



# St. Thomas Newsletter

## January 26, 2024

## NOTICE

Starting from February 17, 2024, our Sunday Bulletin will be printed 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).



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](mailto:music@saintthomaslb.org).

# LIFT #96

## boys retreat

### "WHO AM I"

FOR ALL BOYS  
9TH - 12TH GRADE

03.01.2024  
to  
03.03.2024

"For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."  
Ephesians 2:10

COST: \$80

CONTACT:  
TIMMY ADAM  
(228) 697-2134  
[MPCLINEMAN@BELLSOUTH.NET](mailto:MPCLINEMAN@BELLSOUTH.NET)

REGISTER NOW



## Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Jesus

Wednesdays from 9 am to 5 pm and on Fridays from 7 am to 5 pm. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**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)



**April 13, 2024**

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 information. The St Thomas Life Teen group created this year's shirt design.

*We are accepting sponsorship. Look on the Blessing of the Jeeps-MS facebook page where you can view the sponsorship levels and contact information.*



**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!

# Our Lady Academy

*Developing Dynamic Christian Women for over 50 years*

**ALL GIRLS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**GRADES 7TH-12TH**



**NOW ACCEPTING  
APPLICATIONS FOR  
THE 2024-2025  
SCHOOL YEAR**

**SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!**

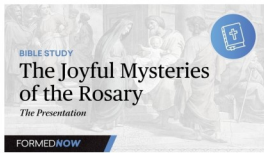


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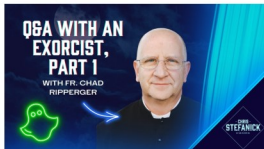


# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and SPIRITUS PROPRESS



## MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT

Feb 2-4, 2024.

William J. Kelley Retreat Center  
Bay St. Louis, MS.

Based on the scripture passage  
"The appearance on the road to Emmaus" ~Luke 24: 13-35  
Beginning at 5:30pm Friday and ends at 4pm on Sunday.

**Contact: Norm Mader: 504-481-0411 or  
Steve Schulkens: 504-401-6990 or  
Colin Taulis: 504-494-4511**

Register at [stdominicparish.com/emmaus-registration](https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus-registration) or  
email 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

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

- + 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!



## 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](https://saintthomaslb.org) website, [biloxicursillo.org](https://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](mailto: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.



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)

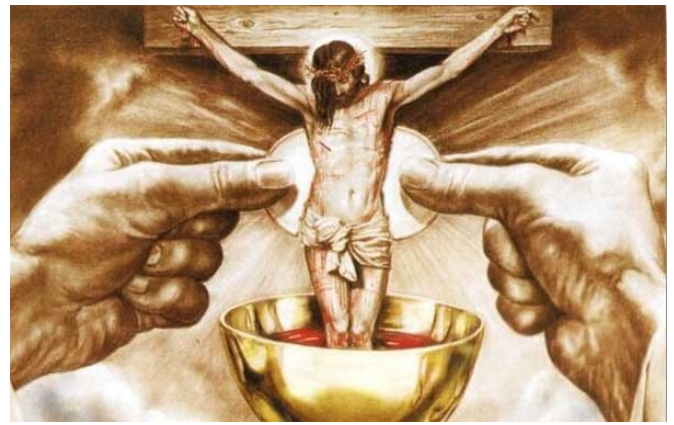


**NATIVITY BVM CATHEDRAL**  
**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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 and/or [terrydalemaddox@gmail.com](mailto:terrydalemaddox@gmail.com)



*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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:Iberianpeninsulatour@gmail.com)  
Website: [caragrouptour.com/ipp-fr-dominic/](http://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.

*Sacred Heart Catholic Church*  
D'IBERVILLE

# CLASSIC CAR RAFFLE

1931 FORD SEDAN CHEVY 350  
COLD AIR/CUSTOM PAINT

DRAWING FEBRUARY 14, 2024  
IF RESERVE IS MET

**\$10.00 PER TICKET**  
**OR 3 FOR \$25**

