

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, Rick Bedwell, Gates Mims, Robbie Arnold, Lenore Gillispie, Benjamin Smith, Larry Howard, Elizabeth Wesse, Sandy Wojcik, Glen Ray James, Fred Robinson, Cheryl Matherne, Jamie Hill, Dickie Conn, Courtney Vano-ver, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, Keagan Smith, Cam Martin, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, Robert Rogers, Carol Bennett, Kristy Lambert, Pat Gardner, Eddie Britt, Carrol Black, Ledger Smith, Hugh Louviere, Julia Haydel and Baby, Donald Lewis, Bubba James, Tommy Cupit, Gerald Williams, Joseph Harris, Robert Rollins, Ladale Thompson, Richard Case, Paola Quin, Walter Thompson, Sr., Nate Trosclave, Josh Townsend, Jane Ratliff Smith

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

Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially
Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges, Joey Davenport, Patrick Willis

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

August 8 & 9, 2026
Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$3806.00
Loose Cash	\$851.00
Total	\$4657.00

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

AUGUST LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, August 22 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Alice Methvien
Lanelle Wusterbarth
Lector: Bobbye Dear
Commentator: Jim Craig
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin
Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler
Greeters: Lanelle Wusterbarth, Shandra Flynn
Music: Eileen, Celine

Sunday, August 23 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Jim Bonner
Tara Bonner, Sue Junkin
Lector (1): Corey Schilling
Lector (2): Talita Ruble
Commentator: Tara Bonner
Altar Servers: Piper Douchard, Preslee Womack
Ushers: Brett Douchard, Owen Junkin
Greeters: Kathy Phillips, Cathy Pigott
Music: Johnna

Have any ideas or
suggestions for our
parish?

Please drop your ideas/suggestions
in the suggestion box located in the
church vestibule
for council review.



44th Annual Bishop's Cup
Save the Date

Thursday, September 10
at
Lake Caroline Golf Club

Dates are available
to sign up for
weekend altar flowers.
Sign up sheet located in church
vestibule (bulletin board).
The office will help coordinate
the purchase of flowers.



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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AUGUST 16, THE TWENTIETH 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
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM
Spanish Mass at 4:00PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: No Daily Mass
Tuesday: No Daily Mass
Wed: No Daily Mass
Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Friday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
light lunch 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 appoint-
ment 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

St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members

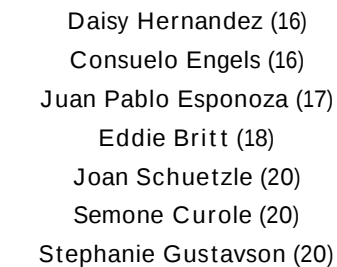
David Phillips, Chairperson

Sabrina Smith	Eric Postma
James Bellipanni	Mike Smith
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.



Sunday, August 16
after the 9:00 AM Mass



Eucharistic
Adoration
Mondays
9:00AM to
1:00PM
in the
Church



GOD is GOOD -
All the Time.
All the Time
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Second Collection
August 15 & 16 for the
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa

Faith Formation
is in need of
volunteers to
prepare &
serve meals
for the children
on Wednesday
evenings.
If you are inter-
ested, please
contact Emily
Phillips or the office to
sign up. Thank You!



Faith Formation
classes will resume on
Wednesday, September 9.

All the darkness in the world cannot
extinguish the light of a single candle.
-St. Francis of Assisi



August 16, 2026—The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are often timid and bashful in asking others for what we need when we assume that we will be “putting them out” with our request. We put ourselves in their place and think, “I don’t want to be a bother to them.” But Christ wants us to be bold in prayer! What does it “cost” God to grant us his grace? More than what he has already freely given us—his Son? To think that we are “bothering” God when we ask him for things is to pray to a distant and unfamiliar God. Did not Christ guarantee us that if we asked the Father (“Abba,” “Daddy”) for anything in his name, it would be granted? The Canaanite woman’s loud pleas were not bothering Christ in the least. How different Christ’s reactions are to ours, which are so often as those of his disciples!

