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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 Msgr. Elvin

The people of Sirach's time had followed the laws and commandments that governed external actions. But Jesus taught that thoughts and desires that lead to sin can also be freely chosen or rejected. In the Gospel he gives us some examples. The first is about killing. Jesus says that anyone who gets angry enough to kill or who looks down on his neighbor as not deserving to live has committed murder in his heart. Because the Eucharist is our sacrament of unity, we should take care to be reconciled with others before coming to the altar. The next warnings are about adultery and divorce, breaches that also begin with interior feelings. Jesus exaggerates when he tells us to cut off a hand or tear out an eye, because he knew how easily we rationalize our feelings and pretend they are harmless. Jesus takes marriage seriously and expects his disciples to do the same.

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - FEBRUARY 18

7:00 AM | 6:00 PM

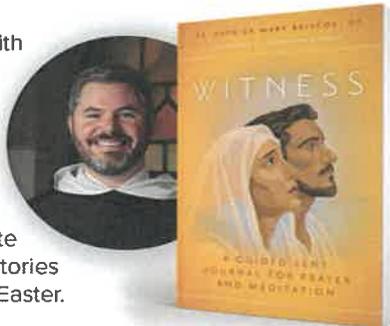
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday, and follow the Lord's life during this period of His life.

FRIDAYS OF LENT:

- 6:00 PM ROSARY
- 6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 7:00 PM LENTEN MEAL

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Join our parish this Lent with Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe's daily devotional *Witness*. Walk the road to Calvary alongside biblical figures who encountered Christ in his Passion—from Mary Magdalene to Pontius Pilate—and discover how their stories mirror our own journey to Easter.



Reserve your spot for *Witness* - Parish Lent Study

There is still time to sign up for the parish wide study. Each Thursday evening during Lent we will gather in the Family Life Center for dinner, prayer, and a Lenten reflection led by Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe. Adults and teens are welcome and childcare is provided. There is no cost, but please sign up after mass or through Flocknote or use the QR code. Books are available for pick up after mass.



Diocesan World Marriage Celebration Day
St. Peter's Cathedral, Jackson, MS
St. Francis Congratulates!

- 61st Anniversary: Carol and James Cooper
- 60th Anniversary: Donna and Johnny Biggert
- 50th Anniversary: Joanne and Chuck Bergin, & Mary and Woody Middleton
- 35th Anniversary: Sallie Ann and Will Inman, & Kathryn and Steven Langston
- 30th Anniversary: Kimberly and Shaun Conerly
- 25th Anniversary: Jennifer and Doug Colson, Pilar and Luis Terrazas, & Ana and Jorge Vidal

Events & Religious Education

Pre-K-6th grade Children's Ministry and Sunday School

Children's Sunday School: All Pre-K-6th grade children are invited to join us every Sunday, 9-10:15am. **We need another catechist for Pre-K/ Kindergarten and one for 2nd grade.** Please contact Mary Catherine if you can help with this ministry!

TRUE NORTH VBS 2026: June 15-18! Many volunteers are needed to point children toward JESUS! Please consider teaching, assisting, decorating, helping in the kitchen, running AV equipment, or babysitting. Contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org if you are interested in joining our VBS team!

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

Life Teen: There will be *NO Life Teen* sessions this Sunday, February 15. All sessions for 7th-12th, including Confirmation prep for all Pre-Confirmation candidates, resume on Sunday, February 22, 6-7:45 pm.

No WOW (Worship On Wednesday) for Ash Wednesday. Join us for Mass!

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join the **Teen Table** for **WITNESS**, the Parish Lenten Bible Study, Thursdays, 6:00- about 7:45 pm in the FLC! Bring a Bible, and a friend if you wish. Please RSVP weekly for supper via the Flocknote link or contact Laura Catherine.

Confirmation Retreat for all 11th/12th grade candidates will be Sunday, February 22, 9:30 am check-in till about 5:00 pm, at Camp Garaywal. Indemnity forms are required. We ask that all parents and friends pray for our candidates and those from other parishes who will be joining us.

Lenten Study Young Adult Table: All young adults are invited to participate in *Witness*, our Parish Lenten Study on Thursday nights, for reflection and discussion at a table for college-aged to mid-twenties! Please register via the Flocknote link or sign up after Mass this weekend so you will have a book or contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org for more info.



