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March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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 Pharisees and the people could not believe that the man who was born blind was healed by Jesus. Many did not believe that the man who could now see was the same man that used to beg. They judged by a perceived appearance of moral failure displayed by the man's blindness and made up their minds that God could not or would not heal any person like that. The chaos and frustration that followed the miracle of this blind man finally being able to see points to a deeper desire that God has for His children throughout all of salvation history - He wants us to see each individual as He sees our hearts. This is indicated by Jesus's Response to the Pharisees. "Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not also blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.'"

Even though we can do nothing on our own to find healing, it still has to start with us. We must admit we are blind and need to see. If we don't, we will see God's work as chaos, it will trip us up and we will not be able to believe or recognize the miracles around us. If we do not, then we will look a lot like the disbelieving Pharisees and neighbors of the man who could see clearly. May Jesus recreate our eyes to see as God sees, think more and more like Him, and act more and more like Him.

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PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

When: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: St. Francis Sanctuary



LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS



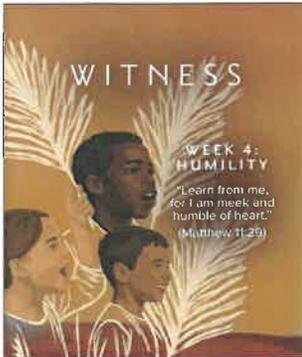
St. Francis of Assisi Church is preparing for a Live Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3rd at 2 pm.

Children and adults who wish to participate, please email Amy Hornback at ahornback44@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

6:00 PM ROSARY - CHURCH
6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CHURCH
7:00 PM LENTEN MEAL - FAMILY LIFE CENTER (Shrimp Po Boys)

ABSTINENCE: The law (Cannon 1252) of abstinence binds those who have completed 14 years of age. Abstinence prohibits Catholics from consuming meat.



Witness - Parish Lent Study Meets Every Thursday During Lent

Witness, the parish-wide Lent study continues this Thursday, March 19th, in the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. A virtual option is also available from 6-7 p.m. for those who cannot meet in person. Please RSVP through Flocknote or call the parish office.

ANNUAL EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT



Parish Easter Sunday Egg Hunt: The Easter Bunny needs a lot of eggs to hide for our Egg Hunt! Please bring *soft* candy-filled or toy/sticker-filled plastic eggs to the collection boxes in the FLC foyer by Palm Sunday. (No nuts, peanut butter, or hard candy, please)

Events & Religious Education

Pre-K4-6th grade Children's Ministry and Sunday School

Spring Break for Children's Sunday School: No Sunday School on March 15, but all Pre-K-6th grade classes will resume on March 22, 9:00-10:15 am.

You MOOST join our volunteer team for **TRUE NORTHVBS 2026 June 15-18, 9 am-noon!** Contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org to teach, decorate, babysit, and assist in other ways so we can begin planning!

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

Spring Break for Life Teen: We will **not** meet on March 15, but all 7th-12th grade sessions, including Confirmation prep for *all* candidates, will resume on March 22, 6-7:45 pm.

WOW (Worship On Wednesday) for all 7th-12th graders resumes this Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm!

Teens who want to offer their service to the parish in some way, please contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org to help prepare materials for upcoming children's events and to assist with activities.

Alive in You Summer Camp

June 23-28, 2026

- ☑ Current middle school and high school students
- ☑ Extended registration deadline: Sunday, March 22

Stuebenville Catholic Youth Conference - Atlanta

July 10-12, 2026

- ☑ Rising freshmen through graduating seniors
- ☑ Extended registration deadline: Sunday, March 22



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently enrolling students 7th through 12th grade for the 2026/27 school year. For more information please contact Tracy Miracle, Admissions Coordinator, at tmiracle@stjoebruins.com or 601-898-4800.



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SUNDAY OFFERING



FINANCIAL GIVING

Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$18,821.00
Children's Offering	\$ 47.00
Online	\$ 6,518.51
Total	\$25,386.51



March: Capital Campaign.

March: Easter Flower Offering **deadline March 23.**

March 14 & 15: St. Anthony School Tuition Assistance. *Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi.*

March: Catholic Service Appeal Pledge continuous. *Please make checks payable to CSA.*

OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As we continue our OCIA journey, we will be reflecting on the Church's teaching about vocation as presented in *Lumen Gentium*. The Church teaches that every baptized person receives a vocation—a call from God to live a life of holiness and service. Some are called to the priesthood or consecrated religious life, while many live their vocation as members of the laity, witnessing to Christ through family life, work, and service in the world. Together, these vocations build up the Church and continue Christ's mission. Jeff and Ann Cook will lead us this week. OCIA meets at 6:30 pm in St. Clare 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, March 15

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

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

10:00 am Martha and Mary Group in St. Clare Hall.

