

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Gale, 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, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Hunter Louviere & Family, Rick Bedwell, Gates Mims, Robbie Arnold, Lenore Gillispie, Benjamin Smith, Larry Howard, Elizabeth Wesse. Sandy Wojcik, Terri Corley, Warren Estes, Glen Ray James, Fred Robinson, Susan Geffert, Cheryl Matherne, Ed Powell, Alyce and Payton Theriot, Jamie Hill, Dickie Conn, Courtney Vanover, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, John Spratley

Prayers for the Homebound: Bela Nagy, Roseann Harris, James Laird, Joe Robin, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Bob Weathersby, Paul Phillips

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

43rd Annual Bishop's Cup

September 11



Lunch: 12:00PM
Tee Time: 1:00PM
Dinner: 6:00PM

Your support helps the Catholic Foundation bring to life meaningful

projects!
Information available in the vestibule.

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, September 13

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Gerry Whitman
Lanelle Wusterbarth, Cathy Fuselier
Lector: Lanelle Wusterbarth
Commentator: TA Boyd
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin
Ushers: Brad Smith, John Chandler
Greeters: Pat Williams, Alice Hearn
Music: Steve/Hilda



Sunday, September 14

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner
Tara Bonner
Lector: Carlisle Henderson
Commentator: Larry Baker
Altar Servers:
Ushers: David Goss, Owen Junkin
Greeters: Cathy Ditcharo, Violet Corrales
Music:

If you are in need of "Prayer Warriors" please contact the office & a Flocknote will be sent for parish wide prayers for your special intention.



The Diocese of Jackson would like to provide support for families who have been given an extraordinary cross to carry in the loss of a child. Couples who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood are invited to attend a Remembrance Mass to honor the memory of their children.

Friday, September 5 @ 6:30PM at St. John the Evangelist, Oxford MS

Saturday, September 20 @ 10:30AM at the Cathedral of St. Peter

Please contact the office to register 601-833-1799.

God is GOOD
all the time
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"Make me an Instrument of Your Peace"

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SEPTEMBER 7, TWENTY THIRD 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 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: 12:10 Mass/Luncheon to follow
Thursday: NO Daily Mass
Friday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass luncheon to follow

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

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
Cathy Fuselier, Member

St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members

Patrick Barrett, Chairperson

Sabrina Smith Eric Postma
David Phillips James Bellipanni
Laura Murray Ashley Davis
Gerry Whitman

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries Food Pantry

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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our OCIA spiritual journey of welcoming non-Catholics into the Church begins on Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 6PM in the library. Please invite a family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor or other that is unbaptized, or a person baptized in another Church, that is looking for spiritual enrichment in their life or has inquired about the Catholic Church. Also, please invite any person who has been baptized Catholic but needs First Communion and/or Confirmation. Our OCIA involves a combination of faith formation, liturgical celebration and experience in our faith community life. If you have any questions, please call Gerry Whitman at 504-940-8684.



Happy Birthday!!

Johnna McRee (7)
Jane Coleman (8)
Phillip Nguyen (9)
Lucas Phillips (10)
Shea Riley (11)
Dennis Valentine (12)

The Ladies of St. Francis

will meet
Sunday, September 21
immediately following
the 9AM Mass.
Reminder that annual dues are due,
cost is \$20.
New members are welcome!



**FAITH FORMATION
OPENING MASS**

WEDNESDAY, Sept 10
at 6:30
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Altar flowers
are given by
Dennis & Amy
Valentine
to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of
Will Wilson Valentine



Children's Church

Begins Sunday
September 7
at the 9AM Mass.
Children attend this service during the liturgy of the word only, leave church before the first reading & return at the offertory.



Senior Anointing
Mass & Luncheon
this Wednesday,
September 10 at 12:10.
Luncheon in the parish
center immediately
following Mass

**THINGS YOU OUGHT
TO KNOW**

when: Sundays,
immediately following
Mass at coffee & donuts
The presentations are as
follows:
This week:
**HOW TO TIE A TIE &
A BOWTIE**
(please bring your own tie)
presented by
Jason Guthrie &
The Young Catholic Group

Sept. 21
How to change a tire
Sept. 28
How to use a fire extinguisher
Oct. 12
How to set a dinner table
Oct. 19
How to create a sourdough
starter
Nov. 9
How to sew a button



**Knights of
Columbus**

Knights of Columbus
will meet this Wed. Sept 10 @ 6PM



The Knights of Columbus
are hosting a jambalaya fundraiser
Sunday, September 21
after the 9AM Mass
in the Parish Center.
Please plan on supporting this event!



Opening Night of Faith Formation



Sunday, October 5

following a 10AM Mass

Meat, baked beans, potato salad, drinks, &
desserts will be provided!

If your last name starts with;

A-M: bring salad, pasta, or deviled eggs

N-Z: bring a vegetable, casserole

The Parish provides a majority of the food for this picnic, however, we still need your food contributions to make this a success! If you have a favorite dish/dessert, feel free to bring it in ADDITION to your assigned dish!

If you have a gift to donate for a bingo prize please contact the office.

August 30 & 31, 2025

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 3001.00
Loose Cash	\$ 442.23
Total	\$3443.23

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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

August online giving
\$4069.53

September 7—Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus has a simple formula for maturing his followers; it is the cross. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." However, the question may legitimately arise, "Why is the cross a condition of following Jesus?" Jesus provides an answer in this passage. When he speaks of "hating father and mother" and even one's "own life," Jesus is indicating that the price of discipleship is to love him above all other things—even good and holy things like mother and father. Only God may have the first place in our lives: "...seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides" (Luke 12:31). Whenever we choose something, we necessarily leave other options behind, and that entails sacrifice.

For example, when you pick a job, you leave the other jobs aside. Christ is saying that all of our decisions must be subordinate to love of him and his will. "Will this decision transgress one of the ten Commandments?" "Is this decision in accord with my vocation or state in life?" "Is this decision God's will for me at this moment?" That is where we must prayerfully discern what God wants for us. This is not meant to create a scrupulous fear of "making the wrong decision," but rather seeking to please God in all we do in the light of faith.

Excerpts: ePriest



YOUTH MASS

Sunday, Sept. 14
at 11AM.

Second Collection
September 13 & 14, 2025
for the
Extension Society