



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

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Eucharistic Celebration Of The Ascension Of The Lord

One way that we can tell that today is a day of transition is that today's Gospel consists of the very end of Mark's Gospel and today's first reading is the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles. It is also a moment of transition for Jesus, from his time here on earth in bodily form to eternity in heaven in glory at the right hand of the Father. Finally, it is a time of transition for the disciples, told to go into the world and witness to the gospel. As disciples of the Lord ourselves, let us listen for his call in today's scriptures.

Staff
Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor
Erin Womack, Secretary, DRE
Sue Junkin, Bookkeeper
Angele Bartholomew, Youth Minister

Sacraments

Reconciliation:
By appointment only.

Baptism: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano.

Marriage: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano at least six months in advance.

Weekend Mass Schedule & Intention

Saturday, May 15, Vigil Mass - 5:00 PM - Special Intention for Laura Trowbridge
Sunday, May 16, Mass - 8:00 AM - Special Intention for Jo Pedelty
Sunday, May 16, Mass - 10:30 AM - Our Parish

Daily Mass Schedule & Intention

Monday, May 17 - No Mass
Tuesday, May 18 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass—Special Intention for Deb Ball
Wednesday, May 19 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass—Special Intention for Mary Welsh
Thursday, May 20 - 11:50 AM Rosary, 12:10 PM Mass
Friday, May 21 - 7:15 AM Mass

Flocknote is the new communication system. Sign-up by texting STFRANCIS1 TO 84576. If you need help registering, contact the office.

Altar Flower Dates Still Available Please put your name and specify what the flowers are for on the sign-up sheet hanging on the wall in the vestibule. The flowers are \$60.00 and the envelopes are located in the wall hanger in the vestibule. Please place your money in the collection basket.

EWTN Highlights brochures are available in the wall hanger in the vestibule. They provide the television schedule. If you are homebound this can be mailed to you by contacting the office.



ASCENSION of the Lord



Prayers for Healing: Merle Alexander, Karla Gerald, Nathan Williamson, James & Carol Laird, Lona Pool, Sherry Williams, Ken Berry, Megan Gerald, Shirley Armstrong, Heath Louviere, Georgia Thibodeaux, Kayla Breaux, Taylor Ashley, John Dietz, Butch & Dot Schott, Cindy Winstead, Billie June Peeler, Bridget Fairbrother, Ashley & Ryley Toups, Karen Faubion, Doug Schuttle, Katie Jones, Melinda Williams Rogers, Daniel Furlow, Kellie Barrett, Iddo Davis, Jeff Beeson, Dale Foster, Alyce Theriot, Brenner Babin, Carla Bayer Holly, Will Stanback, Sophia Murray, Ronnie D. Lee, Ricky Whitehead, Kathy Bailey, Lonnie May Young, Gene Scoggins, Ben Williams, Sonny Parsons, Robert Grice, Madeline King, Loren Mays, Robin Rushing, C.W. Edge, Robert Wusterbarth, Paul Phillips, Cindy Galey, Ginger Dees

Prayers for the Homebound: Bill Medor, Helen Walters, Elsa & Bela Nagy, John Damico, Judy Rudman.

Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially: Major Charles Andrew Griggs

THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU

St. Francis is continuing to practice social distancing, but we are consistently having space in all our masses for additional people. If we begin to reach our limited capacity, more masses will be made available so we can protect ourselves and provide everyone an opportunity to attend mass.

Although the state of Mississippi has lifted the mask mandate, masks are still required at all indoor functions of the Catholic Church, including mass.

Happy Birthdays

Reid Cuevas
Robin Taylor
Cindy Galey
Eileen Neal
Jon McRee

Baby Bottle Boomerang!

This is how you can help.. take home a baby bottle or two, fill them with change, dollar bills or a check and return it on Father's Day. Your donations at these times are the fundraisers for the Center for Pregnancy Choices in Lawrence County and the Crisis Pregnancy Center of SW Mississippi in McComb. This year, you have the choice of filling a baby bottle or simply dropping your change in the large bottle in the vestibule as you enter or leave the Church. "There is still work to be done! There are still babies to be saved!" Please be generous. God bless you!

King's Daughters Medical Center is reaching out to local churches to see if there is interest in receiving the COVID vaccine. If there are 10 or more people (18 & over) interested in receiving the vaccine; KDMC would come on-site at St. Francis and provide vaccines on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested, please call Celine Craig (601-835-9175) or send an email (ccraig@kdmc.org). Information required includes Name, Birthdate, and good phone #.

