

THE BASILICA of SAINT MARY SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 2, 2024

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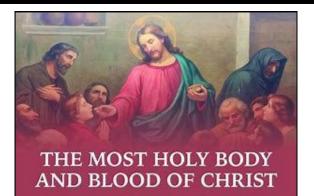
Masses:		Sat · 8:00 AM (Mass of the Day)
		Sat · 5:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
		Sun · 10:00 AM (Solemn Mass)
		Mon · 7:00 AM
		Tue-Fri · 12:05 PM
	Confessions:	Tue-Fri · 11:30 AM
		Sat • 4:30 PM
	Adoration:	Tue · 12:30-5:30 PM
	Benediction:	Tue · 5:20 PM
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Office Hours

Mon & Fri · 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Tue-Thu · 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST June 1 and 2, 2024

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock. —Ps 81: 17

Anticipated MassLectors:June 8, 2024Greeters:5:00 p.m. SaturdayUshers:St. Mary BasilicaAltar Servers:Sacristan:Sacristan:

Solemn Mass

June 9, 2024

10:00 a.m. Sunday

St. Mary Basilica

Lectors: Eucharistic Ministers: Greeters: Ushers: Altar Servers: Sacristan: Joe Wild, Mary Lees Wilson Beth Richard, Allen Richard Jack Kerwin, Jann Wingfield Susan Nielsen, Pat Tumminello, Sam Tumminello, Philip Zuccaro Charles Garrity, Kot Morris Charles Garrity

Denise Thibodeaux, Agnes Holloway Agnes Holloway, Gabe Cassagne Diane Golden, Chuck Golden Daniel Thibodeaux, Dallas Morris, Walt Brown, Donnie Holloway Joey Gunning, Sidney Maier, William Maier Joey Gunning

PASTOR'S CORNER A Special Thanks To The Basilica Choir

Each year, the choir takes summer vacation from the Sunday after Corpus Christi through the Sunday after Labor Day. I wanted to take this time to

extend a heartfelt thanks to every member of the choir for their immense service to our parish. None of the members of our choir are professional musicians, but each week they are able to provide such beautiful music for our worship of Almighty God. This is due to the considerable about of time and effort they put in to preparing this music beforehand. The choir sings for the 10AM Solemn Mass on Sundays each week as well as for funerals and holy days. This year, particularly, the choir had to step up during the interim period of our music directors. Many of them served as cantors for additional Masses on the weekend and assisted me in preparing music and communicating with visiting organists. On behalf of the entire parish, I extend our gratitude to each of them and wish them a very nice summer break.

