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July 20, 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

*10:30 am Sunday and daily Masses are
live-streamed on our YouTube channel
and our Facebook page.*

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM

O.C.I.A. (formerly R.C.I.A.)

Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

New inquirers welcome year round.

ROSARY:

Thursday: 6:40 AM

ADORATION:

Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request

From the Desk of Fr. Albeen

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He saw that Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son. So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. And what about that “better part” that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can’t avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside, and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. As we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God’s peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

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MASS INTENTIONS

We have immediate openings for 7:00 am Mass Intentions, schedule yours by calling the parish office 601-856-5556, or by using the blue envelope located the magazine rack of the church or go to our website stfrancismadison.org.

Mass Intentions can be offered for your loved ones who have departed from this life to bring light in their journey to Heaven.

Also, Special Mass Intentions are for healing, or need to come back to God, or as a gift for birthday, or anniversary.



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FAITH FORMATION EVENTS FOR LEADERS 2025-2026

AUGUST 22-24

Lake Tiak-O'khata
LOUISVILLE, MS

Pastoral Ministries Workshop - 2025

New format! This weekend workshop and retreat will be held in August this year at Lake Tiak-O'khata in Louisville, MS. It is designed for any adult serving in pastoral ministries; this workshop/retreat experience is sure to provide the tools necessary to enhance your ministry practice.

NOVEMBER 15

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MADISON, MS

Fall Faith Formation Day - 2025

This one-day workshop takes place annually in November. It combines a mix of practical workshops on a variety of timely topics related to parish faith formation. Priority sessions led by a national speaker bookend the day.

ABOUT US

Fran Lavelle - Director,
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Department of Faith Formation

MORE INFORMATION

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Events & Religious Education

Children's Ministry: Sunday School

Children's Sunday School Catechists and Life Teen Core Team Members needed!

As *pilgrims of hope* in this Jubilee Year, let's share hope with our parish children or teens! Please prayerfully consider becoming a Sunday School catechist for pre-K-6th grade children, a leader for Children's Church, or a *Life Teen* Core Team member for teens. Teaching guides and materials are provided, and you may partner with another leader. Contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org for more info or if interested in being a catechist for children or a Core Team member for teens.

7th-12th Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:

Wow! This Wednesday, all 7th-12th graders and their parents are invited to Trivia Night at the FLC—July 23, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Let Maggie know if you plan to attend!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Sunday, July 20

All 7th-12th graders Waterpark Adventure at Geyser Falls Trip.

9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.

Wednesday, July 23

6:00 pm WOW 7th-12th graders and their parents Trivia Night in the FLC.

6:15 pm Choir rehearsal in the Daily Chapel.

For general religious resources, please visit FORMED.org or search for “Formed” on your favorite app store.



FINANCIAL GIVING



Weekly Goal: \$30,000.00

Collection Basket	\$19,058.50
Children's Offering	\$ 142.00
Online	<u>\$ 5,776.08</u>
Total	\$24,976.58

July: Capital Campaign.

July 20: St. Anthony School Tuition Assistance.

Please make checks payable to *St. Francis of Assisi*.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic? The short answer is **YOU!** When any parish has many inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church we invite you to join the OCIA program. OCIA **classes will resume August 20th**. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office at 601-856-5556 or by visiting the church website at www.stfrancismadison.org.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS – PRAYING WITH CONFIDENCE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Many people have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the Church entirely. The Millions of Monicas prayer ministry supports mothers in this situation. Following the example of St. Monica, these mothers come together weekly to persevere in prayer for their children's joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. Meetings every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 127 Church Road, Madison. For more information call the parish office at 601.856.2054, email millionsofmonicas@stjosephgluckstadt.com or visit www.millionsofmonicas.com.



In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust
our Parishioners:

Erwin Liebl
and
Shirley Martin

Please keep the families in your prayers.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
rest in peace. Amen



Altar Flowers this weekend are in memory of
Marty Houck

by his mom Ann Marie, Jodi, and Shannon

The love you shared with the one you miss so much, live on
in the light of Christ's great love. 1 Corinthians 13:8



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday	Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

MASS INTENTIONS



Sat., Jul. 19	VIGIL MASS
5:00 PM	Mass † Helen Lee Crotty
Sun., Jul. 20	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM	Mass † Rosie Landry
9:10 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † Eone Swekosky
10:30 AM	Mass
5:00 PM	Mass † Marty Houck
Mon., Jul. 21	ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI
7:00 AM	Mass † Mark Armstrong
Tue., Jul. 22	ST. MARY MAGDALENE
7:00 AM	Mass † Harry McGovern
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † Dr. George Henneberger
Wed., Jul. 23	ST. BRIDGET
7:00 AM	Mass † Mark Armstrong
Thurs., Jul. 24	ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF
7:00 AM	Mass † Mark Armstrong
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † Barbara Haver
5:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri., Jul. 25	ST. JAMES
7:00 AM	Mass † Mary & Ken Brown
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † Julia Grant

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention



PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent, John Logan,
Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty,
Garrett Kennedy, Caroline Grace Smith,
Greg Weatherford, James Kaiser,
Dagan Nations, Lee Greco, Liam Nethery,
Tristan Nethery, and Kelly Yonko.

Thank you for protecting our country.
May the Lord keep you safe.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Parishioners: Rick Mills, Amanda Williams, Bill Smith, Dora Thomas, Ann George, Michael Schenk, Tina Coats, Kathleen Hood, Elvie Clement, Chris Smith, Terry Grabiak, Louis Pellegrine, Ethan George, Betty Ravenstein, Leslie Philipp, Sieger Sims, Tom Miller, Brandy Tucker, Gregg Jones, Pat Rogers, Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Chuck Bergin, Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, and Barbara Willis.

Family: Joseph Edge, Jerry Thomas, Austin Stewart, Isabella Saab, Robert Smith, Kay Wittenberg, Donna Stanley, Keely Ramshur, Desiree Savoie, Angela Gaither, Martha Hall, Marinella Davis, Amy McManus, Dan Nguyen, Rebecca McManus, Porter Antici, Mary Ann Williams, Selema Rookis, Marie Chiple, Troy Plaisance, Rita Barrau, Robin Ballough, Fred Delahoussay, Hap Post, Nancy Watts, Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut, Abby George, Ann Porcello, Celia Bustillos, Dorothy Lacourrege, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns, Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, and Chrissie Parks.

Friends: Lorene David, Lynn Goodman, Genesis Moore, Carrie Maniscalco, Lindsay McCollum, Consha Sims, Tommy Chifoln, Laura Higgins, Ruby Joblin, Travis Griffin, Shirley Jones, Patsy Meyer, Kay Beggerly, Gene Fox, Phil Cook, Brenda Dehm, Shannon Gilmer, Zayden Washington, Adele Brown, Carl Fields, Elizabeth Albertson, Jimmy Haltam, Mary Bradley, Gail Madden, Ethan Parker, and Linda Parish.

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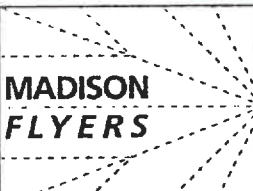
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