

**366 COWAN RD. | GULFPORT, MS 39507** 



# AUGUST 06, 2023 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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**PASTOR** - Father Ryan McCoy

**MASS SCHEDULE** 

Saturday: 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:30PM

Monday: 7:00AM and 8:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00pm 7:00pm XLT | Adoration

Wednesday: 8:30AM

Thursday: 7:00AM and 12:00PM (Noon)

**Friday:** 8:30ам

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In the Convent Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm - 4:00pm or by appointment

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** 

Monday - Friday 9:00ам - 4:00рм

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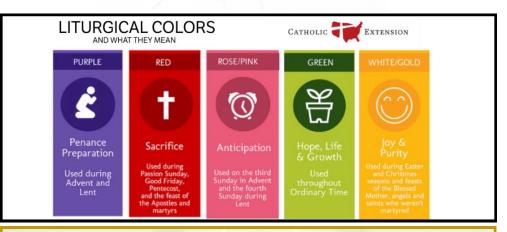
18300 St. Patrick Road Biloxi, MS 39533 228-702-0500

www.stpatrickhighschool.net

### Welcome to Saint James Catholic Church

Whether you're just visiting for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we are happy you're here!

If you are new to the parish, please go to our website and click on the new parishioner link. Registration forms can also be found in the back of the church.



### **Mass Etiquette Tips**

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and to sanctify different circumstances of our lives (no. 1677). As Christ was the invisible God made visible, so sacramentals, like sacraments, are visible signs of His invisible grace, sanctifying daily life. When entering and exiting the church, dip your fingertips into the holy water font and bless yourself by making the sign of the cross. Holy water is a sacramental and serves as a reminder of our Baptism, when we were claimed for Christ for the first time. While it is sometimes easy to get into the habit of entering a Catholic church and rushing through the ritual of blessing oneself with holy water, the symbolism behind the act is worth pausing a few extra seconds. It provides an opportunity to leave behind the secular and enter into the sacred.



Thanks to a generous parishioner - children's liturgy sheets are available in the back of the church. Please pick one up for your children to follow the readings of the Mass. They can be taken home.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are accepting donations for sanctuary flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in front of the altar for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Donations start at \$75 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

Keep up with our parish happenings and stay updated on news and announcements:



Text SJCC to 57838

### **Bulletin Deadline**

All announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 4:00PM on Monday.

# Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

### Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/ Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### **Next Sunday:**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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# Gospel Meditation

### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

- Father John Muir



O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear into praise of your goodness. Protect us from hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist."

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

Names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks, but are renewable.

Rita Bailey Gina Duplechein Karen McCov **Terry Barnes Greg Freeman** Msgr. James McGough **Hoshall Barrett** W.C. Fore Edna Migues **Tammy Bates** Joseph Neil Gilly Elsa Mrazek Faith Black Rosemary Gremillion Albert Necaise Jerry Boudreaux Loretta Hahn Lois Ann Necaise Hope Broadus Keleal Hassin Mary Anne Oberlies **Butch Oustalet** Jennifer Brown Jessi Hebert Isabel Bullard SSG. Eric Heitkamp Anthony Palma Charlotte Jean Buras Louis Helwick Michelle Pike **Shirley Henderson** Dennis Razze Valerie Buras Tom Hicks **Etaw Robb** Dick Chapin Martha Chapin Timmy Holliday Barbara Russo **Bernard Chevalier** Diane Hudson Gladys Salvador Dannie Chevalier Sheena Khalifeh Joan Sample Rhonda Clark Doug Kirk Kathy Shankweiler Fr. George Kitchin Ralph Shankweiler Susan Cooper Ashley Garrett Couture Josie Lindsey Jaclyn Simpson Fr. Joseph Dang Carolyn McClellan Georgeanna Baker Mimi Davis Tanya McClellan Sincavage

Josh Sniffen Fr. Joseph Uko Bob Usey Ferdie Walker Kim Casono Ware Teresa Whiteside

### **SYMPATHY**

The Saint James community wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:



Fr. Mark Beard Carlos Faul, Jr., Charlene Kreeger, Dcn. Terry Marcell and Msgr. Michael Thornton

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed now share in Eternal Glory and may their loved ones receive God's consolation and peace.

