

# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: SATURDAY 4:30 - 5:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: TO INSURE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ADEQUATE PREPARATION, COUPLES SHOULD CONTACT THE PRIEST FOUR, PREFERABLY SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE WEDDING

**IF YOU ARE CELEBRATING A SACRAMENT THIS YEAR, A RECENT COPY OF YOUR BAPTISMAL RECORD MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE PARISH.**

**(SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 5:30 PM) (SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM)  
(Spanish Mass-Sunday- 2:00 PM)**

*Second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 4, 2016*

**TODAY, Dec. 4**

Mass - 8:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

Mass - 11:00 a.m. - Peace in Our World

Spanish Mass - 2:00 p.m. - Increase in Vocations

**PSR - 9:45 a.m.**

**MONDAY, Dec. 5**

Mass - 8:30 a.m. - Mittie Warren

**TUESDAY, Dec. 6**

Mass - 8:30 a.m. - Special Intentions (CJC)

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7**

Immaculate Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m. - Dora Roell

**THURSDAY, Dec. 8**

Immaculate Conception Mass - 8:30 a.m.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 9**

Mass - 8:30 a.m. - Mike Moeller

**SATURDAY, Dec. 10**

Mass - 5:30 p.m. - Respect for Life

*Pray for* --- **The Sick in our Community**

Judy McCollum, Don Ravetta, Charles Thompson, Jamie Dishman, Frank Joseph, Jim Conway, Bobbie Anderson, Jim Farrell, Karen Zwissler, Mia Isabella Calnan, Steve Blake, John Brooks, Jodie Barnes, Kathy Grant, Bertha Hull, Belinda McKinney, Pamela Bull, Joshua Whitam, Marvin Webster, Melissa Barker, Jerri Mocknick, Leslie Shannon, Whitney Doiron, John Alford, Laura Uecker, Philip Vedros, Milton Farr, Rebecca Battalio, Glenda Daigle, Mark Reddy, Bonnie Bruce, Sharon Bowers, Camille & Warren Doiron, Larry Lambiotte, Collin Farrell, Mary Jane Lauderdale, Sherri McBride, Mark Antoine, Mary Ray, Marian Clark, Beverly Goodwin, Evelyn Weaver, Barb Price, Dana Faye Clausner, Jackie Rushing, Sharon Hanks, Walley Hipp, Frances Powell, Zoraida Sanchez, James Powers, Emily Jane Tucker, James Leo, Candice Hicks, Bob Slaven, Matt Holm, Gayle Parker, Christina Pond, Marye Lou Lee, Enloe Kee, Ann Kerr, Debra Dent, Lori Stevens, Debbie Welp, Sr. Annette Seymour, Mary & Joe Bottino, Bill Roach, Laura Thomas, Ashley Zepponi, Donna Carpenter, Marilyn Jones, Dolly Claypool, Bob Croisdale, Scott Hughes, David Horner, Richard Gordon, Tuddy Fulcher, Phillip Dardeau, Chris Sanders & Greg Hull.

## Lay Ministry

Dec. 10-11

Altar Servers

5:30 p.m. - Kieran & Ryan Theriot

8:30 a.m. - Ellen & Olivia Pierce

11:00 a.m. - Conner & Katelyn Clark

**Lector/Commentator**

5:30 p.m. - Wally Powell - Tim Welp

8:30 am - David McHan - Jeanine Hanks

11:00 a.m. - Mimi Jeffers - Mark Jourdan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Dec. 10**

5:30 p.m. - Virgil Carter, David Wallace, Nan Welp, Tim Welp

**Dec. 11**

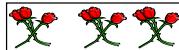
8:30 a.m. - Dorothy Brown, Lisa Conley, John Piazza, Tommy & Tracy Trichell

11:00 a.m. - Lito and Zeny Meer, Betsy & Bobby Folsom, Allyson Windham

## Collection -

12/0416 - Sue Fowler, Marsha Buell, Joan Clarke

12/11/16 - Myrtle Alvarado, Dottie Brown, Jane Loboda



If you would like to donate to the Altar Flower

fund for the Christmas flowers, please send in your donation

labeled Christmas flowers to the office. Thank you.

CYO --- will meet this Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, at St. Michael at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. Parent and Adult Volunteer Meeting - A parent's and adult volunteer meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in St. Michael Education Building. This meeting is for those willing and able to volunteer to provide meals or assist in EDGE or LIFETEEN meetings for the Spring 2017 semester. The Spring 2017 semester will be in Farrell Hall from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and a schedule of dates can be found in the glass case in the vestibule (please keep in mind that things do come up during the semester and changes in

dates are possible). If you would like to volunteer but are unable to make it to the meeting please email [vicksburgcvo@cablelynx.com](mailto:vicksburgcvo@cablelynx.com) to let us know. All volunteers are greatly appreciated and we're thankful for your service!!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7 p.m. Christmas Dance with the Ben Shaw Band. \$10 per person. All are invited.

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 p.m. Rosary/8 p.m. meeting

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Ladies's Auxillary Mtg. Bring "hotel" size toiletries for Haven House.

