

A word from Father Peter.

Before the Thanksgiving leftovers are put away, retail stores, commercials, and advertisements push us into the Christmas season.

Advent, that we begin this weekend, is a time of joyful waiting. It is a time of preparation to rid ourselves of anything that keeps us away from loving God and others. The season of Advent in the Catholic Church includes the four Sundays and the weekdays leading up to Christmas. It marks a new liturgical year and is symbolized by the color purple. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

While Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, Advent reminds us that Christ came to us in human form to share our experience as humans. God, in order to somehow reveal Himself to us, sent Jesus to reveal the Father. The love of God is so deep and personal to us, that He sent his only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to suffer and die for all of us. That's why confidently waiting for the Lord allows us to find comfort, courage, and consolation, in the darkest moments of our lives. Dear friends, we must understand that this beautiful and joyful time of Advent is a continuous call for hope. Remember that God is always present, all the time, to lead us to our ultimate goal, and to its fullness, which is our Lord Jesus Christ. During this sacred time of Advent, let us encourage each other to spend more time with God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us prepare our own Advent wreath at home, and each Sunday, let us light one of the candles on the wreath, symbolizing the coming of Baby Jesus. Attending Holy Mass, receiving the Sacraments, going to confession, and daily prayer, are our responsibilities. May these acts create a special place in your heart for the Baby Jesus this Christmas. Whatever it will be, may it become an offering of thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ and Savior of the world, who loves us so much. Have a blessed and joyful time of Advent.

ATTENTION — MASS TIME CHANGE:

Dear parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish, Christ the King Mission, friends and visitors. Please note that *beginning on Sunday, DECEMBER 4, 2022, the Sunday evening Holy Mass at Holy Spirit Parish in Vancleave will be held at 4:00 P.M.* There will NO LONGER BE a Holy Mass held at 6:00 P.M. God bless you all.
Fr. Peter

Holy Spirit Parish in Vancleave, and Christ the King Mission in Latimer, extends **Congratulations to James McIntyre Sagers**, son of Jack and Alison Sagers on his Baptism on Sunday, November 27, 2022. “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).

Hour of Mercy

Please join us this Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for an “Hour of Mercy” at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and pray the Litany for God’s Mercy. Fr. Peter will also be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Knights of Columbus would like to assist families who need help with providing Christmas gifts for their children this year. They will need to know the age of the child, clothing size and family contact information. The deadline for requests is December 4, 2022.

Building Fund Collection

A reminder that ***next weekend*** is our ***Building Fund Collection*** at Holy Spirit Catholic Church and Christ the King Mission.

First Friday Adoration

Please join us at Holy Spirit Catholic Church this ***Friday, December 4th*** for ***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***. ***Adoration*** will begin after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continue throughout the day until 6:00 p.m. in our St. Patrick Adoration Chapel.

<p><i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p> <p>Thursday, December 8th – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Christ the King (Dec 7th) 6:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit (Dec 8th)</p>

Lunch with Santa: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Lunch with Santa on December 11th after 11:00 Mass in the Holy Spirit Parish Community Center. All are invited for lunch and pictures with Santa.

Parish Charities

Our Food Pantry is asking for donations of the following items for Christmas:
Gravy mix, Corn bread mix, Cream potatoes mix, Corn, Peas, Green Beans, Cake mix, Icing, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk and mini marshmallows.

Advent Penance Service
Holy Spirit Catholic Church and
Christ the King Mission

We will have an Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. for Holy Spirit Catholic Church and Christ the King Mission at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Three priests will be available to hear your confession.

ANNULMENTS: Please contact Fr. Peter if you are in need of an Annulment or Marriage Convalidation.

HOMEBOUND VISITS: Fr. Peter is able to visit the homebound parishioners and Minister to them the Sacraments of Confession, Communion and Anointing. Contact the Parish Office if you would like him to visit your relative.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends (\$10 stipend per Mass). Mass cards and envelopes are available at the Parish office. We strongly advise that you contact the office if you wish to have a Mass celebrated on a specific date. If a Mass Intention has already been scheduled for that date, your Mass Intention will be scheduled on the next available date.

<i>MASS</i>	<i>LECTOR</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
Sat Dec 3 4:00 p.m. CK	Nancy Hayden	
Sun Dec 3 6:00 p.m. HS	Marie Peterson	
Sun Dec 4 9:15 a.m. CK	Shirley McCusker	
Sun Dec 4 11:00 a.m. HS	Annie Vickrey	Cooper Flurry Addison Smith Brileigh Brown
Sun Dec 4 4:00 p.m. HS	Anjalee Inabinette	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Fr. Peter is available for Confession every day, before daily Mass and after, or by appointment.

CK & HS COMBINED ACTIVITIES

K of C Meeting: 1st Wed. of the month at 7pm.- KC Hall
Parish Charity: Tuesdays- 4:30pm.-5:00pm *C.K.*
Boy Scouts Troup 826: Michael Rosas -
Tuesdays-6:30pm- HSCC

Stewardship			
Date	Holy Spirit	Christ the King	
11/20	2,487	1,052	Offering
	156.23	170	Campaign for Human Dev.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES: 6705 Jim Ramsay Road, Vancleave, 39565
Altar Society – Margaret Brenke, President
Maintenance – Mark Hopkins 2nd & 4th Saturday.
Bible Study – Wed. after 8:00am Mass and Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

CHRIST THE KING ACTIVITIES
10601 Daisy Vestry Rd, Latimer, MS 39565
Altar Society/Flowers – Tina Shoemaker, President. Please contact her at (228) 238-3791.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Please pray for our seminarians:, Chris Collins, John Olivier, Deacon Adam Frey, Marcelo Gois, and Jacob Lott.; ***and permanent deacons; our Service Men & Women:*** Robert Brown, Chad Parker, James Griffith, Scott Fisher, Patrick Ekhlras, Josh Iler, Michael Ferencak, Bruce Spearnock, Kris Moe, Joshua Cook, Adriana Hill-Cook and Matthew Ekhlras; ***those in nursing or assisted living homes and those who are ill:*** Maria Kmiecik, Rhonda Borries, Richard Arguelles, Pam McKay, Jane Benoit, Nathan Smith, Doug Borries, Pat & Pete Dacri, Bunny & Albert Lechner, Joe Martin, Albert Santa Cruz, Thomas Newman, Sandra Hill, Beverly Reese, Mary Osterman, Nell Kieff, and Miguel Saavedra.