FINANCIAL GIVING



Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$24,618.20
Children's Offering	\$ 90.25
Online	\$ 7,050.15
Total	\$31,758.60

February: Capital Campaign.

February 14 & 15: St. Anthony Tuition Assistance.

February 18: Ash Wednesday Collection will support Habitat for Humanity.

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

February 14 & 15: Catholic Service Appeal Pledge.

*Please make checks payable to **CSA**.*

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Service Appeal at our parish. The **Catholic Service Appeal** relies on the generosity of all parishes to make a lasting impact. Your pledge, joined with others, supports vital ministries like **Clergy Healthcare Assistance**, ensuring our priests and seminarians receive the healthcare they need. By giving, you become part of *Hope Rising*, extending Christ's promise to those who serve us. Please consider a generous gift to help continue this important mission in our diocese.

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This week we continue our exploration of Catholic Social Teaching. The Church teaches that faith is never lived in isolation, but always within relationships and society as a whole. Respect for human dignity, responsibility for the common good, solidarity with the poor, and the just use of material goods are essential to Christian discipleship. Catholic Social Teaching challenges us not only to believe, but to act—bringing Christ's love and justice into the world through concrete choices and faithful witness. OCIA meets in St. Clare Hall at 6:30 on Wednesday nights. Inquirers are welcome to join us at any time. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office or by visiting the church website at www.stfrancismadison.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Sunday, February 15

9:00 am Sunday School for Pre-K4-6th grades.
9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.
9:00 am Bible Buddies in the Family Life Center Lounge.

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 pm TMIY evening session in St. Clare Hall.

Wednesday, February 18

10:00 am Martha and Mary Group in St. Clare Hall.
6:30 pm OCIA session attending Church/St. Clare Hall.

Friday, February 20

6:30 am TMIY morning session in St. Clare Hall.

2026 Black History Month:

Holy Family Catholic Church, Natchez, Mississippi located on the corner of St. Catherine Street and Orange Avenue in Natchez, Holy Family Catholic Church was built in 1894. It was the first Catholic church for a Black congregation in the state of Mississippi. The Church's Gospel Choir performs "Southern Road to Freedom" at First Presbyterian Church of Natchez each year during Spring Pilgrimage.



Altar Flowers this weekend are in honor of the 4th Baptism Anniversary of **Katherine Grace Jenkins**

by her mom **Courtney**

With prayers that God will continue to guide and bless Katherine's life. Galatians 3:26-27



In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust **Mayo Herrington** mother of our parishioner Alan Herrington (Tutti) and our parishioner **Gloria Guy**

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 14 **VIGIL MASS**
5:00 PM Mass ♥ **Ed Marsalis**

Sun., Feb. 15 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 AM Mass ♥ **Pha Hall**
9:10 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Joseph Sullivan**
10:30 AM Mass - Missa Pro Populo
5:00 PM Mass ♥ **Jan Evans**

Mon., Feb. 16 **PRESIDENTS' DAY**
7:00 AM Mass † **Joseph Gandolini**

Tue., Feb. 17 **WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ **Mark Prost**
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Chris Russo**

Wed., Feb. 18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
7:00 AM Mass † **Clara Lee Mullen**
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Craig Stamm**
6:00 PM Mass - Missa Pro Populo

Thurs., Feb. 19 **WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM Mass † **Sonia Calderon**
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Walter Dubuc Jr.**
5:00-7:00 PM **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Fri., Feb. 20 **WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM Mass † **Allyn Brown**
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † **Ruth Patterson**

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention

SAVE THE DATE

Adults 21 and Older are Invited to the Catholic Diocese of Jackson

YOUNG ADULTS SPRING RETREAT

April 11, 2026 - Greenwood, MS



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, Kelly Yonko, and Willy Gabriel Cardona.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

Parishioners: Rick Mills, Amanda Williams, 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, Kregg Jones, Pat Rogers, Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Lauren Kalka, Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, Barbara Willis, Mary Conner, Bernard Dreiling, Lucy Hilton, Molly Hoke, Elizabeth Winter, Mike Robinson, Christine School, and Edgardo Quiambao.

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, Selema Rookis, Marie Chiple, Troy Plaisance, Robin Ballough, Fred Delahoussay, Hap Post, Nancy Watts, Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut, Ann Porcello, Celia Bustillos, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns, Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, Willie Crotty, Dane Taylor, and Paul Bolus.

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, Linda Parish, Fr. Michael O'Brien, and Robert Blount.





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