

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Theriot Family, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Joseph & Wanda Fernald, Jimmy Cuevas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, Lawrence & Jo Russell, Caleb Haymes, Merideth Walker, Pierre Ahlstrom, Chris Smith, Norris Acy, Nick Andrews, Darryl White, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Hunter Louviere & Family, Rick Bedwell, Gates Mims

Prayers for the Homebound: Bela Nagy, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Larry Ledet, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Deanne Shoemaker, Brenda Simmons, Bob Weathersby, Paul Phillips, Billy Walker, Perry Bergeron

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

Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges

Prayers for Healing
Please contact the Parish Office
601-833-1799
to add a name to the prayer list.



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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MARCH 9, 2025—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Staff

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

Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM
Spanish Mass at 5:30PM
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: No Daily Mass—

Tuesday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Wed: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Friday: 3:00 Divine Mercy

3:15 Mass 3:45-5:15 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (chapel)

5:30 Stations of the Cross (church)

Benediction

First weekend of the month.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration from 9am—1pm on Mondays in the church

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3:30 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

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St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry

706 South 1st Street

Brookhaven, MS 39601

601-833-2709

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.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 8, Mass at 4pm—Sam & Flo Schroeder (RIP)

Sunday, March 9, Mass at 9am—Our Parish

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Tuesday, March 11 Mass at 12:10 pm — Healing, Protection, & Guidance

Wednesday, March 12 Mass at 12:10pm—Helen Walters (RIP)

Thursday, March 13, Mass at 12:10 pm—Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)

Friday, March 14, Mass at 12:10pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)



March 9, First Sunday of Lent Excerpts: *A Catholic Moment*

On this first Sunday of Lent, the readings give us a handy two-edged sword to help us have a Lent that leads us closer to God.

First Reading This selection of Scripture is toward the end of Moses giving “the Law” to the Israelites in the desert, yet it comes many years before the people will inhabit their Promised Land and have “first fruits” of crops to present in joy to the Lord.

Second Reading The Church gives us Romans today to tell us: look on the inside. *“Rend your hearts, not your garments and return to the Lord, your God”.* It isn’t enough to keep Lent with some external behaviors. I need to open myself to God.

Gospel All the Gospels tell of Jesus’ temptations in the desert, so Jesus’ temptations are the readings for the first Sunday of Lent each year. There are many deep and wonderful reflections we can have as we consider Luke’s presentation of it. Jesus tells us, USE SCRIPTURE TO WARD OFF TEMPTATION. He shows us how. Face the temptation and say out loud: *“It is written, ‘You shall not live on bread alone.’”*

“It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord, your God and him alone shall you serve.’”

“It is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test.’”



Knights of Columbus

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Saturday, April 5

Doors open from 7am –1pm

Items can be dropped off starting Thursday, April 3 at Serio Hall. Items can also be dropped off at the food pantry prior to April 3 on Fridays from

8:30—10:00am

Sunday, April 6

items can be browsed/shopped by parishioners for a donation to the Knights of Columbus

The Weekend Mass

Highlights

1st weekend:

Benediction

2nd weekend:

Youth Mass

3rd weekend:

Memorial Mass

4th weekend:

Children's Choir



Fr. Aaron Williams

Spirit & Truth;

Understanding the Word of God

Thursday 3/13

6:00PM Meal—6:30PM Mission

Friday 3/14

5:30PM Stations—6:00PM Meal—6:30PM Mission

Happy Birthday!!

Michael Fiorella (8)

Jacob Postma (10)

Ellie Ybarra (10)

Luke Abadie (13)



GOD is GOOD
all the time
all the time
GOD is GOOD!

Coffee & Donuts
after the
9am Mass
All are welcome!

SPRING BREAK

OCI A & Faith Formation

will not meet this week!

March 11 & 12

This Sunday afternoon, OCIA catechumens and candidates, from numerous parishes in our diocese, will assemble at St. Francis of Assisi (Madison) to participate in the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion, led by Bishop Joseph Kopacz. Please pray for the three candidates from our parish as they take their first formal step toward entering into full communion with the Holy Catholic Church at Easter. Our candidates are:

Patricia Goodrum

E. Carlisle Henderson

Michael Quin



Daylight Savings Time!

Don't forget

to set your

clocks ahead

spring forward on March 9!



We are pleased to announce that

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3) enter your name and email

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March Monthly Devotion

ST. JOSEPH



In March we honor St. Joseph. He was the foster father and guardian of Jesus. He ministered to all of the needs of the Holy Family in Nazareth. St. Joseph is the patron saint of families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers/buyers and the dying.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, March 15

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Erica Looney

Kira Burke, Gerry Whitman

Lector: Paige Jackson

Commentator: Alice Methvien

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin

Thurifer: Joshua Atwater

Ushers: David Goss, John Chandler

Greeters: Violet Corrales, Lanelle Wusterbarth

Music: Steve & Hilda

March 16

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Eric Postma

Kelly Postma, Laura Murray

Lector: Lindsey Smith

Commentator: Cathy Fuselier

Altar Servers: Finley Ybarra, Maddie Postma

Thurifer: David Phillips

Ushers: Luis Ybarra, Joe Postma

Greeters: Beth DeLaughter, Tara Bonner

Music: Eileen & Emily

February online giving;
\$4007.03

March 1 & 2, 2025

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 7656.17
Loose Cash	\$ 805.00
Total	\$8461.17

St. Francis Parish Offertory

\$6,077.00 in offertory contributions is needed each week to meet the budget.

Operation Rice Bowl

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters & brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger & climate change, & how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Rice Bowls are available for you in the vestibule of the church. Return on Holy Thursday, April 17.



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

The committee for the Parish Directory would like to thank the Family Of Francis for their patience while the directory was being finalized. We are currently awaiting a final proof for approval and then the directory will go to production. We would also like to thank those who submitted pictures for consideration to the directory..



The Ladies of St. Francis

Will meet this Sunday, March 9

after the 9am Mass

New members are welcome to attend!

We are thankful to everyone at St. Francis who has generously contributed to this year's Catholic Service Appeal. This appeal provides a special opportunity to share your blessings with others and support vital ministries like our Permanent Diaconate Ministry. Our permanent deacons serve within our parishes, offering invaluable support to our pastors and parish communities. If you haven't made a pledge yet, please consider contributing. Each of us is called to respond in faith and make a difference. To date, the Family Of Francis has raised \$14,690.00. Thank You for your continued generosity.

Senior Anointing Mass

& Luncheon

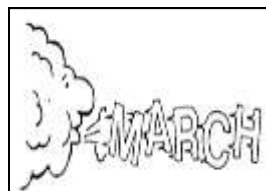
this Wednesday,

March 12

11:50 Rosary

12:10 Mass

luncheon to follow



SAINT FRANCIS YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, March 9

Youth Mass @ 11am followed by roller skating 12:30—2pm for ALL!

Wednesday, March 12

No Faith Formation...Spring Break!

Sunday, March 16

Children's Choir practice after 9am Mass

Sunday, March 23

Children's choir at 9am Mass