

**Prayers for Healing:** Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Alyce Theriot, Jeremy Theriot, Ashley & Lincoln Touns, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Joseph & Wanda Fernald, Jimmy Ceuvas, Charleen Rush, Amada Bates, Thomas Young, Lawrence & Jo Russell

**Prayers for the Homebound:** Bill Medor, Bela Nagy, James Howard, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Larry Ledet, Stephanie Gustavson, Pearl Landry, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Deanne Shoemaker

**Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially:**

Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges, Sgt. Keagan Smith

**Prayers for Healing**

Please contact the Parish Office  
601-833-1799

to add a name to the prayer list.

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it will (see [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see [Acts 2:5, 38](#)).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of his name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see [Mark 3:14-15; 6:7, 13](#)).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith?

Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

*Excerpts: St. Paul Center*



# St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

**“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”**

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**SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Staff

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor  
Eileen Neal, Office Administrator  
Emily Phillips, DRE  
Ange'le Bartholomew, Youth Minister

## Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil (**English**) Mass at 5:00 PM
- Saturday (**Spanish**) Mass at 6:30 PM
- Sunday (**English**) Mass at 9:00 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Tuesday**, 11:50 Rosary & 12:10 Mass

**Wed.**, 11:50 Rosary & 12:10 Mass

**Thursday**: 11:50 Rosary & 12:10 Mass

**Friday**: First Friday 11:15 Exposition  
11:20 Rosary—11:40 Adoration—12:10 Mass

**Saturday**: First Saturday, Mass @ 9am

## Benediction

The first weekend of every month.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** 4:30 PM on Saturday & 8:30 AM on Sunday 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.

## St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members

**Lisa Shann, President**

Jim Bonner, Vice President

Jennifer Townsend, Secretary

Bo Allen, Christian & Family Life Commission

Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission

Hugh Louviere, Member

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St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry

706 South 1st Street

Brookhaven, MS 39601

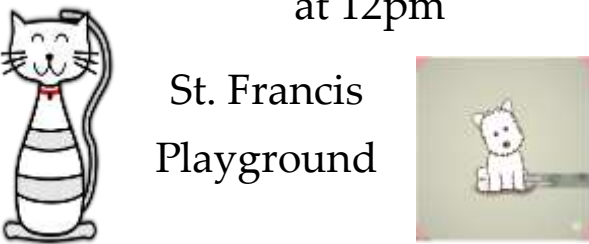
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We extend a special welcome to all of our visitors. If you are new to the area and have decided to make St. Francis your church family, please pick up a blue registration card in the vestibule of the church, complete the card and place it in the offering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

The Family Of Francis  
is invited to a  
**Mass of Thanksgiving**  
celebrating  
Father Bill Henry  
40 years of priestly  
ordination  
Sunday, October 6th  
10:30 am  
St. Alphonsus, McComb MS

**Happy Birthday!!**  
Michael (Jody) Cuevas  
(28)\*  
Hannah Junkin (28)  
Sawyer Bartholomew  
(29)  
Clifford Galey (1)  
Heidi Smith (1)  
Deborah Bienvenu (2)  
MaiLynn Nguyen (3)  
Marion Baker (3)

**BLESSING OF THE PETS**  
Sunday, Oct. 13th  
at 12pm  
St. Francis  
Playground



**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**St. Francis Parish Directory!!!**  
We are currently contacting those with set appointments from the last sign up. If you have received a phone call please call back to confirm. On-line scheduling will be available after Oct. 6.

**PARI SH PICNIC**  
Sunday October 6  
following the 10am Mass  
Food, Family, & Fun!  
Meat, baked beans, potato salad & drinks provided.  
Last names beginning with  
**A—F:** bring vegetable/casserole  
**G—N:** bring green salad, pasta, or deviled eggs  
**O—Z:** bring a dessert  
If you have a favorite dish/dessert, feel free to bring it in ADDITION to your assigned food.  
**REMI NDER:**  
**MASS I S AT 10am**

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**  
\$6,077.00 in offertory contributions is needed each week to meet the budget.

