

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, 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 Vanover, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, Keagan Smith, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb, Henry Ledet, Shannon Patterson, Ransom S. Furlow, 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, Ladale Thompson, Richard Case, Paola Quin, Walter Thompson, Sr., Nate Trosclair, Josh Townsend, Brenda Sears, Cliff Feduccia, John Henriquez, Jude Theriot, Ryley and Zane Touns, Myrna Casciola, Brenda Moak, Robert Robinson, Adam Smith

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, Joey Davenport, Patrick Willis

Prayers for Healing

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



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.

AUGUST LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, September 26 @ 4:00PM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Heather Sabatini
Sandy Wojcik, Alice Methvien
Commentator: Bobbye Dear
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin
Ushers: Brandon Bowman, David Goss
Greeters: Violet Corrales, Shandra Flynn
Music: Steve, Joshua Smith

Sunday, September 27 @ 9:00AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Patrick Riley
Jennifer Townsend, Sue Junkin
Lector (1): Talita Ruble
Lector (2): Lauren Zell
Commentator: Jim Craig
Altar Servers: Piper Douchard, Tucker Smith
Ushers: Brett Douchard, Chad Townsend
Greeters: Jimminette Phillips, Cathy Pigott
Music: Emily & Children's Choir

September 12.& 13, 2026

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$3188.00
Loose Cash	\$660.00
Total	\$3848.00

Second Collection 9/12-9/13/26
Extension Society
\$604.00

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.



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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SEPTEMBER 20, THE TWENTY FIFTH 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: NO Daily Mass

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

St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members

David Phillips, Chairperson

Sabrina Smith Eric Postma

James Bellipanni Mike Smith

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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.



Henry Swann (22)
Elizabeth McIntyre (22)
Stephen Murray (23)
Mary Nettles (24)



Choir Practice
Monday 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 @ 5:30PM
[New Members are Welcome to Join!](#)



St. Francis Picnic & Jubilee Celebration

Oct. 11 after the 10:00AM Mass
Meat, baked beans, potato salad, drinks & desserts will be provided!

If your last name starts with

A—M: bring a vegetable casserole

N—Z: bring salad, pasta, or deviled eggs

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! Thank You!



Save the Date:
Blessing of the Pets
October 4, @ 3:30PM
on the Parish Playground

Next Sunday, September 27
Birthday/Anniversary
Celebration Cake
in honor of September
celebrants during coffee & donuts.
If you celebrated a September wedding anniversary please notify the office so we can include you in the celebration list.

NO Daily Mass this Friday,
September 25th.



First Day of Fall Tuesday, September 22 Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

May the earlier setting of the sun

Remind us to take time to rest.

May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet

Remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air

Remind us that it is you who give us your
breath of life.

May the scurrying of the squirrels and the
migration of the birds

Reminds us that you call us to follow your will.

We praise you for your goodness forever & ever.

Amen

-Author Unknown

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

Parish Council
will meet
Wednesday, Sept. 23

The Ladies of St. Francis
will meet
Sunday, September 20
during coffee & donuts

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

September 20

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through this parable, Jesus was exposing a serious flaw in the way his contemporaries looked at the Covenant with God and with the religious life in general. Just like sometimes we can view work as a burden rather than a blessing, so many Jews, especially the Scribes and Pharisees, looked at their keeping of the covenantal precepts more as a yoke than a grace. They failed to see that they had already received far more than the others were being offered because of the great gift of having been able to walk in the Lord's ways up until then. We Christians can sometimes be guilty of the same flaw. We can be secretly jealous of those who have lived a wild and sinful life, but who, because of God's mercy, converted before it was too late. We can behave like the older brother in the Parable of the Prodigal Son and resent that the Father treats our profligate brothers and sisters with the same love with which he has treated us who have never disobeyed his commands in such a flagrant way.

We can be bitter, as those who had worked all day were, that the Master is making others "equal to us" who have shouldered the weight of fidelity to his law all along. But this envy happens because our vision has become distorted. The expression the Master in the Parable uses today, "Are you envious because I am generous?" is a loose translation of the Greek St. Matthew employs, which says, "Is your eye evil because I am good?" The generosity of another, especially of God, can make us angry because we think that if we are to win, others must be left behind: that we can't be happy and enjoy the fruits of our work unless others, especially the lazy bums who haven't made the same choices we have, don't get the same thing and are unhappy. Our eye becomes evil when we're confronted by others' sharing their goods or sharing in those goods.

We have to add that one of the reasons why we, like Jesus' Jewish listeners, are prone to anger by the Lord's merciful generosity is because sometimes we value sins more than we value the love of God and of others. That's why we're jealous of those who "get in" at the last moment after having lived a sinful life. If we truly treasure God, however, we recognize that we've been blessed all along the way more than those who were sinfully enslaved to various idols. Repentant sinners clearly recognize this: that's one of the reasons why they convert!

Excerpts: [Catholic Preaching](#)



OCIA
Tuesday, September 22
Topic: Liturgical Calendar
& Church Tour
Class starts at 6:00PM

Created for Covenant

Thursday, September 24 @ 6:15PM.

This class is led by Mark Postma, an instructor with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan.

Class meets in the parish center.

"Please note that St. Francis will pay for all fees and costs associated with the course. Please do not send any donations to the Catholic Bible School."

Altar flowers are given by
John & Peggy Henriquez in memory of
Philip Henriquez.

*"We always hold you close
in our hearts."*

Happy Heavenly Birthday Phil!



Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays 9:00-1:00
in the church
All are welcome!