-Father Aaron Williams

ALTAR WORKERS June 7: Jeanne Sanguinetti

<u>FLOWER GUILD</u> June 8: Carolyn Eidt

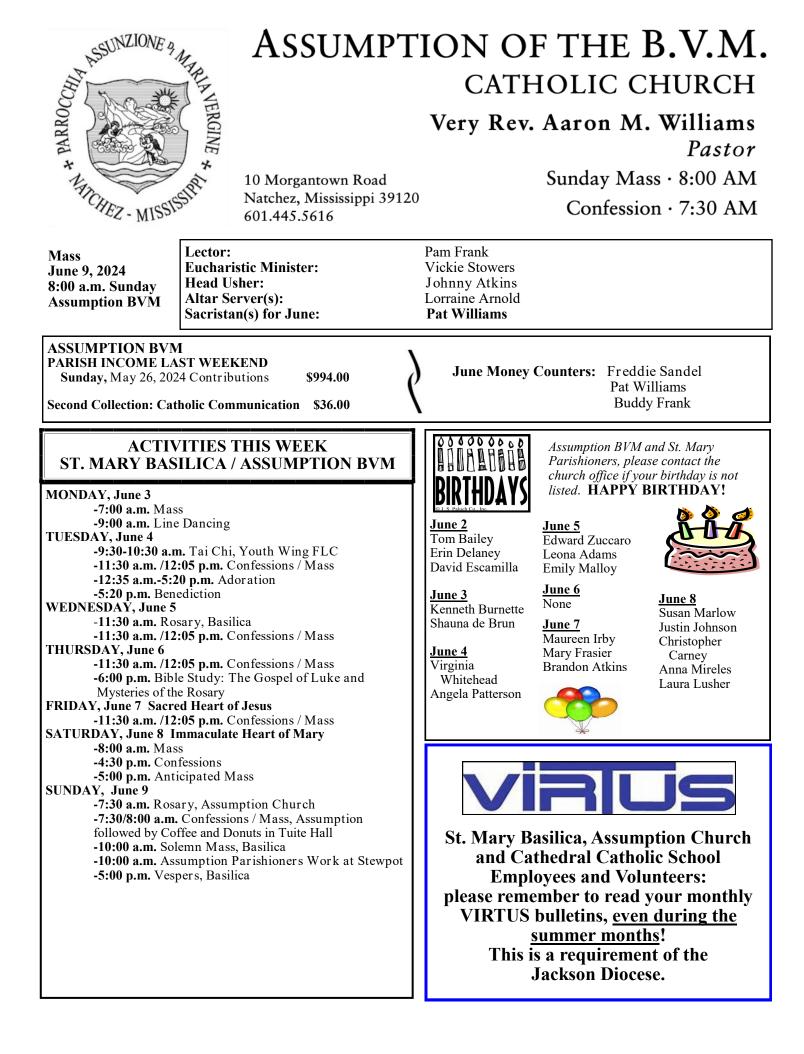
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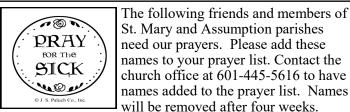
PARISH INCOME May 25 / 26, 2024 Weekly Envelopes: Loose Contributions:

Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget \$14,521.83 \$423.08 Amount received last weekend \$8,547.00 (106) \$897.25

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Communication Campaign Thank you for your generosity. \$1,524.00







Jack and Doris Kerwin Brian Warren Mary Gunning Ben Butler Sonny Vance Sissy E. Browning Walter Maier Pat Dale Ron Gaude Dickie Butler Jim Willard Freddie Baker Jim Eidt Mark LaFrancis Eileen Maher Lloyd McDaniel Freddie Sandel Michael Piazza Bobbye Dollar Janie Bertelsen **Richard Baroni** Cathy Roberts David Williams Judy Uzzetta Leona Adams Beulah Dallalio Janette Webb Donnie Holloway Parker Holloway Regina Mardis Edwin Ward Susan Marlow Father Aaron Williams **** Suellen Barnett Mary Ruth Maier John Barnett Johnnie and David Galer Ken Beesley, Sr. Margaret Cooley Gayle Anders George and Anita Souderes Charles Garrity Clint and Elizabeth Smith Carolyn Krueger Chip McIntyre Rose Borum Frankie Case Dane Mallette Davin Burns Clark Jackson Lanny Brasher

Revnolds and Ella Atkins Janice Coleman Maureen Irby Larry Gardner Pat Lee Father Leopold Keffler Denise Dollar Dorothy Drouillard Mark Glunz Chris Maxwell Jean Smith Justin May Hope Stockard Bobbye Dollar Wendy Freeman Sharon Ogden *********** J. W. Seibert Barron Black Cole Doughty Phillip Mardis Betty White Edna Rose Bellan Ben Sandel Sarah Overby Midge Billingsley Stan Burkley Erin Myers Janet and Ricky Warren Deanie Swain Louverda Langston Rachel Walker Charlene Rushing Dennis McDaniel **Paisley Mardis** Kenneth Langston Nathan Gaudé Colby Verucchi Fr. David O'Connor Jan Wilson Mark McCann Jim Willard Bernita Dunbar Judy Williams Jacque Stahlman Darryl Romero Davis Smith Rose Godfrey Nicholas D'Aquilla Michael Puddister Noreen O'Beirne

