

Dear Parishioners,

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

As we adore the Baby Jesus in the manger at Christmas, may we be moved by the great love and humility that God showed to us in the birth of His Son!

God emptied Himself and became one of us, and our faith professes that He will come again. So, let us come and adore Him!

Be assured of my daily prayers and a remembrance in my Masses for each and every one of you.

On behalf of Deacon John Jennings, Deacon Norbert Lloyd Jr., and Ms. Janet Fountain, I wish you all a blessed and peace-filled Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*God bless you,
Father Peter Kmiecik, Pastor*

Christ the King Mission in Latimer extends **Congratulations to Charlotte Smith**, daughter of Stephen and Katie Smith on her Baptism on December 12, 2020. "By water and the Holy Spirit, you have received the gift of new life... you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ." (Rite of Baptism for Children).

The Parish Office Will be Closed from Wednesday, December 23rd through Sunday December 27th for the Christmas Holidays.

Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule		
Date	Holy Spirit	Christ the King
Dec. 24	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	6:00 p.m.	N/A
Dec. 25	11:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
Dec. 31	6:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 01	11:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.

We will not have the "Hour of Mercy" for the month of December.

Year of the Eucharist and of the Parish

The bishops of the Province of Mobile, together with our Presbyteral Councils, have declared the Church year beginning November 29, 1990, the *First Sunday of Advent*, and ending November 21, 2021, the *Feast of Christ the King*, to be **The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish** in all our dioceses.

"...At the Last Supper, Jesus told us how he wanted to be worshiped—at a meal. The Eucharist is meant to be shared and lived in a parish community. Food at its nature brings us together. It is clear Jesus wants us to come together for the Eucharist and in living the Faith with one another. The parish is where believers are united as community. It is where God gathers his people, and where God calls us to the banquet he has prepared.

The Eucharist is not a 'what,' it is a 'who.' It is the real presence of Jesus himself. Our challenge is to open our hearts so our parishes can be communities where people of all backgrounds can gather as one, and where we care for the least of our sisters and brothers. As we receive the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, we are called to be the real presence of Christ to others."

~Bishop Louis Kihneman, III

Hospital Admissions

Please be sure to be added to the "Catholic" list when you are admitted to the hospital. The Priest chaplains will not know if you are in the hospital unless you are on the list.

We will not have First Friday Adoration on January 1, 2020; however, **the chapel at Holy Spirit Catholic Church is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for those who wish to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament.** Please contact the parish office if you need the code to enter the chapel.

CK & HS COMBINED ACTIVITIES

CYO : (6th-12th) 4:45pm to 5:45pm every Sunday – Parish Hall

Youth Ministers: Tara & Thomas Phelan

RCIA: Wednesday, 6:30pm-8:00 pm – Parish Hall

K of C Meeting: 1st Wed. of the month at 7pm.- KC Hall

Parish Charity: Tuesdays- 4:30pm.-5:30pm C.K

Boy Scouts Troup 826: Tuesdays-6:30pm- HSCC

Bible Prayer Group –Wed – after 8:00am Mass in the Holy Spirit Community Center.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES: 6705 Jim Ramsay Road, Vancleave, 39565

Altar Society – Margaret Brenke, President

CCD Director: Jessica Maddox

CCD Grades K-9 – Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

CCD Grades 10 & 11 – Wed. 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. HSCC

Bible Prayer Group –Wed – after 8:00am Mass in the Holy Spirit Community Center.

Parish Grounds Clean-up/Maintenance-2nd & 4th weekend of the month. Contact Mark Hopkins: 228-223-7499, 1markahopkins@gmail.com

Parish Hall Rental: The cost is \$200 per day made payable to Holy Spirit Catholic Church plus \$100 made payable to the Diocese of Biloxi for Insurance. Please contact the parish office for further information.

CHRIST THE KING ACTIVITIES

10601 Daisy Vestry Rd, Latimer, MS 39565

CCD Director: Shirley McCusker

CD: Grades K – 11th- Sunday 10:15am-11:15am

Parish Council: 2nd Tuesday at 6:45pm

Altar Society/Flowers – Tina Shoemaker, President.

Please contact Tina Shoemaker at (228) 238-3791 if you would like to make a donation for flowers placed before the Altar in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Please pray for our seminarians and permanent deacons; our Service Men & Women: Chad Parker, James Griffith, Scott Fisher, Patrick Ekhlas, Josh Iler, Andrew Cribbs, Michael Ferencak, Nathan Smith, Kris Moe, Joshua Cook **and** Matthew Ekhlas; **those in nursing or assisted living homes and those who are ill:** Beverly Reece, Bunny Lechner, Mark Jones, Jenni Johnson, Gwen Flurry, Teresa Pentecost, Sheila Foster, Diane Fisher, Mary Osterman, Ken Newman, Ann Newman, Nell Kieff, Miguel Saavedra, Maylon Spivey, June Spivey and Louis Melfi.

Stewardship			
Date	Holy Spirit	Christ the King	
Dec13	2,991	914	Offering
Dec13	15	20	Cap Imp
Dec 8	369	95	Immaculate.Concep.
Dec13	188	55	St. Vincent DePaul

MASS	LECTOR
Sat Dec 26 4:00 p.m. CK	Mary Rogers
Sat Dec 26 6:00 p.m. HS	Doris Santa Cruz
Sun Dec 27 9:15 a.m. CK	Matthew Johnson
Sun Dec 27 11:00 a.m. HS	Ed Fisher
Sun Dec 27 6:00 p.m. HS	Katherine Rushing
Thr Dec 31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil 6:00 p.m. CK	Eugene Higginbotham
Tr Dec 31 1 Solemnity of Mary Vigil 6:00 p.m. HS	Suzanne Jennings
Wed Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary 9:15 a.m. CK	Shirley McCusker
Wed Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary 11:00 a.m. HS	Loren Vickrey