

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR  
VOLUNTEERING FOR VBS!!

Ange'le Bartholomew	Kelly Postma
Angie Smith	Kira Burke
Camille Calcote	Knights of Columbus
Emory Britt	Laura Murray
Gerry Whitman	Linda Moak
Jenna Beth Townsend	Lucas Phillips
Jennifer Townsend	Natalie Britt
Jimminette Phillips	Paula Rodriguez
Joe Postma	Sabrina Smith
Joshua Atwater	Talita Ruble
Josie Townsend	Tara Bonner
Julianna Townsend	Violet Corrales
	Wilson Calcote

IT WAS A SUCCESS!!

Emily

**Protection of Children:**

The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that no one being served by the church is at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel. The spiritual well-being of all the victims, their families and others in the community is of particular concern to the church. In accordance with our policy, all victims are offered counseling and pastoral care. Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel and has not yet reported it is encouraged to do so. Our victim assistance coordinator, Erika Rojas, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-3736. For more information about diocesan policies and procedures and to learn what the diocese is doing to create a safe environment for everyone, please visit the diocesan website at [www.jacksondiocese.org](http://www.jacksondiocese.org) & click on "Protection of Children."

Lila Robin (22nd)  
Emerson Robinson (24th)  
Mark Nettles (25th)  
Becky Bowman (27th)



**Stewardship Reflection**

If this were a true story about you as a farmer, it would be hard to refrain from much anger and a desire for revenge. But the truth is that Jesus, as the Divine Sower, does not allow the evil one to steal His peace. Instead, He has allowed this action of the evil one to remain for now. But in the end, the works of evil will be destroyed and burned in the unquenchable fire. What's also interesting to note is that Jesus does not root out all evil in our world here and now.

According to the parable, He refrains so that the good fruit of the Kingdom will not be negatively affected. In other words, this parable reveals to us the interesting truth that the "weeds" all around us, that is, the evil alive within our world, cannot affect our growth in virtue and entrance into the Kingdom of God. We may have to endure evil daily and find ourselves surrounded by it at times, but our Lord's willingness to allow evil for now is a clear sign that He knows it cannot affect our growth in virtue if we do not let it.

As a **Christian Steward**, I will focus on being a "child of the kingdom" by doing God's will and working to spread Christ's Kingdom her and now.

Excerpts: [epriests.com](http://epriests.com)

**FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE**

The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged Lighthouse Services to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline. This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office.

[www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese](http://www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese)

English speaking USA: 888-830-0004

Spanish speaking USA: 800-216-1288

The Knights of Columbus  
will lead the Holy Rosary  
Sunday, July 30—8:30 AM.



Please Join Us!

Thank you to all who donated to the Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have not returned your donation, please do so as soon as possible.

Margaret

Flocknote is the communication system  
we use at St. Francis.

To sign-up text:STFRANCIS1 TO 84576.

If you need help registering,  
contact the office.

The Saint Francis  
Faith Formation Program  
is in need of volunteers to teach,  
substitute teach and provide meals for  
the upcoming school year. If you  
would like to volunteer for any of these,  
please contact the office.

**EWTN Corner**

SAVE THE DATE! One Day Only: EWTN's  
Free Family Celebration, Saturday, August 26,  
2023 at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention  
Complex in Birmingham, Alabama. Talks by your  
favorite EWTN television and radio hosts.  
Shop religious items, attend Holy Mass and be part  
of a televised show.  
More at: [ewtn.com/familycelebration](http://ewtn.com/familycelebration).

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
Week of July 15 & 16	Cash — \$497 Envelopes—\$4,803 Total - \$5,300	\$ 6,077	87%
Month of July	\$ 14,011	\$ 26,333	53%
Year To Date	\$ 14,011	\$ 26,333	53%
Annual	\$ 14,011	\$ 316,000	4%

**Catholic Service Appeal as of 7-18-23. St. Francis Church has pledged \$13,103 and our goal is \$15,996.**

Date & Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	Lector & Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers	Greeters
Saturday July 29 5:00 pm	(H) Jim Bonner Cathy Fuselier Mary Nettles		L – Shelley Barron C – Joshua Smith		Hugh Louviere David Goss	Shandra Flynn Jane Coleman
Sunday July 30 9:00 am	(H) A. Achord Jennifer Townsend Sue Junkin		L – Larry Baker C – Dennis Valentine	Jenna Townsend Julianna Townsend	Patrick Barrett Chad Townsend	Marilyn Capuano Phyllis Hobbs

