indianapolis!



**STONE COUNTY REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

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Mike Farmer, Sheriff

Franklin D. Brewer, Warden

From The Desk of

Alfred Quave, Chaplain

January 1, 2024

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at St. Thomas,

We would like to thank you once again for being such a wonderful blessing to our facility. The generous donation you have made this Christmas is greatly appreciated and even though this letter is sent by the Chaplain Department, please know that every man and woman incarcerated at this facility really appreciates the time, effort, and hard earned money you all have put into these donations.

Again, thank you so much for the support you have continually shown the men and women at this facility. We pray God will continue to bless all of you as you endeavor to further the cause of Christ and strive to bless others by being obedient to His word.

*Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison, and ye came unto me".*

*Hebrews 13:2 "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."*

Thank You and God Bless,

*Alfred Quave, Chaplain*

"Heaven Bound With The Hammer Down"



**Eucharistic Adoration:  
Spending time with Jesus**

Eucharistic Adoration is a practice in which individuals can spend time in the presence of the Eucharist, a holy sacrament in the Catholic faith. This opportunity is available on Wednesdays from 9am to 5pm and on Fridays from 7am to 5pm. The Adoration Chapel, where this practice takes place, is located on the second floor of the office building.

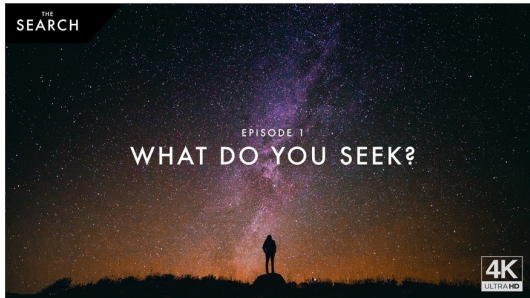
It is recommended that individuals make an appointment to participate in Eucharistic Adoration and spend an hour in adoration, expressing gratitude for their blessings. This dedicated time allows for a deeper connection with one's faith and a time of reflection and prayer. To make an appointment or to gather more information about

Eucharistic Adoration, interested individuals can contact Sue Hoffman at 228-313-0157.

Visitors are welcome to stop by the Adoration Chapel at any time during the designated hours. The experience of

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of January 07, 2024



### What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.



### Arianism

Is Jesus truly God? Learn about the fourth-century heresy, Arianism, and the derivative heresy of Apollinarianism.



### Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

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# MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT



Put aside the “hustle and bustle” of daily life and attend the Men's Emmaus Retreat on the weekend of Feb 2-4, 2024. Located in Bay St. Louis, MS, the William J. Kelley Retreat Center offers a peaceful, beautiful setting for the retreat. It is an uplifting experience that profoundly affects men's lives based on the passage “The appearance on the road to Emmaus” (Luke 24: 13-35). The retreat begins at 5:30 PM on Friday and ends at 4:00 PM on Sunday. Please don't ignore this opportunity; pray on it instead. Something extraordinary awaits you in Bay St. Louis!

Please contact for additional information:

Norm Madere at 504-481-0411 or  
Steve Schulkens at 504-401-6990 or  
Colin Taulis at 504-494-4511

Register at <https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus-registration>  
or email us for a registration form at [sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com](mailto:sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com)

Registration Fee: \$200  
checks payable to: **St. Dominic Church Men's Emmaus Retreat.**  
(call about Scholarships)

Mail the payment to:  
**St. Dominic Church Emmaus Retreat Ministry,**  
**775 Harrison Ave,**  
**New Orleans, LA 70124**

or text a picture of your Zelle payment to  
[sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com](mailto:sdMensEmmaus@gmail.com)  
include in Zelle memo: your name and Feb 2024 Retreat







# Cantare Amantis Est

Singing is for the One Who Loves | Sacred Music Workshop

**February 16–17, 2024**

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church  
Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi



Presenter:  
Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka  
Catholic Institute of Sacred Music

- + Learn more about the musical shape of the liturgy, chant for the congregation, and the ministry of the choir!
- + Get tips for reading and teaching square notes!
- + Fellowship with area musicians!
- + Participate in sung Liturgy!



registration and more information available at  
[classicalartsfoundation.com](http://classicalartsfoundation.com)