It's hard to humble ourselves and admit that we need help, that we can't completely take care of ourselves. Our pride and human respect often keep us from asking for what we need. The Canaanite woman didn't seem to mind: she presented herself before Christ and others as a beggar. Now the Gospel text records, "But he did not answer her at all." One might think Christ responded to her act of humility with a rather cold, even degrading reception. Was Christ insensitive? Of course not! He knew how strong this woman's faith was, and he put it to the test precisely so that others throughout the centuries could marvel at her simple faith. There are often many hidden reasons why Christ doesn't readily answer our prayers. Let us return to Christ humbly, with faith and hope, when we feel slighted or ignored by Him.

Excerpts: ePriest



***American Martyr:
The Stanley Rother Story***

This film will be released in theaters nationwide in English on August 25-26, with a special Spanish-language release on August 27.

Please spread the word
about this powerful film.



Blessing of the Backpacks 2026
Have a great year everyone!



The Lopez family sends a special
goodbye to our entire community of
St. Francis of Assis, thanking you for all
the support, affection, and respect shown
during our stay in Brookhaven.
God Bless You All!
-Christian & Paula Lopez



The Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
will be celebrated with a
Mass on Saturday, August 15th
@ 10:30AM in the church.

Parish Council
meeting,
Wednesday, August 19th
at 6:00PM.

There will be
NO Daily Mass on
Tuesday, August 18th &
Wednesday, August 19th.

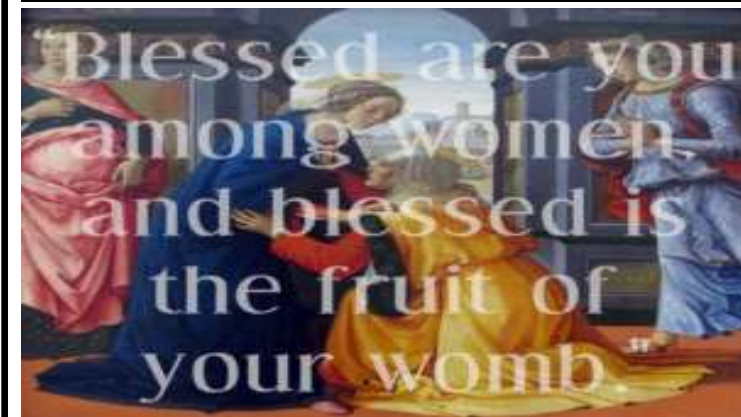
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



Our OCIA spiritual journey of welcoming non-Catholics into the Church begins on Tuesday, September 15th at 6PM in the library. Please invite a family member, friend, 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.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption reveals the great love Jesus has for his mother, and she for him. Mary was there from the beginning, saying “Yes” at the Annunciation to the power of the Holy Spirit and God’s plan of salvation. Mary was there during the long journey to Bethlehem where there was no room at the inn. She beheld the wonder that surrounded her Son’s birth: the gifts of the Magi, and yet another long journey to Egypt to avoid Herod’s terror. She heard Simeon’s puzzling prophecy about her heart being pierced by a sword. Mary and Joseph experienced the anguish parents feel when they lose track of their children, as young Jesus was in discussion with the temple elders.

Mary was there at Cana when she nudged Jesus to perform his first miracle. She stood at the foot of the cross when most of the disciples fled in fear.

Time and time again, Mary was there for her Son, and on this great solemnity we see the grateful Jesus bestow upon his faithful mother the greatest gift of all: eternal life with him in the heavenly kingdom.

The Assumption of Mary is a celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is a bookend to the related doctrine of the Immaculate Conception—that Mary was conceived without sin. She was chosen to be the pure vessel from which God’s Son would be born.

The Assumption teaches us that if we live as Mary did, in faithful intimacy with Jesus, God will do great things through us. And with Mary, we, too, will share in the risen glory of her Son.

-Ken Canedo