Bozeman Dennis Christian

names to your prayer list. Contact the church office at 601-445-5616 to have names added to the prayer list. Names will be removed after four weeks. Delphine Prestridge Ed and Mary Eidt Jolene Ortego David Burns Dot Bright Joy Greer Gwen McCalip Veronica Doughty Jacob Eidt Pat Eidt Will Hutchinson Laura SimsWeems Louis Dallalio Dylan Pressgrove Ellis Malone Margaret Guido Stacy Walters Sharon Goodrich Mickey and Donna Finn Christine & Jim Bourgeois Joan Brown David Smith Ann Hollowell Manfred Eidt Jean May Marian Moore Stephen Hicks

Mickey Rodriguez

John Tuggle

Kurt White

Cindy Christian

George Hude

Thomas Ricks

Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is

held immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass every Tuesday at St. Mary Basilica. A doration concludes at 5:20 p.m. with

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus.

During Eucharistic Adoration hours, someone must be in the church at all times. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE



We pray for those men and women who serve in the military or law enforcement or who serve as firefighters, especially those listed below at this time. Contact the church office to have names removed or added.

Tyler Wheeler Andrell Hardy Delayne Bush Lee Best Lance Adams Josh Jackson Carey Jackson Casev Snvder Ben Long Martin Latimer Fr. Anthony Okwum Brandan Bordelon Christopher Shaidnagle Marcus Estes Aaron Moore Andrew Geoghegan

Matthew Henderson Matthew Voss Xander Miller Nathan Latimer Mark Stein Mike Chapman Travis Patten Josh Gamberi Conner Burns Luke Eidt Brian Hughes Albert J. Hughes, Sr. Frank Smith Priester Byrne

Buddy Frank John Hudson **Tiffany Ratcliff** Michael Ratcliff Slick Frank Amanda Richardson Shelby Case Shawn Parker Steve Waldrop Andrew Kellogg Russ Williams Mark Verucchi Shane McDonald J D Frasier

TAI CHI CLASS *QiGONG / TAI-CHI CAO for seniors or anyone will be offered every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center



Youth Wing. Everyone is welcome! Chairs are available for those who need them.

LINE DANCING AT ST. MARY FLC

Line dancing is offered in the Youth Wing at the Family Life Center from 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Monday. Please enter through the door by the green

space. Join the fun and get a little exercise, too. Evervone is welcome!

Welcome To Seminarian Joe Pearson To St. Mary Basilica and Assumption

This weekend we welcome seminarian Joe Pearson to Natchez, who will be staying with us for the summer.

Joe is a cradle Catholic, born and raised in Flora, MS. He has one sibling, a twin sister named Anna. He attended Saint Joseph Catholic School in Madison and then Copiah-Lincoln Community College where he played baseball. Later, he attended the University of Mississippi where he majored in Legal Studies. Over the course of several years, Joe felt the Lord subtly pulling at his heart, urging him to grow closer to the Lord. The prospect of seminary kept coming up in his mind and in prayer. So, he applied to seminary where he can continue his discernment of diocesan priesthood.

In his free time, Joe really enjoys deer hunting, duck hunting and bass fishing. He also loves watching baseball and football.

Please take time to introduce yourself to Joe and remember to pray for him and for all our seminarians.

Miss Lou Community Support Group for Those Grieving Loss Due to Suicide



Thursday, June 6, 2024 6:30 pm Grace Methodist Church 2 Fatherland Rd., Natchez, MS

For more information, call: Jan and Pete Mills, 210-737-

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Grief and Loss Support Group

WHEN: Second Monday of each month 5:30 pm WHERE: Grace Methodist Church 2 Fatherland Rd, Natchez, MS



NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 10, 2024 5:30 p.m. For more info call: 210-737-4759



STAPLES FOOD DRIVE JUNE 2024

During the first full weekend of every month, our parish begins to collect staple food items to help feed the elderly needy in the local area. This weekend, June 1-2, a box has been placed in the vestibule of the BASILICA for all food donations during the month.