Faith Formation

It is hard to believe that we have made it to the end of the Faith Formation year already?! With all of the changes the year presented, the children learned to adapt very quickly. These times have shown us how important it is to draw upon our faith to help guide us, to give us strength and hope, and remind us of the many blessings in our lives. A big thank you to all the teachers who work hard to teach the children! Thank you to the children for their very best to participate and learn about their faith. A shout out to the safety volunteers for watching out for our children! Additionally, thanks to all the parents for their efforts in helping and supporting their children. Have a safe summer and God bless each one of you!

St. Francis Parish Offertory

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
May	\$ 11,009	\$22,775	48%
Annual	\$ 232,328	\$273,300	85%

Updated Protocols

Starting immediately, we will only sanitize the church after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday & the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday. Starting June 5, Hymnals will be placed back in the pews.

Phase I for returning to Mass:

Bishop Kopač will continue to dispense all the faithful from Sunday Obligation to participate in Mass until further notice.

There will be three masses per weekend, Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm on Saturdays, and 8:00 am, 10:30 am on Sundays. We ask that the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass be designated for our parishioners 60 years and older and ones with underlying health issues who choose to attend Mass. Reconciliation is by appointment only. Vulnerable individuals, those 65 and older or with underlying conditions, should continue to shelter in place. Parents should consider the vulnerability of infants, toddler, and small children during this time, and consider not bringing them to Mass. Face masks are mandated for all assembly members over the age of two. Please bring your own face mask. There will be no nursery at any mass, and the cry room will not be available. The parish center will not be open. If a restroom is needed, please use the one behind the office, the code is 1799. Hymnals will be placed back in the pews June 5. Offering will be taken up using a non-touch basket. Communion will be disbursed in the form of bread only and will only be offered in the hand. There will be no placing of the host on a tongue. At the end of mass parishioners will be asked to leave from the back of the church first. Please follow the ushers' instructions. Please maintain appropriate social distancing and abide by all state and local health recommendations while inside the building. Following the 5:00 PM Mass & 8:00 AM Mass, the church will be disinfected/sanitized. Everyone's vigilance with proper distancing, hygiene, and other measures is necessary whenever we gather. Thank you for your cooperation as we adhere to these guidelines.

Mass Schedule for May 22 & 23

Saturday, May 22	Sunday, May 23	Sunday, May 23
5:00 PM Mass	8:00 AM Mass	10:30 AM Mass
Ushers: B. Bowman & Chandler	Ushers: Gennaro & J. Phillips	Ushers: O. Junkin & T. Junkin
Lector: T.A. Boyd	Lector: Cathy Fuselier	Lector: Jesiah Blauw
		Music: Eileen

EWTN Global Catholic Network

- "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land." 1 Chron.. 7-14
- **May 15, 1:00 pm Fatima: A Living Faith** – An EWTN original docu-drama on the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and the meaning of each message she gave to the three shepherd children.
- **4:00 pm The Reformation** continues with Henry VIII and his State Church.
- **4:30 pm (and May 18, 3:00 am) Reasons to Believe** – Apologetics: The Art and science of Defending the Faith with Dr Scott Hahn.
- **7:00 pm Network of Freedom** – The powerful story of Sr Helene Studler, who put her life in mortal danger by organizing an underground freedom network that saved over two thousand people from the Nazi death camps.
- **May 17, 4:30 pm Armed with Faith** – Born without arms, John Foppe became a world traveler, motivational speaker and devoted husband and father by trusting in God. In this powerful special, he challenges Catholics to do likewise.
- **May 18, 4:30 pm Benedicta: Marian Chant from Norcia** – Experience the daily life of the Benedictine Monks of Norcia and watch as they record their new album "Benedicta" which contains ancient, never before recorded Marian chants.
- **May 21, 4:30 pm In Search of Christendom: The Chartres Pilgrimage** – Their spiritual resolve is on full display as thousands of youth embark on a three-day pilgrimage to Paris' Notre Dame de Chartres cathedral in this inspiring EWTN documentary.
- **NEW NEWS SHOW, EWTN News in-Depth** every Friday at 7:00 pm, Saturday at 12:00 am and Sunday at 10 am.
- Sign up for the EWTN app on your phone for schedules, live streams, On Demand, the Bible and more!

Music Meeting



May 21, @ Noon