**September 21 & Sept 22, 2024**  
**Regular Offertory**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 5586.40</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$ 501.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6087.40</b>

Come explore & rediscover your Catholic roots!  
**RCIA**  
Tuesday, October 1, @ 5:30pm  
Topic: I Believe in God, the Father Almighty

GOD is Good  
All the Time  
All the time  
GOD is Good

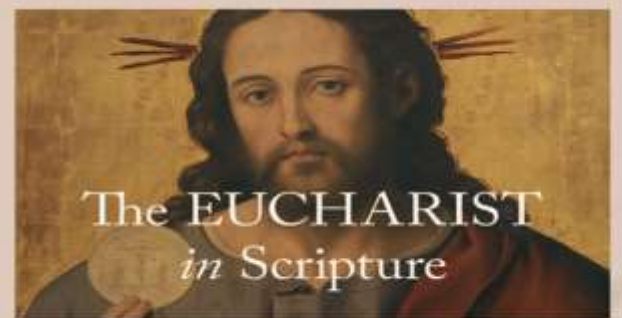


**FIRSTS**  
*First Wednesday*  
6:30pm Faith Formation  
Mass in the church  
*First Friday*  
11:15 Exposition  
11:20 Rosary  
11:40 Silent Adoration  
12:10 Mass (church)  
*First Saturday*  
Devotion to Mother Mary  
9 am Mass (church)  
*First Weekend*  
Incense & Benediction

Check out the latest St. Francis happenings on our Facebook page!  
St. Francis Brookhaven

There will be Coffee & Donuts following the 9am Mass

Effective Immediately, the Vietnamese Mass at St. Francis will be permanently discontinued. St. Alphonsus in McComb will be celebrating a monthly Vietnamese Mass with a Vietnamese priest.



**The EUCHARIST in Scripture**  
6-wk study by Scott Hahn  
**LEAD BY ERIC POSTMA & GERRY WHITMAN**

**COME JOIN US**

**STARTS SEPT 29 AFTER 9AM MASS** | **IN SERIO HALL** | **REGISTER: (616) 566-7932**

Altar Flowers are given by Mr. Terry Wallace in honor of Gwendolyn Ann, his wife of 60 years.

Knights of Columbus  
**raffle tickets for weekend getaway**  
Tickets are still available!  
Winning ticket will be drawn at the Parish Picnic October 6

**Tickets \$10.00**

**Liturgical Assignments**  
**Saturday, October 5**  
**Eucharistic Ministers (H)**, Gerry Whitman  
Alice Methvien, Lanelle Wusterbarth  
**Lector:** Cathy Fuselier  
**Commentator:** Shelly Barron  
**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum,  
**Thurifer:** David Phillips  
**Ushers:** Brandon Bowman, John Chandler  
**Greeter:** Phyllis Hobbs, Shandra Flynn  
**Music:** Eileen Neal, Celine Craig

**FAITH FORMATION**  
Wednesday, October 2  
**LIVE ROSARY @ 6pm**  
(weather permitting in playground)  
followed by **MASS @ 6:30pm** in Church  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
Bring your rosary!



We are pleased to announce that St. Francis Parish has subscribed to **FORMED.org**  
Access thousands of books, studies, audio talks, documentaries, and movies.  
1) go to [FORMED.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup)  
2) enter parish zip code 39601 or name and select St. Francis  
3) enter your name and email  
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Fall more deeply in love with Jesus through a greater knowledge & better understanding of Sacred Scripture!  
Bible Studies led by Jim Bonner, Gerry Whitman, Leslie Phillips, and Jesus Quilote  
Bible study topics and meeting times to be announced at a later time.

**DON'T FORGET!**  
October 5 & 6  
Support St Francis by contributing to the Building Fund collection

**Sunday, October 6**  
**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Eric Postma  
Kelly Postma, Ange'le Bartholomew  
**Lector:** Diane Acy  
**Commentator:** Dennis Valentine  
**Altar Servers:** Preslee Womack, Finley Ybarra  
**Thurifer:** Joshua Smith  
**Ushers:** Jim Craig, Owen Junkin  
**Greeter:** Marilyn Capuano, Beth Delaughter  
**Music:** Eileen Neal, Celine Craig