For JUNE, we are most in need of everything except peanut butter and powdered milk. Please donate canned fruit, canned meat, flour, jelly, mac and cheese, canned veggies, rice, grits/oatmeal, oil, sugar, and cornmeal.

If you prefer, you may make monetary donations at any time during the month. Please drop all cash/check donations in the collection basket or in the mail slot by the FLC front door or mail your donations to St. Mary Basilica, 613 Main St., Natchez, MS 39120. [Make checks payable to St. Mary Basilica.]

We thank the Community Services Commission for undertaking this monthly project and our loyal St. Mary parishioners who have donated food and money for this worthy project each month. The prepared boxes of food are distributed from the Family Life Center to the elderly each month by Catholic Charities. Please help us feed the elderly in our area who are hungry and do not have much income.

THANK YOU for your faithful support.

CYO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In preparation for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year, I wanted to share an exciting project for our CYO program and ask for your assistance. For the past year, St. Ann Hall (the former Catholic Charities Building) has sat dormant. The plan is to repurpose the first floor of this building as a new 'hang-out' space for our youth. The "Frassati House" will give our CYO a relaxed place to share time together and build Christian friendships which are so necessary to help young people remain dedicated to the faith. While the CYO will still continue to utilize spaces in the FLC for certain events, the weekly gatherings of our CYO program will relocate to the Frassati House where they can pray together, hear talks, play games, watch movies and enjoy time together.

Over the summer, the CYO will make a project out of cleaning, painting, and renovating this space. But, we need to furnish it to make it comfortable for our youth. <u>We are really in need</u> of couches and comfortable chairs. A large television and a Nintendo Switch gaming system would be great. If you are interested in contributing something toward this project, please contact the office to discuss. (Please do not bring items to the church before showing them to Jacob Ali and determining if they can be utilized in this space).

We decided to name this new space in honor of soon-to-be Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati — a young Italian man who, through the witness of his life, encourages us to climb "to the heights" of holiness. — Father Aaron



ALTAR FLOWERS The beautiful flowers on the altar of St. Mary Basilica this weekend, June 1 and 2, 2024, are donated by Michael and Karen Blain in loving

memory of the Blain and the Polk families.

SPECIAL ADDRESS REQUEST

If you have your St. Mary or Assumption Church contribution checks mailed to the church office or if you have your bank mail us your contribution checks, please make sure that the address used for mailing the checks is 613 Main Street, Natchez, MS 39120 (not 107 South Union Street).

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: *Friday, June 7, 2024* Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Saturday, June 8, 2024*

Vacation Bible School At St. Mary Basilica July 15-19, 2024



FLC

Save the date for your children to participate in VBS.

It will be held during the evening hours at the More info coming soon!



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DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART

During the month of June, St. Mary Basilica promotes special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The third Friday after Pentecost is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 7, 2024).

The devotion to the Sacred Heart calls for reparation of sin, and the devotion should lead us to a deeper understanding of His infinite love and mercy for us. Our Lord told St. Faustina, *"My daughter, know that My*

Heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy, graces flow out upon the whole world. No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsoled" (Diary, 1777).

The statue of the Sacred Heart (pictured above) is displayed on the communion rail in the Basilica throughout the month, and we encourage everyone to try and make special visits to church to pray one of the many prayers of the Sacred Heart.

Summer Scripture Study



This study is exploring the Scriptural basis of the Mysteries of the Rosary as they appear in the Gospels of Luke and John.

When: Beginning Thursday, May 30, 2024 and lasting for 5 Thursdays *IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!*Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: Youth Wing, Family Life Center
Facilitator: Ruth Powers

Altar Flower Donors

We are in need of parishioners / friends who would like to donate altar flowers for our weekend Masses at St. Mary Basilica **on**



June 16 and all of July and September. Two weekends are also open in August.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one on any of the open dates, please contact Regina in the church office or contact Marty Seibert.