6:30 pm OCIA session in St. Clare Hall.

Thursday, March 19

6:00 pm Parish Lenten Study Book in the Family Life Center.

Friday, March 20

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

6:00 pm Rosary in the Church.

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church.

7:00 pm Lenten Meal in the Family Life Center.



The Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School Draw Down is on **April 25 at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are \$120 (admits 2). Second chance insurance is \$15. Each ticket presents a chance to win \$5000. To purchase tickets please go to <https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlinepurchase.php?groupid=3618> or call 601-871-0176 or email stbdrawdown@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

FUN FAMILY EVENT Bradley Banning

(Catholic, Country Singer and Song Writer)

When: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Concert Time: 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Where: MS Ag Museum Forestry Building

Sponsored: Diocese of Jackson-Office of Family Ministry

Limited Seating Registration
Required \$10 per person, Max \$40 per family.

USE QR CODE TO REGISTER



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 14 VIGIL MASS

5:00 PM

Mass ♥ Adam Merrill

Sun., Mar. 15

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM

Mass † Barbara Cheatham

9:10 AM

Mass - St. Catherine † Dalton Rader

10:30 AM

Mass - Missa Pro Populo

5:00 PM

Mass ♥ Juan Vargas

Mon., Mar. 16

WEEKDAY OF LENT

7:00 AM

Mass † Barbara Clowers

Tue., Mar. 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

7:00 AM

Mass † Craig Stamm

8:30 AM

Mass - St. Catherine † Frances Marretta

Wed., Mar. 18

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

7:00 AM

Mass † Rita Barrau

Thurs., Mar. 19

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

7:00 AM

Mass ♥ Walley Kennedy

8:30 AM

Mass - St. Catherine † Woody McKnight

5:00-7:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri., Mar. 20

WEEKDAY OF LENT

7:00 AM

Mass † Allyn Brown

8:30 AM

Mass - St. Catherine † Mildred Roberts

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention



TRAVEL TO EUROPE

Come Travel with Father Carlisle Beggerly to Italy/Greece (October 7th-20, 2026). \$5,999.00 per person. All inclusive travel. Stops include Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Athens, Ephesus and more. Contact Proximo Travel (855-842-8001) for more information.



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, Edgardo Quiambao, Emily Fairchild, Wes Williams, and Mary Kraft.

Family: 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, Nancy Watts, Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut, Ann Porcello, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns, Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, Willie Crotty, Dane Taylor, Paul Bolus, Betty Ann Giliberto, Heather Griffin, and Juan Vargas.

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.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT WITH A CAJUN FEST 2026 T-SHIRT!

Each year a unique T-shirt is designed so visitors can show their support for the event. In order to ensure your size, you may pre-order shirts for this year's Cajun Fest. Pre-orders are due by **April 15th** and must be prepaid. Your order may be picked up after Mass at St. Francis, at Cajun Fest, or they will be delivered to St. Anthony. (St. Anthony students may wear the shirts to school on designated school dates.) Cash or check (payable to St. Francis of Assisi).

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM -- Note the number of each shirt you wish to pre-order next to the size below.

YOUTH: ___ X-Small ___ Small (4-6) ___ Medium (8-10) ___ Large (12-14)

Total Youth shirts ordered _____ @ \$15 each = _____ Deliver to St. Anthony

ADULT: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___ 2XL ___ 3XL

Total Adult Shirts ordered _____ @ \$20 each = _____

Total paid \$ _____ Check _____ Cash _____ King Crawfish Sponsor

Name _____ Contact number _____

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Level	Choose	Donation	Benefits	St. Francis Tax ID #64-0706383
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Blue Crab		\$150-\$399	2 meal tickets, 2 game tickets, bulletin acknowledgement listing	
Maine Lobster		\$400 - \$749	4 meal tickets, 4 game tickets, bulletin acknowledgement listing	
Alaskan Crab		\$750-\$1,999	6 free meal tickets, 6 game tickets, name on T-Shirts, name on Banner that will be displayed year-round in the Family Life Center and acknowledgement listed in the bulletin after the event. LOGO Deadline – Friday, March 20, 2026	
King Crawfish		\$2,000 & up	10 free meal tickets, 10 game tickets, name on T-Shirts, name on Banner that will be displayed year-round in the Family Life Center and acknowledgement listed in the bulletin after the event. (2) Event T-shirts ___AS ___AM ___AL ___AXL LOGO Deadline – Friday, March 20, 2026	

Corporate/Sponsor Name: _____

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Contact Person: _____ Phone _____ email _____

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