### A Prayer for our Military and First Responders

Lord, please hold our military and first responders in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform.

Amen.

If you or anyone in your family is ill, at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit, please contact the parish office at 228-896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

### THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 05

Sunday, August 06

11:00AM People of Saint James

Monday, August 07

Tuesday, August 08

6:00PM Bridget Susick

Wednesday, August 09

Thursday, August 10

7:00AM ⊕Emery H. Davis Jr. 12:00PM ⊕Jerry Bourgeois

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

Deceased - ⊕ Healing - ♥ Special Intention - 🖫

### TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE - EVENTS

### August 06 - August 13

### Monday, August 07

9:45AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House 6:30PM Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room

Tuesday, August 08

9:00AM H & F Card Game, Philomena House7:00PM XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, August 09

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room

### August 13 - August 20

### Monday, August 14

9:45AM Legion of Mary, Philomena House6:30PM Al-Anon Meeting, Raphael Room

Tuesday, August 15

7:00PM XLT - Adoration with Confessions, Church

Wednesday, August 16

7:00AM Men's Bible Study, Raphael Room

Saturday, August 19

10:00AM Baptism Prep. Class, Raphael Room (RSVP Req.)

### **LECTORS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, August 05

4:00PM Frank Morton

Sunday, August 06

9:00AM Tom Collins 11:00AM Arthur Jaramillo 5:30PM Carol Ann Hartery

Saturday, August 12

4:00PM Gaines Cleveland

Sunday, August 13

9:00AM Chris Spear

11:00AM Matthew Schloegel

5:30PM Debby Weeks

# EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 05

4:00PM Debby Weeks, Connie O'Neal,

Linda Randolph and Beverly Moore

Sunday, August 06

9:00AM Linda Joffrion, Bonnie Jacobs and

Don & Sherry Alfonso

11:00AM John Mozingo, III, John Mozingo, IV,

and Cara & Alex Karetas

5:30PM Steven Eckert, Butch Plitt and

Ashlie & Joseph Herbert

Saturday, August 12

4:00PM Connie Pucheu, Josie Six,

Debbie Bazzone and Barbara Levine

Sunday, August 013

9:00AM Jennifer & Steve Broadus,

Gretchen Ellis and Susanne Chandler

11:00AM Bridget & Russell Weatherly,

Mary Anne Oberlies and Julie & Alan Black

5:30PM Deanne Goulet, Landon Lafferty,

Deedy Lafferty and Olivia Williams

### **TREASURE**

### JULY 29/30, 2023

Sunday Offertor	y via mail/collection basket	\$8,740
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Sunday Offertory via ACH/on-line giving \$1,755

Weekly Total \$10,495

Weekly Budget (amount needed) \$19,673

YTD Actual-Week #04 \$81,510

YTD Budget-Week #04 \$98,365

YTD % of Budget 83%

Second Collection - Faith Formation \$944

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

This weekend's second collection will be for the Extension Society.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Saint James Adoration Chapel.

### **ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS**

There are two options for ACH Giving - <u>one</u> draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or <u>two</u> drafts to be made on the Monday following the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



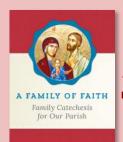
Venmo donations may be made at @St James GPT.

### **CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL**



Our parish goal for this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal is \$89,503.00. Thus far, 160 families have answered Bishop Kihneman's call and we have raised \$80,105.00 (in pledges & one time gifts). Thank you for your response!

If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, please consider if you are able. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org. Remember - all monies donated above our goal will be returned to the parish.