PRAY THE ROSARY

The rosary is prayed every Wednesday morning at 11:30 a.m. in the Basilica before the 12:05 p.m. daily Mass. Please join us.



ASSUMPTION SUNDAY INVITATION



Everyone is invited to pray the **Rosary** at Assumption Catholic Church at 7:30 a.m. every Sunday before the 8:00 morning Mass.

Also, following the Sunday Mass, everyone is invited to Tuite Hall behind the church to enjoy **coffee and donuts**. We hope to see you soon!

ATTENTION: Assumption Parishioners

Assumption parishioners are asked to call the office at St. Mary Basilica (601-445-5616) if they



know of someone in Assumption Parish who is homebound and needs visiting and communion brought to them. Your help is needed in locating these individuals.

Also, please call the office is anyone is hospitalized or in a nursing facility and would like a visit / communion. Thanks.



HEALING HANDS Meets This Sunday, June 2, 2024

Healing Hands Kind of handwork, male or female,

the St. Mary Healing Hands would like you to join them the first Sunday of each month. Healing Hands will gather this **Sunday, June 2, 2024, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.** Bring your latest project and a snack to share. Come relax with friends and enjoy the healing power of handwork.

SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy to Alice Poe on the death of her brother *Wayne Brown* on May 23, 2024. May God be with this family in its time of grief, and may He grant Wayne eternal rest and peace.

Parishioners Attend Ordination of Father Tristan Stovall



On Saturday, May 18, 2024, several members of St. Mary Basilica traveled to Jackson to the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle to attend the priestly ordination of Tristan Stovall. Pictured above with Bishop Joseph Kopacz (far right) and Father Tristan Stovall are some of those parishioners. When the picture was taken, Father Aaron Williams and other parishioners had already left to head back to Natchez.

REMEMBER YOUR WEEKLY/MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS

During the summer months of vacations and trips, we thank all our parishioners who continue to mail or dropped off their weekly/monthly contributions to help with our parish's everyday operating costs. We must still pay our bills!

Here are a few alternative suggestions that will help keep our much needed offertory support going.

US Mail – simply drop your check in the mail (613 Main St., Natchez, MS 39120).

Bill Pay – many banks provide a bill pay service. It is a simple process, and your bank can easily walk you through if you have questions. For many it can be set up on your bank's website.

On-line – go to our website (**www.stmarybasilica.org**) and set up an online donation by using your credit card, debit card or directly from a checking or savings account.

ACH Draft— St. Mary offers a once per month ACH draft. You no longer need to write weekly or monthly checks or use your offertory envelopes. Please call Mary at the St. Mary church office (601-445-5616) or email her to set up this service at bookkeeper@stmarybasilica.org or to change the amount you are currently having drafted.

SECOND COLLECTION June 29/30 PETER'S PENCE

Peter's Pence Collection is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give generously on June 29-30, 2024, to this collection at both Assumption Catholic Church and St. Mary Basilica.



Masses for	INTENTION	DONOR	INTENTION	DONOR
	12:05 p.m. Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday			
June Monday, 3	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass St. Mary Monday Morning Study Group	Pat Voss		
Tuesday, 4	Pauline Lambert (L)	Winnie Kaiser		
Wednesday, 5	Father Leopold Keffler (L)	Freddie, Mary Ruth Maier and Family		
Thursday, 6	Margaret Parsons (D)	Kevin and Mary Flowers		
Friday, 7	Shannon Olivero (D)	Suellen Barnett		
Saturday, 8	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass Richard Durkin (D)	Paul and Susan Meng	5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass Ward Graning (D)	Family
Sunday, 9	8:00 a.m. Mass Assumption People of the Parish	10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass People of the Parish		