**Prayers for Healing:** Nathan Williamson, Lona Pool, Sherry Williams, Ken Berry, John Dietz, Butch & Dot Schott, Cindy Winstead, Billie June Peeler, Karen Faubion, Doug Schutze, Katie Jones, Melinda Williams Rogers, Daniel Furlow, Kellie Barrett, Iddo Davis, Dale Foster, Will Stanback, Sophia Murray, Ronnie D. Lee, Kathy Bailey, Madeline King, Loren Mays, Robert Wusterbarth, Cindy Galey, Ginger Dees, Georgia Kirton, Emily Picou, Sally Nations McKee, Sue Peets Berch, Sandra Hebert, Brittany Roberts, JoAnn Kling, Gayle Galey, Robert Wickham, The Corkern Family, Joe Feduccia, Michelle Smith, Brian Wilson, Ronnie Bowman, Joan Benit Mulvihill, Judy Mulvihill, Paula Gennaro, Kerri Richardson, Kelly Oakman, Darren Smith, Perry Bergeron, Lawrence Duhe, Brenda Keating, Jimmy Terrio, Earl Westfall, Darryl White, Patsy Moak, Caleb Haymes, Alyce & Jude Theriot Kerry Bueche, Barbara Watts, Laurie Stephens, Rose Loretto, Jerolyn McCullough, Charles Sears, Richard Case, Sandra Westfall, Warren Estes, Sarah Patsy Rogers, Benny Rogers, Michele Ratliff, Will Stanback, Clifford Galey, Emile Gennaro, Stephanie Gustavson, Stanley Morris, Vickie Weathersby Craft, Charlotte Kilpatrick, Bailey Rose Grace, Mark Nettles, Jack Craig, Skylar Stevenson, Jimmy Cuevas, Trent Hartzog, Richard Smith, Cliff Feduccia, Katherine Westrope, Tom Young, Ralph Price, Kim Jones, Marie Chipley, Charles Feduccia, Berenda Berry, Alfano Family, Maddox Kimble, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Lenzie Louviere Harris , Jan Gregory, Betty Smith Cummins, Robert White, Wade Tipton

**Prayers for the Homebound:** Bill Medor, Helen Walters, Elsa & Bela Nagy, Judy Rudman, James Howard, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Shelley Summers

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

**For The Sick**

O God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



**St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church**  
**“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”**

227 East Cherokee Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601  
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Website: [www.stfrancisbrookhaven.org](http://www.stfrancisbrookhaven.org)  
Email: [office@stfrancisbrookhaven.org](mailto:office@stfrancisbrookhaven.org)  
Find us on Facebook at St. Francis Brookhaven

**July 23, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Staff**

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor  
Erin Womack, Secretary & Bookkeeper  
Emily Phillips, DRE  
Angele Bartholomew, Youth Minister

**Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

**Daily Mass Times**

**No Daily Mass this week.**

**Benediction**

The first weekend of every month.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Mondays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation:** 4:40 PM on Saturday at St. Francis or by appointment.

**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.

We extend a special welcome to all of our visitors. If you are new to the area and have decided to make St. Francis your church family, please pick up a blue registration card in the vestibule of the church, complete the card and place it in the offering basket.

**St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members**

Lisa Shann, President  
Jim Bonner, Vice President  
Bo Allen, Secretary  
Cathy Fuselier, Christian & Family Life Commission  
Jeff Phillips, Liturgy Commission  
T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission  
Kenneth Goodrum, Member  
Johnna McRee, Member

**St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members**

Aaron Achord (Chairperson)  
Margaret Weathersby Eddie Britt  
David Phillips Patrick Barrett  
Laura Murray Christine Fiorella  
Jane Coleman

**St. Vincent de Paul Ministries Food Pantry**

St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry  
706 South 1st Street  
Brookhaven, MS 39601  
601-833-2709

**St. John Crystal Springs**

221 East Georgetown Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
Mass—Sunday at 11:15 AM

**St. Martin Hazlehurst**

113 East Conway Street  
Hazlehurst, MS 39083  
Mass—Sunday at 7:30 AM  
Spanish Mass—Sunday at 1:00 PM