### A FAMILY OF FAITH GRADES K-5

Families are warmly welcomed to join A Family of Faith this fall. We're getting ready for an exciting year of helping the whole family learn more about our Catholic faith. This year, we'll explore the Sacraments of the Church.

For more information, please contact Linda Hebert at lindahebert@saintjamescc.com



SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

PARENT MEETING SUNDAY - AUGUST 20 6:30PM IN THE CHURCH

For more information, please contact Bridgett Bermond & Sarah Rhodes youthminister@saintjamescc.com

# K-12 FAITH FORMATION

2023/2024 Registration is now open - Faith Formation activities will begin in September.



### A Family of Faith

### Starts Sept. 6

Parent sessions are the first Wednesday of the month from 5:45 - 7:15PM. Family events will be held on the third Sunday of the month.



### Saint J Youth

### Kickoff Sept. 10

Saint J Youth will meet on Sundays from 6:30 - 8:00PM. Bible study on Tuesdays and Lead Team on Wednesdays.



### **First Holy Communion**

### Starts Sept. 13

Classes will meet Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30PM (except for the first Wednesday of the month).



### Confirmation

### T.B.D.

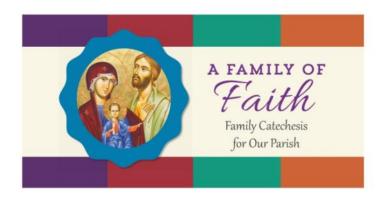
Community events will be held in the fall session; classes will be held on Wednesday nights in the spring session.

**Questions?** Contact:

Linda Hebert, Director of Religious Education Parish Office: 228-896-6059 lindahebert@saintjamescc.com

# REGISTER NOW





Dear Parishioners,

It's with great enthusiasm that I announce the start of a new year of faith formation here at Saint James Catholic Church. We will, again, be utilizing A Family of Faith to teach the Catholic faith to parents that they might then teach the Catholic faith to their own children.

On hearing about this concept, some parents have expressed the concern, "But I'm not trained as a teacher! And, I'm worried I don't know enough about my own religion!" However, Jesus told us so often, and I repeat: *Do not be afraid!* Who do you think has been teaching in our faith formation classes all these years? Parents, just like you! As a parent, you will be provided with the materials and tools you need to accomplish this crucial task. And there's something more that you've already been given...

Whenever a child is baptized in the Catholic Church, the child's parents are reminded that, in asking for his or her baptism, they are accepting the responsibility of training their son or daughter in the practice of the faith and the duty to bring him or her up to keep God's commandments. The religious education of their own children is part of the God-given vocation of parents, and the Lord never calls us to do something without also giving us everything we need to accomplish it. So, on top of the essential material and tools our parish will provide, *God has given you His grace to do this!* 

A Family of Faith takes the place of Sunday morning faith formation classes and is geared for kids in grades K-8, but all families (even those with children enrolled in our Catholic schools) are invited to participate. Children in grades 6-12 will continue their faith formation through the Saint J Youth Group's Edge and Life Teen catechetical models. Sacramental prep for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the St. James Catholic School beginning September 13; and sacramental prep for Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings in the Spring Semester. Since Confirmation preparation is a three-year process, all high school students not attending Catholic school must attend our Life Teen nights and those attending Catholic school are encouraged to attend.

The first parent session for *A Family of Faith* is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, in the St. James Catholic School cafeteria. We will meet from 5:45 – 7:15 PM.

I look forward to embarking on this new year of faith formation and allowing Jesus to transform our parish into *a family of faith*. Faith Formation Registration for 2023-2024 is now open on our website. If you have any questions, please contact me or Linda Hebert, our Director of Religious Education.

In Christ's peace,

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Father Ryan McCoy

Pastor

# Are you interested in serving God through Youth Ministry? We have four ways you can help!



### **Adult Core Team**

Our Adult Core Team helps plan and run youth nights, group events and retreats. They journey with the teens as they become Eucharistic disciples. If you want to share and be a part of relational ministry, this is the team for you!

