



St. Thomas Newsletter

January 19, 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.



Coming up — Jazz Mass January 28th!

At every Roman Catholic Mass across the globe, our brothers and sisters of the Catholic faith worship with the exact same readings and pray the same prayers, but celebrate with the music and traditions of their own cultures. Mass on January 28th at 9am will feature hymns in the style of Dixieland Jazz, embracing the local flavor of music in our area this time of year. Mass will be reverently celebrated in a lively, uplifting, soulful atmosphere. All are welcome!

Following the Jazz Mass, please join us for a King Cake Social in the community center! Enjoy fellowship, King Cake --a traditional dessert during the carnival season, beverages, and some surprises!

If your family or business would like to sponsor a king cake, please email music@saintthomaslb.org.

Parish Family Breakfast



Sponsored by
the Knights of Columbus
Join YOUR St. Thomas Family
for breakfast and fellowship.
Sunday, January 21, 2024
8am – 11am
\$8.00 a plate

NOTICE CONCERNING COLLECTIONS

The church greatly appreciates the support and generosity of all. However, during the offertory, it is important to use the special envelopes provided in the mail or in the pews for donations. These envelopes help with donation tracking and ensure that donations are identified correctly. It is not necessary to include your name and address on the envelopes.

If you prefer your donation to go towards a specific cause or special collection, please make sure to use the designated envelopes.

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. Your donations during the offertory are crucial for the ongoing work of the church community.



Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Jesus

Wednesdays from 9am to 5pm and on Fridays from 7am to 5pm. The Adoration Chapel is located on the second floor of the office building.

Make an appointment to spend an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration to express gratitude for your blessings. To make an appointment contact Sue Hoffman at 228-313-0157, sign the sign-up sheet in the east foyer, or fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket.

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

Name: _____

Mobile#: _____

Wednesday hour: _____

Friday hour: _____



As tax season is fast approaching, we want to ensure that you have all the necessary documents to complete your tax filing accurately and on time.

If you require a 2023 contribution tax statement for your records, simply send an email to Dee McKenna at

secretary@saintthomaslb.org with your request.



JULY 17th – 21st 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

Email Paula Spears at Eucharisticcongress2024@gmail.com



Blessing of the Jeeps was established 4 years ago as a fundraising event for St. Thomas Life Teen and Batman's LBMS Animal Foundation. This event is held at St. Thomas every April rain or shine. All monies, from registration fees, t-shirt sales, raffles etc. are split 50/50 between these two organizations. To register your jeep, purchase t-shirt or badges you can go online to <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../blessing-of-the-jeeps-ms...> If you do not have internet access you can contact Blessing of the Jeep at 228-806-7979 for more



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 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!

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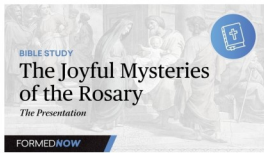


NO LUNCHKINS

For February

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 28, 2024



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



Exorcisms: What Catholics Need to Know | Chris Stefanick Show

Scripture says, "Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren't really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we're talking to Fr. Chad Ripperger, an exorcist priest.



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flávio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPICER PRESS

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

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,



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



Women's Cursillo Retreat

If you are looking to be refreshed in the spirit and given some valuable tools in living out your faith, please make plans to attend the Women's Cursillo Retreat Weekend February 15-18, 2024 in Dedeaux, MS (just north of Pass Christian).

To explain Cursillo to someone who has never experienced Cursillo it is, at best, difficult. Often, for those who have experienced Cursillo it is still somewhat mystifying. The reason behind the mystery is God. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special/unique way throughout the various elements of the Cursillo Movement.

Cursillo applications can be downloaded from the saintthomaslb.org website, biloxicursillo.org website, the Cursillo of South Mississippi Facebook page, or picked up in the back of the church or the church office.

For more information, contact

Lauren Hymel music@saintthomaslb.org or
Christine Ladner 228-216-0433.

Please turn in your completed application to Lauren, Christine or the church office as soon as possible!

