

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.

<u>August 1 & 2, 2026</u> <u>Regular Offertory</u>	
Envelopes	\$3371.00
Loose Cash	\$607.00
Total	\$3978.00

July online giving
\$5200.16

AUGUST LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, August 15 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Gerry Whitman
Sandy Wojcik, Becky Bowman
Lector: Lanelle Wusterbarth
Commentator: TA Boyd
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Koltin Nolin
Thurifer: Joshua Atwater
Ushers: Brandon Bowman, John Chandler
Greeters: Jane Coleman, Phyllis Hobbs
Music: Steve, Hilda

Sunday, August 16 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Patrick Riley
Laura Murray, Cathy Ditcharo
Lector (1): Jim Craig
Lector (2): Lauren Zell
Commentator: Paige Jackson
Altar Servers: Maddi Postma, Sami Curole
Thurifer: Kam Perkins
Ushers: Mark Smith, Aaron Achord
Greeters: Susan Smith, Cathy Ditcharo
Music: Eileen, Celine

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

St. Francis Parish Offertory

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



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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AUGUST 9, THE NINETEENTH 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: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Wed: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 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.



Eddie Coleman (8)
Gerald Williams (10)
Patricia Goodrum (10)
Brandon Bowman (10)
TA Boyd (11)
Jennifer Townsend (13)
Cathy Pigott (13)
Leslie Phillips (14)

Senior
Anointing Mass
Wednesday,
August 12
@ 12:10
in the church.

GOD is GOOD -
At the Time.
All the Time
GOD is GOOD!

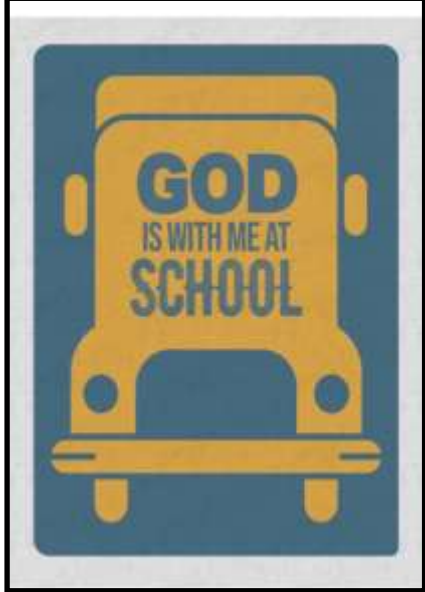
ATTENTION:
Breakfast & Bingo



has been
rescheduled to
Sunday, August 16
after the 9:00AM
Mass.

ATTENTION:
There will be NO
Eucharistic Adoration
Monday, August 10th.

Coffee &
Donuts
on Sunday
after the
9:00AM Mass



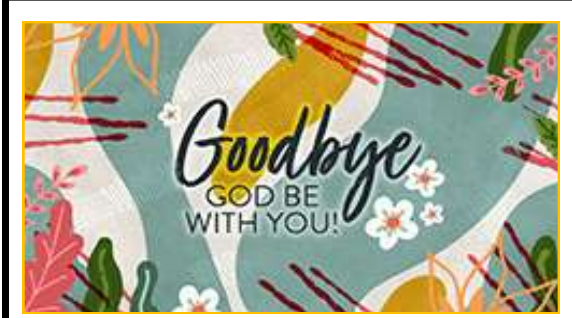
**BLESSING OF
THE
BACKPACKS**
Sunday, August 9
at the 9:00AM

Lord, bless this
backpack and the child
who carries it. Guide their
steps, guard their heart,
and help them shine
your light
wherever they go.
Amen.



Did you Know???
St. Francis of Assisi
created the first living
Nativity scene
in 1223, in Greccio, Italy.
To this day the
tradition continues.

Second Collection
August 15 & 16 for the
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa



The Family of Francis
extends heartfelt
wishes and prayers to
Christian & Paula Lopez
& children
upon their leaving.
You will be greatly missed!
“Goodbye for now, not forever!”



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.

“The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today.”
-St. Francis of Assisi

August 9, 2026—The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overcoming Fear with Faith

Fear always clouds our vision. Today’s Gospel takes place the night after Jesus fed the 5,000 on a mountain near the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, using only five barley loaves and two fish. Afterward, He withdrew to pray alone and sent the disciples ahead of him by boat, directing them toward the town of Gennesaret, just south of Capernaum. While great miracles occurred the next day in Gennesaret, something just as remarkable took place during the night’s journey across the sea.

The disciples found themselves rowing against a strong headwind, making the journey slow, arduous, and perilous. This scene is a vivid image of our journey through life. Life is rarely “a bowl of cherries,” as the saying goes. It can often feel laborious, filled with hardships, and some trials may seem never-ending. If life feels this way, today’s Gospel is especially for you.

During the fourth watch of the night, between 3 and 6 a.m., as the disciples continued struggling against the waves, they saw a figure walking on the sea, coming toward them. While we may be familiar with the idea of Jesus walking on water, for the disciples, this would have been an unimaginable and terrifying sight. They did not recognize Him—not because His appearance had changed, but because fear blinded them. This still happens in our lives. We can misinterpret suffering or divine silence as abandonment. But Jesus allowed their fear precisely so He could confront it directly: “take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” In His divine wisdom, Jesus knew that countless disciples would read this story and ponder this moment until the end of time.

What message is He giving us? The courage that comes from recognizing God in our midst allows us to conquer fear—especially in our moments of suffering, when the path ahead seems hard, dangerous, and without end.

By a supernatural instinct, Peter utters the perfect prayer, but he falters in remaining faithful to it. Yet even this is allowed by God, for our instruction. Making an act of courageous faith does not guarantee we will not stumble. Peter sank not because he lacked faith entirely, but because fear began to overwhelm his trust. And in this, Jesus teaches us another lesson; Even when our faith wavers, we must not give in to despair. Peter did not drown—he cried out once more, “Lord, save me!” and Jesus immediately reached out His hand.

Despair is the true enemy of faith. Though fear and the growing force of the wind weakened Peter’s faith, he remained hopeful even in his weakness. And it was this hope—however trembling—that moved Jesus to stretch out His divine hand and save him.

Reflect today on any trial or suffering you endure that tempts you to fear. Confront that fear head-on. Rebuke it. Look for Jesus, who comes to you in the midst of the trial, walking on and through that very storm. Know that it is truly Him, drawing near. As you overcome fear, keep your eyes fixed on Him, not on the storm. This is what strengthens our faith and enables us to keep moving forward toward the goal: Jesus’ hand of divine grace.

Excerpts: [My Catholic Life](#)





Prayer for a New School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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