# **The Hospitality Team**

We end every Sunday night with a meal and fellowship and this ministry is essential in making this happen. The Hospitality Team helps coordinate meals and snacks for our youth nights and events.

They may also help with retreat meals.





## The Prayer Team

Everything we do begins and ends with prayer.

The Prayer Team supports our ministry by praying in the Adoration Chapel during youth nights and retreats. In addition, they may be called to intercede for specific teens during retreats and youth trips.

### **Donate**

If you cannot donate your time, we are always in need of funds to help sponsor teens on our many retreats and conferences. Donations also help us continue to provide events and encounters for our teens throughout the entire year.





To get involved or ask questions, contact
Bridgett or Sarah @
youthminister@saintjamescc.com or 228-896-6059

# Perhaps you, or someone you know, wants to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is just the place to learn of God's truth and love.

These classes are designed for non-Catholics, but everyone is welcome to attend our first gathering on Wednesday, September 5th at 7PM in the Parish Center (Raphael Room).

All adult Catholics who have not been confirmed need to attend these classes.

We also seek practicing Catholics who might be interested in sponsoring someone in the RCIA process. You, too, are invited to our first meeting. Sponsors do not have to have a Ph.D. in theology, but be Christians of warmth and hospitality, who seek to support those on their way to God.

For additional information, contact Deacon Henderson 228.209.6960

# 2023-2024 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Schedule Saint James Catholic Church 7:00 PM – Tuesdays in the Parish Center (Raphael Room)

DATE	TOPIC	STUDY IN CATECHISM
Sep 5	Introduction to the RCIA	
Sep 12	Overview of Salvation History	pp 17 – 28
Sep 19	God's Call: Grace, Our Response: Faith	pp 23 – 43, pp 44 – 57
Sep 26	Sacred Scripture	pp 23 – 44
Oct 3	Old Testament	pp 23 – 44
Oct 10	New Testament	pp 23 – 44
Oct 17	History of the Bible	3- -
Oct 24	Historical Jesus	
Oct 31	Incarnation/Redemption	pp 108 – 178
Nov 7	Christology	pp 108 – 178
Nov 14	Trinity/Holy Spirit	pp 180 – 196
Nov 21	Church, Prayer and Devotion	pp 197 – 230, pp 613 – 661
Nov 28	The (Seven) Sacraments	pp 277 – 293
Dec 3	RITE OF ACCEPTANCE, 11:00 AM MASS (Please arrive by 10:30 AM)	
Dec 5	Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation	pp 311 – 333
Dec 12	Biblical Foreshadowing of the Eucharist	
Dec 19	Sacrament of the Eucharist	pp 334 – 355
Dec 26	CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S RECESS	
Jan 2	Sacrament of Matrimony	pp 400 – 414
Jan 9	Sacrament of Holy Orders	pp 383 – 398
Jan 16	Sacrament of Anointing/Liturgical Year	pp 375 – 382
Jan 23	Conscience and Virtues	pp 338 – 451
Jan 30	Christian Morality: The Ten Commandments	pp 504 – 611
Feb 6	Ten Commandments Cont'd	pp 504 – 611
Feb 13	Ten Commandments Cont'd	pp 504 – 611
Feb 18	RITE OF ELECTION, 11:00 AM MASS (Please arrive by 10:30 AM)	
Feb 20	Catholic Social Teaching	pp 459 – 472
Feb 25	RITE OF ELECTION AT THE CATHEDRAL	
Feb 27	Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation	pp 357 – 382
Mar 3	FIRST SCRUTINY	
Mar 5	History of the Church	
Mar 10	SECOND SCRUTINY	
Mar 12	History of the Church, Cont'd	
Mar 17	THIRD SCRUTINY	
Mar 19	Mary and the Rosary	pp 108 – 121
Mar 26	Eschatology	pp 266 – 276
Mar 28	Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM Mass	
Mar 29	Good Friday, The Passion	
Mar 30	RETREAT – CONFESSION (10:00 AM - NOON)	
	EASTER VIGIL (Please Arrive by 6:15 PM)	
Mar 31	Easter Sunday, no RCIA activity	
Apr 2	Continuing Conversion	

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Time spent in prayer is never wasted, however urgent the duties that press upon us from every side."

