



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Confessions:** First Sunday of the Month, before and after Mass

**Liturgy:** Sundays at 8:30 AM

Fridays at 10:00 AM

**Holy Days:** Please call for Mass times

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays: 9 AM to 4 PM

Fridays: 9 AM to 2:30 PM

*New Parishioners* – Welcome to the Parish! Please register as soon as possible at the Parish Office.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**TODAY**

**After Mass: Breakfast sponsored by the K of C's/Ladies Auxiliary**

### PLANNING AHEAD...

- **Wednesday, March 1: 5:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated
- **Friday, March 3: 5:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross
- **Sunday, March 5:** Confessions after Mass
- **Sunday, March 5:** Linger Longer after Mass
- **Thursday, March 9: 6:00 p.m.** Parish Council meeting
- **Sunday, March 12:** Sacrament of the Sick after Mass

**Catholic Service Appeal** - Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the **CSA**. St. Francis of Assisi has **raised \$495** and our **goal is \$640**. We ask that God grant us a renewed sense of responsibility for the work of our parish, diocese and the church throughout the world. For more on information about the Appeal or to donate online please visit [www.jacksondiocese.org](http://www.jacksondiocese.org).

**ENCOUNTER LENT!** Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's **CRS Rice Bowl** from the church entrance this weekend and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

**Bishop Kopacz opposes SB 2710, so-called "Sanctuary Cities" bill** - As Christians we are called to welcome the stranger and care for those in need. As citizens, we are called to keep our communities strong and safe. We feel that the so-called "Sanctuary Cities" bill (SB 2710) being debated right now in the Mississippi Legislature damages both of those efforts. The bill is flawed and not needed...We urge lawmakers and advocates to oppose SB 2710. We will, as a Catholic community, continue to work with immigrants and refugees – welcoming their contributions to our community and culture – even as we pray for a just solution to the challenges of immigration and security. *(For Bishop Kopacz's full statement, please see the parish bulletin board, or go online to [jacksondiocese.org](http://jacksondiocese.org).)*

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – March 1<sup>st</sup> is coming quickly! Masses for Ash Wednesday will be:

10 a.m. St. Mary, Iuka: English

Noon St. James Corinth: English

**5 p.m. St. Francis Booneville: Bilingual**

7 p.m. St. James Corinth: Spanish

Our collection on Ash Wednesday will again go to Catholic Charities, NE office, located in Vardaman, MS.

**In keeping with the solemnity of Lent**, we do not sing or say the Gloria. The rest of our responses will be said during Lent, with the possible exception of the "Lamb of God."

**The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC)** exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. If you would like to contribute to this collection, envelopes are available at the entrance of church. They can be placed in the collection basket, and will be forwarded to the diocese. For more information, go to: [www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection](http://www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection)

### *In February/March we pray for...*

*Salvador Magaña, families all over the world, Ventura Magaña, Dub Strickland, Tony DeManss, Carolyn Lenske, Esperanza Leon, Fr. Guadalupe Tapia Barajas, Catalina Navarro, Cruz E. Olvera, Leon Alvarez family, Puentes, Perez, Limon, Serra, Galache Melendez & Valensia, Cuca Alvarez, Hector Enrique Hernandez, Esperanza Josefina, Lorenza León, Perez family, Sherri Kastens. Scott Brackeen †RIP.*

**MINISTRY IN IUKA** – We continue to look for a part time Pastoral Minister to serve St. Mary and Tishomingo County. It is hoped that a resident minister will be more available for parish administration, pastoral needs and community outreach. This will provide a more consistent Catholic presence in Tishomingo County. Please pray that we find the right person to support the wonderful ministry in this area. If you know someone who may be interested or have ideas on where to advertise this position, please see Sheila.

### Collection for February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory needed per month	\$4,870.33
Total received February 12th	\$1,059.00
Total received month to date	\$2,927.00
Total needed to meet February budget*	\$1,943.33
Candles	\$2.00
Linger Longer	\$4.00

\* Any additional offering you can give to help make up our shortfall would be very much appreciated!!

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Attendance 80

### Wednesday, March 1, 2017 ASH WEDNESDAY

If you are able to volunteer, please arrive early.

### SUNDAY, March 5, 2017 First Sunday in Lent

Presider:	Fr. Mario
Lector 1:	Trish Blakely
Cantor:	YOUR NAME HERE?
Lector 2	Marla Kastens
Intercessory prayers:	David Buhle
Extraordinary Ministers:	Maria Elena Perez, Charry Lacy and Jude McGrath
Gift Bearers:	Venture Class
Altar servers	George Buhle and Kaden Trevathan
Ushers	Volunteers

### WEEKLY:

**THURSDAYS – 3:00 p.m. ENGLISH CLASS**

**FRIDAYS – 10:00 a.m. LITURGY**

**12:00 noon - BIBLE STUDY**

**5:00 p.m. – STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

### BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

March 3 - Nelson Martinez

### HOLY HOUR



Each **WEDNESDAY** evening we have **Holy Hour** from **5:30 p.m.** until **6:30 p.m.** at which time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. ALL are invited to come and pray with us!