KC Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Deadline, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Info at [www.ms-kofc.com/898/Christmas-contest.html](http://www.ms-kofc.com/898/Christmas-contest.html).

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – 2 – 4p.m. Children's Christmas Party. All families are invited to attend. Please bring wrapped gift with your child's name on it as well as an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl ages 7-12 to be donated to the children's shelter. The party will feature arts and crafts for the kids, food, and a special appearance by Santa.

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE – The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help you make sense of the Bible. Karla and David McHan will facilitate this program on Sunday mornings at 9:45. For more info, please contact Karla at [mchanfam@bellsouth.net](mailto:mchanfam@bellsouth.net).

MEALS ON WHEELS – We are looking for someone to head- up and organize the meals on wheels program here at St. Michael. Please call Jane Loboda for more information at 638-5731.

POOR JAR- will be located in the back of the Church during the Advent Season. Please give what you can. Thank you

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – We are here to help you and your family while dealing with the loss of a loved one. Volunteers prepare meals for parishioners who suffer a loss in their family. If this committee can be of help to you, please contact the Rectory. We are always happy to have new volunteers in this ministry. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Christy Middleton at 601-638-7398 or the Rectory.

CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CHOICES - We are entering the holiday season with cheer and blessing! We love to use this time of year to stock our baby boutique! This year we are doing a wipes drive! Would you bless the CPC with a donation of wipes this Holiday Season!? We prefer 80 count or less wipe packs because the giant refills are hard to distribute and keep fresh. You can drop off wipes M- Th 8:15am- 4:15pm at the CPC (1401 Adams St. Vicksburg, MS 39180.)

NATIVITY OPEN HOUSE – featuring approximately 450 Nativities form the collect of Mrs. Charles Weissinger, at Goodman Memorial United Methodist Church in Cary, Mississippi on Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17h from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> from 1p.m. till 4 p.m. Admission is free but donations are accepted.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY – Once again we will be collecting gifts for the Department for Human Services. Please bring them wrapped and labeled with child or adult and the appropriate age the gift would go to. Leave them in the Vestibule area near the Virgin Mary statue. Please make sure that the give is still in very good shape.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR ADVENT – Lector/Commentators, Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers sign up sheets will be available soon, please take some time and choose a Mass to serve and to be a special part of the Advent season.

#### RECONCILIATION SERVICE SCHEDULE –

St. Michael – Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul - Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary – Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – will be held on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson. There will be a Mass with a reception following. The Mass honors couples married 25, 50 and 60 year anniversaries or any significant anniversary. Please contact the Rectory during business hours to have your names and anniversary date sent in to the Diocese.

TRIPS WITH FR. MIKE AUSTIN OR LOUIS LOHAN – Fr. Lohan is inviting you to take a trip to Ireland with him and Fr. Austin is inviting you to take a trip to Spain with him. If you are interested in more information, there will be flyers on the library counter or you can call the Rectory.

CHILDREN'S MASS – for all children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade will be next Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Mass. Please sit in the front, left side of the church. Contact [mimijeffer@msn.com](mailto:mimijeffer@msn.com) with questions or if your child would like to read during Mass.

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES -

St. Michael – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. & Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

VICKSBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – for Prospective Students is Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. Both St. Francis and St. Aloysius will be open for tours. Please come by and see what VCS has to offer your child!

PRAYER MINISTRY – The Mercy Associates are a group of lay men and women who work with the Sisters of Mercy to further the charism of mercy in our parishes and community. Since Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> we have offered prayer support to over 250 people through our Intercessory Prayer Ministry. This group of 20 women is committed to pray for each intention several times each day for seven days. All prayer requests are held in complete confidentiality. To submit a prayer request, simply call the Church or Mercy Associate Hilda Moeller at 601-529-6119.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION** – If you are new to the parish please register as a parishioner. Registration forms are on the library counter in the vestibule of the church. You may place them in the collection basket

**SPECIAL MASSES** – don't forget that we have special Masses said during the week for your Intentions or in special memory of a loved one. The donation is \$10 and a card will be sent out to let the family know that a Mass will be said. Please call or come by the office.

If you know someone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please have them call Cheryl Roberts at 629-9334 or e-mail [c.c.roberts07@gmail.com](mailto:c.c.roberts07@gmail.com) to ask about the RCIA program

**PARISH HALL** – Just a friendly reminder that the parish hall is used by many people and groups. As a courtesy, please leave the parish hall in the condition that you found it, which includes placing the tables and chairs where originally located. Also, please take care to stack tables and chairs properly for storage. Please check the Church Calendar before you plan an event by calling the Church Secretary at 636-3445.

**CALLED TO PROTECT**

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People passed by the U.S. bishops in Dallas, the Diocese of Jackson wishes to encourage any victim of sexual abuse by a member of the Catholic Clergy to come forward and begin the healing process. When an allegation is found to be credible, counseling will be offered, so that the healing process can begin in accord with our present diocesan policy. We encourage any victim to contact Valerie McClellan, victims Assistance Coordinator at 601-326-3728.