### 2ND ADORERS NEEDED!

Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system. If you can help or substitute with any hours, please call Ralph at 228-539-2434 or contact the Parish Office.

### **HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE**

We challenge each family to bring at least one non-perishable item to Mass every week, and to place it in the "Food Drop Box" at the



back of the church. When you are shopping and select your item for the poor, thank God for the ability to adequately provide for your own family; and pray for those less fortunate.

### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

Fruit juice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, ramen noodles, baked/pork 'n' beans, Vienna sausages, canned fruit, bottled water, protein bars, crackers and feminine items.

Open: Tuesdays 9:00AM - 11:45AM, Food & Financial Assistance Thursdays 10:00AM - 11:30AM, Food Assistance ONLY

### PRO-LIFF BILLBOARD INITIATIVE

Thank you to Saint James Parish for being the grassroots and home base of this beautiful ministry. If you would like to support this ministry, please donate directly to

Venmo @DioceseofBiloxiProLife or you may mail your checks to: Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life, 1790 Popps Ferry Rd. Biloxi, MS 39532, and mark Pro-Life on the memo line.

### **Pro-Life Coordinator:**

Rev. Mr. Gerald Norris

President, Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life:

Karen Rhodes

### Founder:

Penny Sullivan

Mary, our Mother, pray for us.



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### Amazing Glaze Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve donuts after the 9:00AM Mass

As a volunteer, you will be responsible for picking up donuts (prepaid) from Krispy Kreme on Hwy 49. You will set-up tables & chairs, make coffee, pour Sunny D, and put out the donuts. You will then put up the tables & chairs and clean up.

This job can be performed by families, couples, youth groups, friends or individuals. There is no cost involved, just a little time. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners or earn service hours.

Please contact Susanne Chandler for more details: 228-596-5373 or shc0138@yahoo.com

- Aug 13
- Oct 22
- Dec 17
- Aug 20
- Oct 29
- Dec 24
- Please choose from Aug 27
- Nov 05
- Dec 31
- this list of dates if Sept 10
- you are available to Sept 17
- Nov 12 Nov 19
- be a volunteer.
- Sept 24
- Nov 26
- Oct 8
- Dec 03
- Oct 15
- Dec 10





Saint James Catholic Church is honored to host the relics of Blessed Stanley Rother and Saint Faustina. They are on loan from the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi and are displayed in the sanctuary near the crucifix. You can learn more about these holy individuals at:

https://rothershrine.org/about

https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/stfaustina

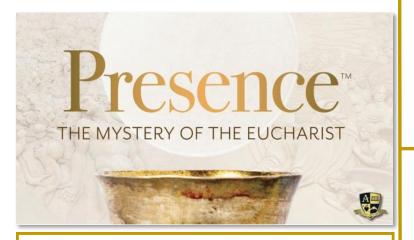
### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For information regarding sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or (228) 896-6059.

<u>Please note:</u> The Diocese of Biloxi requires that engaged couples should begin the Marriage Preparation process no less than six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

# DID YOU KNOW?

Canon Law specifies that parents are obliged to take care that infants are baptized in the first few weeks after birth. If you have questions or need further information about baptizing your children, please contact Mara Russo at FLC@saintjamescc.com or (228)896-6059



Our next Bible Study

### **Presence**

The Mystery of the Eucharist

Mondays @ 1:00PM Wednesdays @ 6:00PM 4 weeks beginning August 7 & 9

For more information or to register, please contact: Mara Russo -FLC@saintjamescc.com or call the Parish Office at 228-896-6059



# MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT SEPTEMBER 22 - 25

Experience a weekend to deepen your prayer life, make new friends, learn about your faith and grow spiritually.