**Carnival Association of Long Beach
Team Husband-Frazer**



\$5,000 DRAWDOWN
JANUARY 27, 2024

Long Beach Senior Center
2027 Daugherty Rd.

**LIVE MUSIC
BY
AUTUMN RISE-N
@ 8pm**

**SILENT
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\$50 PER TICKET
Admits 2 Adults Only

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Food and Open Bar included

Doors open at 6pm - Drawdown starts at 7pm

To purchase tickets, contact Lisa Frazer at (228)547-6845

Venmo: @CALBTEAM

* Insurance allows your drawn ticket to be placed back in the drawing for a second chance
(ticket is eliminated if drawn out again)

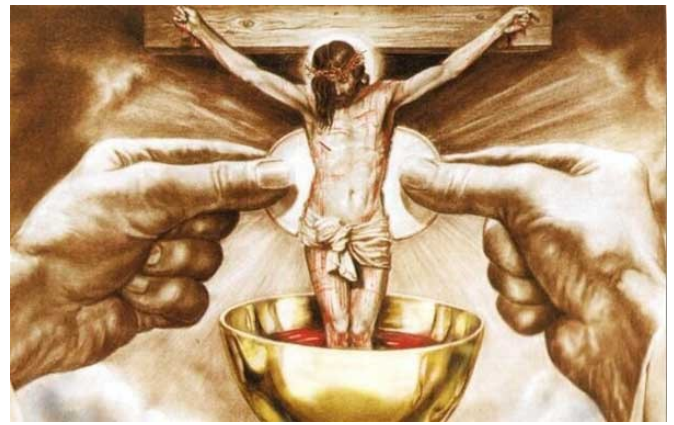


**NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity BVM Cathedral announces the resumption of their Seventh Season of their Community Chorale: *Gloria In Excelsis*. The Community Choir program is open to any interested singers in the Diocese of Biloxi and the Greater Gulf Coast Area. The Chorale continues to rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm in the Youth Ministry Hall of the Sacred Heart Academy Center directly behind Nativity BVM Cathedral located at 870 Howard Avenue in Biloxi. The Spring 2024 Season works being prepared include John Stainer's *Crucifixion* and the annual Patriotic Concert featuring Randall Thompson's *Testament of Freedom*. These are major programs planned for this semester. The Chorale has also been invited to sing the *National Anthem* for the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Veterans Cemetery in Biloxi and share a Patriotic Program at the National Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport in May. For more information, contact Terry Maddox at 251 406-1454



**Good Shepherd Showcase
Open February 3 - 4**



**HOUR OF GRACE
A HEALING ENCOUNTER
WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST
AT NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL**

In connection with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, which St. Pope John Paul II designated as World Day of the Sick and in the Spirit of Eucharistic Revival, we will have Hour of Grace on the 3rd Thursday of February (on the 15th) at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Through the power of prayer and the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we can experience healing and restoration.

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Hour of Grace at Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral. Let us come together and lift up our prayers for healing and restoration for the sick.

**Join us on
The Iberian Peninsula
Pilgrimage of a Lifetime**

Hosted By Father Dominic Pham & Paula Spears

October 28th - November 11th, 2024

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us on this incredible pilgrimage across the Iberian Peninsula. Highlights include:

•Madrid •Toledo •Barcelona-Basilica of the Sagrada Familia •Montserrat Monastery •Flamenco Show and Dinner •Lourdes •Torrelavega •Oviedo •"Way of St. James" Santiago de Compostela •Porto •Fatima •Santarem •Lisbon •Fado Show

The cost of this Pilgrimage is **\$5850** per person based on double occupancy.
Limited space available. Register soon.

For more information contact Paula Spears: Iberianpeninsulatour@gmail.com
Website: caragrouptour.com/ipp-fr-dominic/



Please bring non-perishable grocery items to restock the Long Beach Food Pantry to the Masses on the weekend of February 3 & 4 and leave them in the East foyer.