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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

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

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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

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

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A, Mar 26, 2023

From the Desk of Fr. Albeen

LIFE FROM GOD: As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

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All ladies of the Parish are invited to help us strip palms for Palm Sunday *this* Wednesday, March 29 at 8 am in St. Thomas Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS PARISH

Saturday, March 25

5:00 pm 3rd. Scrutiny for RCIA.

Sunday, March 26

CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT PROVIDENCE HILL FARM

9:00 am Sunday School.

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

9:00 am Bible Buddies Group in St. Thomas Hall.

6:00 pm Life Teen for 7th to 12th grades.

MONDAY – THURSDAY: Confirmation Interview Week

Tuesday, March 28

6:00 pm Parish Reconciliation Service.

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 pm WOW! 7th - 12th graders in he FLC.

6:30 pm RCIA will meet in St. Clare Hall.

Thursday, March 30

5:00 pm Adoration in the Daily Chapel.

6:30 pm Divine Chaplet Prayer.

Friday, March 31

6:00 am TMIY (That Man Is You) in St. Clare Hall.

Saturday, April 1

8:00 am Fatima Devotion at St. Joseph in Gluckstadt.

5:00 pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 2

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: 8 am, 10:30 am & 5 pm.



“BE A PART OF JESUS’ JOURNEY”

Join us for the Live Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7th at 2 pm.

We will have two (2) rehearsals: 1) Sunday, March 26 & 2) Sunday, April 2, both at 2 pm. Please make every effort to attend. Please email Amy Hornback at ahornback73@gmail.com with questions.



Easter Sunday Egg Hunt! We need hundreds of soft candy and tiny trinket filled plastic eggs! All who plan to participate in the hunt are asked to contribute. Please drop off filled eggs (no nuts, peanut butter, or hard candy, please) in the Family Life Center collection boxes by Palm Sunday, April 2!

Events & Religious Education for our Kiddos

“Behold, children are a gift from the Lord.” Psalm 127:3

All Sunday School classes resume this Sunday, March 26, 9:00-10:15 am.

Come aboard the *Rocky Railway VBS express* for all children going into Pre-K4 -4th grades, June 19-22, 9:00 am - noon! Conductors are needed, so please contact Mary Catherine now at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org if you are interested in planning, teaching, assisting, decorating, coordinating snacks or assisting in any way.

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

Life Teen resumes *this* Sunday, March 26, 6:00-7:45 pm.

All 7th-12th graders are invited to WOW! (Worship On Wednesday) *this* Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm!

Ablaze! Confirmation Retreat: This Sunday, March 26, 10:00 am -5:00 pm for *all* candidates at Providence Hill Farm near Flora. Please meet us there at 9:30 am. Signed Indemnity Form E and Form A or updated Form B are required. Please check Flocknotes for form. Contact Ms. Melissa for more info.



“St. Anthony Catholic School is now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in registering please use the QR Code or call the office to set up a personal tour 601-607-7054.”



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

They are now enrolling grades 7-12 for the 2023-2024 school year. They have a few spots available and would love to have some new faces join their growing family! Contact Tricia Harris to schedule a tour of their beautiful campus. tharris@stjoebruins.com.

FINANCIAL GIVING

Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$18,252.00
Children’s Offering	\$ 18.00
Online	\$ 3,342.47
Total	\$21,612.47




Additional Collections this weekend:


- ◆ **Special collection, April 6th:** “Operation Rice Bowl” 75% of contributions are sent to Catholic Relief Services to help projects overseas that help increase and maintain communities’ access to food. 25 percent of the contributions stay in the Diocese of Jackson to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. *Checks payable to St. Francis.*
- ◆ **Special collection, April 7th:** Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. *Checks payable to St. Francis.*
- ◆ **Easter Flowers collection:** If you dedicate Easter Flowers to your loved ones, please make sure their names are written clearly. Deadline to turn in your offering is March 26th. *Checks payable to St. Francis.*

RCIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Over the past three weeks our **Elect** have participated in the scrutinies during mass, and we have all been encouraged to join them as we scrutinize our own lives and pray for the grace to overcome the power of sin. This week the RCIA will be discussing Holy Week and preparing for the Easter Vigil. We will meet Wednesday night at 6:30pm in St. Clare Hall. More information about the RCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office at 601-856-5556 or by visiting the church website at www.stfrancismadison.org.




Assisi Early Learning Center continues enrollment for the school year beginning June 1st. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Assisi Family, please complete an information request form. Priority for enrollment will be given to in-house siblings and active St. Francis Parishioners.




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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



Congratulations to
Watson Robert Barbrey
son of Andi and Austin
who was baptized last weekend.
In one Spirit all of us are baptized into one body of Christ. 2 Corinthians 12:13



PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS
Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent,
Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty,
Will Walenta, Garrett Kennedy,
Caroline Grace Smith, and Greg Weatherford.
Thank you for protecting our country.
May the Lord keep you safe.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat., Mar. 25 VIGIL MASS**
5:00 PM Mass † Eileen Clayton
- Sun., Mar. 26 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 AM Mass † Luella Doolittle
9:10 AM Mass - St. Catherine † Tracy Herrington
10:30 AM Mass
5:00 PM Mass ♥ Jan Evans
- Mon., Mar. 27 WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ Lindsay & Austin Shin
- Tue., Mar. 28 WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM Mass † Lewis Clark
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † Hien Vu
- Wed., Mar. 29 WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM Mass † Luella Doolittle
- Thurs., Mar. 30 WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ Cieli Cordero
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † Ed Powers
5:00 PM Adoration in the Daily Chapel
6:30 PM Prayer of the Divine Mercy
- Fri., Mar. 31 WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ Helen Lee Crotty
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † Wilma Haley
† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



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