For more information: www.biloxicursillo.org

## **Coming September 2023**







The Gulf Pine Catholic is in the process of moving and merging databases. If you receive more than one copy of the paper, your paper has stopped coming, or you are having any issues receiving your paper, please call our office at (228) 702-2127 or (228) 702-2109. We appreciate those who have called already as it helps us to delete duplicates and correct problems. We ask for your patience as we work through the process.

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### THIS WEEK ON FORMED

### Sunday (August 6) — The Transfiguration

- The Transfiguration | Sacred Art
- A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Transfiguration

### Monday (August 7)

- The Early Christians Ep. 1 - The Scandal of the Cross

Tuesday (August 8) — Feast of St. Dominic

- St. Dominic | Catholic Saints

### Wednesday (August 9) — Feast of St. Edith Stein

- Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

### Thursday (August 10) — Feast of St. Lawrence

- St. Lawrence and the Role of Almsgiving

### Friday (August 11) — Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

- St. Clare of Assisi | Catholic Saints
- Clare and Francis
- Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assissi
- Brother Francis Kids' Show

### Saturday (August 12)

- <u>No Greater Love: A Unique Portrait of the Carmelite</u> <u>Nuns</u>

watch.formed.org/videos/this-week-on-formed-august-7-2023



Remember to pray for our seminarians, especially for Chris Collins & Jacob Lott, as they are immersed this summer in Mexico to learn Spanish.

### **VOCATION PRAYER**

Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest, has told us that the harvest is great but the laborers are few. We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women, Dedicated Married couples and Committed Single persons. Help us to follow Christ faithfully and to answer the call to holiness and discipleship.

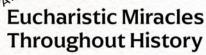
We ask this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

MOST REVEREND LOUIS F. KIHNEMAN, III BISHOP OF BILOXI

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Sometimes the veil between heaven and earth flutters, and God allows us a physical glimpse into supernatural realities. Below are some of the many amazing Eucharistic miracles that provide evidence for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

### Scientifically Confirmed

### LANCIANO, ITALY

In the eighth century, an Italian monk had doubts while saying Mass. As he said the wonds of consecration, the host visibly changed into cardiac tissue and the wine became physical blood. This miracle has been studied by modern scientists, who have concluded that there is no natural explanation. DNA indicates the Italia his room the middle east, matching the genetics and blood type recovered from the Shroud of Turin.

### The Waters Parted

### AVIGNON, FRANCE

The Chapel of the Holy Cross had the Eucharist exposed during the massive 1433 flood. The water in the church was 4ft high, but the center aisle remained completely dry, creating a clear path to the Eucharist.

### An Army, Defeated

### ASSISI, ITALY

In September of the year 1240, the Saracen Army stormed the convent of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, now known as the Poor Clares. Though firsil at the time, St. Clare carried the Blessed Sacrament before the army and cried out to Jesus for protection. The soldiers were struck with fear and retreated at the sight of the Sacreel Host.

### A Living Person

### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On his 1995 visit to the United States, Pope 51, John Paul II asked to visit the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary's Seminary chapel in Maryland. His security personnel brought in trained dops to sweep the area. The dops indicated that a living person was in the Tabernacie, and refused to leave!

### Even Fish Worship Him

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In 1348, while a priest was crossing the river on his way to bring the Eucharist to some sick members of his community, he was knocked into the water by a wave, and the consecrated hosts were swept away! Horrifled, he did not think they could be recovered. Some feharemen called to him from further down the river, where three fish suspended themselves almost completely out of the water, holding the precious hosts carefully in their mouths. One-by-one, they deposited the hosts back into the chalice and dove back into the water.



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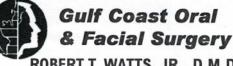
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