

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Gale, Nathan Williamson, Jimmy Cuevas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, 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, Warren Estes, Glen Ray James, Fred Robinson, Cheryl Matherne, Ed Powell, Alyce and Payton Theriot, Jamie Hill, Dickie Conn, Courtney Vanover, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, John Spratley, Keagan Smith, Cam Martin, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Freddie Barrett, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb, Sydney Conzelmann, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, Rita Feduccia, Judy Muldihill, Cathy Fuselier, Terry Harvard, Robert Rogers, Carol Bennett

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

February 14 & 15, 2026

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 4026.00
Loose Cash	\$ 532.00
Total	\$ 4558.00

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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

Have any ideas or suggestions for our parish?
Please drop your ideas/suggestions in the suggestion box located in the church vestibule for parish council review.

FEBRUARY/MARCH LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 28 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner

Tara Bonner, Gerry Whitman

Lector: Lanelle Wusterbarth

Commentator: Gerry Whitman

Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin

Ushers: David Goss, Brandon Bowman

Greeters: Alice Hearn, Violet Corrales

Music: Steve, Hilda

Sunday, March 1 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Aaron Achord

Bridget Achord, Lisa Shann

Lector: Lauren Zell

Commentator: Jim Craig

Altar Servers: Lucas Phillips, Thomas Lopez, William Murray

Ushers: Stephen Murray, Jim Craig

Greeters: TA Boyd, Lisa Shann

Music: Eileen, Celine

A HOLY YEAR FOR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Jubilee Year starting January 10, 2026. The Holy Father has granted the possibility of a plenary indulgence to anyone who, under the usual conditions, visits a Franciscan Church or any place of worship dedicated to St. Francis. During the year, embrace St. Francis as a spiritual guide—and keep his example and intercession close in prayer. Our Family of Francis will celebrate this St. Francis Jubilee Year with several events to be announced at a later date.



We are pleased to announce that

St. Francis Parish has

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- 3) enter your name and email
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FEBRUARY 22, THE 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: NO Daily Mass

Wed: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Friday: Divine Mercy 3:00PM

Mass 3:15 Exposition 3:45-5:15

Stations of the Cross 5:30

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

Jennifer Townsend, President

Jim Bonner, Vice President

Leslie Phillips, Secretary

Bo Allen, Christian & Family Life Commission

Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission

Eddie Britt, 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.

CSA Ministry of the Week
Young Adult Ministry

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the CSA last weekend. If you haven't had the chance to make your gift yet, please consider doing so today. Your support of the CSA helps our Young Adult Ministries, enabling young adults to encounter Jesus and grow in their faith. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in supporting the ministries of our Church.



OCIA
class this Tuesday,
February 24
at 6:00PM
This week's topic is
Devotions & Sacraments
All are welcome to join in
the class!

**GOD is GOOD - All the Time
All the Time—GOD is GOOD!**

Second Collection 2/21-2/22
Black & Indian Mission



Hayes Davis (22)
Theresa Smith (23)
Addison Hiestand (23)
Josh Townsend (27)

Coffee & Donuts
after the 9AM Mass
on Sundays
All are WELCOME!

The Pastoral Council
will meet this
Wednesday, Feb. 25 @ 6:00PM

The Family of Francis again needs your help!

Who: Anyone who likes to sing

When: Saturday, April 4

What: The Easter Vigil Mass

If you are interested in singing please contact the
office or Emily Phillips.

Choir practice will be on Sundays after the 9:00AM Mass
beginning March 1.



Rice Bowls are available in the church vestibule.
Through CRS Rice Bowl, you can make an immediate
lifesaving difference. Please return your rice bowl on
Holy Thursday. Thank You!

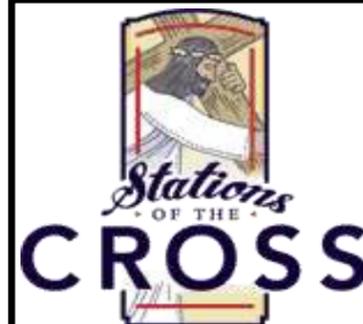
February 22—The First Sunday of Lent

Jesus teaches us to give more importance to the spiritual than to the material. However, man is weak, and he easily considers that satisfying his material needs justifies his not doing God's will. If we don't follow Christ's advice, then being tired will be a good enough reason not to pray, being in a bad mood will be a good enough reason not to live charity, and having a great idea will be a good enough reason to act as we want, not as we are taught. The devil's strategy is to make us look more at ourselves and our needs, than to look at God, his will, and the needs of the Church and of others.

Jesus teaches us that our actions have to correspond with what God wants, not with what we think he wants. There is always the danger of supposing that God thinks like we do, instead of seeking with all our strength to think as he does.

Remember what Christ told Peter when Peter dared tell Jesus what he had to do (to stop talking about his future suffering and death): "Get behind me Satan." Lent is a golden opportunity for us to "turn to the Lord," the only source of true happiness. We put our trust in God when we make him the reference point of both our troubles and our joys, and when we turn to him in prayer, including moments set aside specifically for that purpose, as well as by invocations and brief, warm, spontaneous prayers throughout the day. Do I put my trust in the Lord through these ways of prayer?

Obviously, we don't consciously deny God and worship idols. But we shouldn't forget that our heart will be where our treasure is. If Christ is not our treasure, then we will worship ourselves, others, things, money, honors, fame...While we wouldn't genuflect in front of our new computer or that stylish outfit we just bought, we may give these objects more importance than they deserve. That only God deserves our worship is a very demanding reality. This means that God has to be the center of our thoughts, words, desires, actions and plans. Vigilance involves constantly purifying our intentions and desires so that Our Lord continues to reign supreme in our heart, as the One from whom we came and to whom we are heading as the goal and reward of our entire life. Is Christ the King of my heart?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 5:30PM
during Lent!
Light meal
to follow
at 6:00PM
in Serio Hall!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, February 21
St. Francis Cemetery
& Graveside Clean-up

9:00AM—all are welcome to join
in this project

Wednesday, February 25
Free Throw Competition
with the youth of St. Francis

4:30PM—meet at parish playground

Friday, March 13
Fish Dinner

6:00PM in Serio Hall following Stations of the Cross
All are welcome!

Sunday, March 22
Breakfast & Bingo

After the 9:00AM Mass in Serio Hall



Please pray for our St. Francis
Catechumens:

Josh Russell, David Levy, Natasha Porter,
Kam Perkins, Ashley Downing, Meagan
Jones, Layla McKenzie
and our Candidates:

Jody Cuevas, Corey Schilling, Jay
Mackabee, and Charley Douglas

as they attend the Rite of Election on
Sunday, February 22.

The Rite of Election, usually held on the
First Sunday of Lent, marks the final, in-
tense phase of preparation for candidates/
catechumens to receive the Sacraments of
Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Flowers

Offering envelopes are available in the church
vestibule. Please consider making a donation
in honor or in memory of a loved one.
Please fill out the envelope with your name
and the name in honor of the donation &
place in collection basket.



Lenten Mission led by
Robert Feduccia

will be held on March 26 & 27
not on February 26 & 27.

Mission will be held from 6:30-8:00PM.



During several Sundays of Lent, Father Mano will
celebrate a Consecration Mass at the 9:00AM Mass. This
Mass will celebrate the work and dedication of several
ministries at St. Francis. There will be a
special Consecration Prayer and a
Blessing after Communion for those involved in these
ministries. Following the Mass there will be a
luncheon for these dedicated groups.

February 22—Altar Servers and Thurifers
March 1—Singers and Musicians

Please plan on attending this special Mass
and luncheon.