



St Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Sundays:
 9:00 am, 11:30 am

Mon, Wed & Fri
 12:05 pm

Tues & Thurs
 5:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
 Fri
 8:30 am - Noon

RECONCILIATION

Tues 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues 7:00 am - Wed 7:00 am

Meditation: John 6:1-15 A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing. (John 6:2)

If you want a key to understanding the Gospel of John, you could probably do no better than to focus on the word "sign." In the first half of his Gospel (chapters 1-11), John recounts seven signs, or miracles, that Jesus performed. Then in the second half (chapters 12-21), he devotes all his time to the greatest sign of all: Jesus' cross and resurrection.

In today's Gospel, we see a large crowd following Jesus because they were impressed by these signs. Who else could turn water into wine or raise a dead boy with a mere word? They wanted to see more, and Jesus didn't let them down. He performed yet another sign: feeding more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fishes! Over the next few Sundays, we will hear how Jesus explains this miracle and how important it is for us. He'll tell us that this multiplied bread points to the true Bread of Life—his own Eucharistic flesh, which he will give "for the life of the world" (John 6:51). He'll tell us that this special Bread of Life is greater even than the manna that Moses gave the Israelites in the desert (6:32). And best of all, he'll promise to raise up "on the last day" everyone who eats this bread with faith and trust in him (6:54).

These are only three of the many promises Jesus has made to us. He promises to be with us, to teach us, to heal us, and to lift us up. He promises to feed us with his very life, and after this life, he promises to open heaven itself for us. This is how good Jesus is! Today is a perfect day to fix your eyes on Jesus, the Bread of Life offered at Mass, and thank him for everything he has promised you. It's also a perfect day to tell him that you want to keep following him so that you can receive each and every blessing he has in store for you.

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us your Bread of Life!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Jul 30 Mon, Aug 6	12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph 12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Tues, Jul 31 Tues, Aug 7	4:00 pm – Funeral for Stanislaw Grzybowski 5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
Wed, Aug 1 Wed, Aug 8	12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph 12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Thurs, Aug 2 Thurs, Aug 9	5:30 pm – Cornelius and Kathleen Ryan 5:30 pm – Special Intention
Fri, Aug 3 Fri, Aug 10	12:05 pm – Special Intention 12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Sat, Aug 4 Sat, Aug 11	5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS 5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Aug 5 Sun, Aug 12	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$6,097.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

Please pray for our relatives and friends who are sick or grieving:

Matt Savage - friend of parishioner
Brian Pitre - son of Lea Pitre
Traci Hardin - family member of Edwina Hogue
Shiloh Sciacca - nephew of Havilah and Neil Couvillion
Marilyn Hubbard - friend of parishioners
Arlene Diaz - friend of a parishioner
Greg Raney - friend of David and Lisa Darce
Bonnie Bennett - friend of parishioner
Hazel O'Neal and Jon Peterson - friends of a parishioner
David Lack - husband of Susan Shira Lack
Stephen Cobb and family - friends of a parishioner
Dale Perkins - friend of Al Baca
Marcus Efantis - nephew of Demi Dunne
Dr. Bill Foster - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
Dakhlallah family - friends of Randy & Melissa Follett
Read Bush & family - friends of Chuck Bailey
Bob Lambert - brother of Mary McCoy
Kris Thomas - daughter-in-law of Jay McKee
Hope Mooney - sister of Laura McKee
Eugene Sheehan - friend of Joel Okula
Tonya McLendon & Stefanie Zadravek - friends of Demi Dunne
Gary Keith - father of Jason Keith
Marilyn Bowen - friend of Jimmy and Patti Abraham
Susan Felker & Danny Carlisle - friends of Jimmy & Patti Abraham
Gwen Hatch - sister-in-law of David Monts
Mark & Claire Lilly - parents of Mark Lilly
A friend of Lea Pitre
Deborah Young - relative of parishioner

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____

By/Relation: _____

Date: _____ New request ___ Renewal ___ (check one)

Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection

Brian Gill - family of Patricia and Godfrey Uzoigwe
Dana Uzoigwe - daughter-in-law of Patricia & Godfrey Uzoigwe
Kerri Irby and family - daughter of Peggy Cini
Colleen Parker & Cindy Pittman - daughters of Wil and Judy White
Roger Austin & David Dionne - uncle and cousin of Dawn McGinley
Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a parishioner
Parents of a parishioner
George Mangum - son-in-law of Eugene & Carolyn Columbus
Renee Columbus - daughter-in-law of Eugene & Carolyn Columbus
Catherine Stone - sister of Trish Auel
Brenda Graves - sister of Debra Lipe
Alecia Holder, Margie Fletcher & Tracey Lang - friends of Debra Lipe
Christina Moore - daughter of Billy and Mary Beth Moore
Marianne Morgan - friend of Jeri Mangum
Edith Harkins - mother of Flo Henley
Keri Nixon - sister-in-law of Lisa Stricklin
Allen Love & Madelyn Garnett - friends of Demi Dunne
Warren Fraser - friend of Susan Brown
Tom Lavelle - son of Mary June Lavelle
Bill and Dyan Duncan - friends of Rich and Barb Meiring
(Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

Libby Gerald	Charles Tubertini	Clyde Taylor
Jane Bell	Chip Gavron	June Schmidt
Barb Frank	Al Baca	Kathy Winston
Jeri Mangum	Edmond Emplaincourt	Lainie Anthony
Mary Beth Moore	Ron & Patricia Raines	Barb Grzybowski
Michael Rust	Jason Rollins	Emily Jones
Brenda Fratesi	Rose Fischer	Mary Runnels
Barbara Clynch	Anna Chromiak	Hugh Comish
Kathryn Randall	Susan & Virginia Brown	Tara Puckett
Theresa Lollar	Dianna Janus	Flo Henley
Edwina Hogue	Jane Ammerman	Dee Dee Cook
Ana Maria Lopez	Peggy Wolverson	Bud Tomaso
Robert Harris	Julie Smith	Tim Read
Trish Auel	Charley Joel	
John Simpson	Paul Cuicchi	

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Please pray for those fighting abroad to keep us safe:

Aaron Cini	Christian Bondi	Clayton Eckler
Billy Stricklin	Ryan Mangum	Scott Shepard
Kevin Raftery	Patrick Smith	Andrew Pitman
Chris Withrow	Cory Delouche	
Adam Fuhrmann	Robert Elias	

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Go to **formed.org** and click on the **Register** tab,
enter our **parish code: HT24XG**
and follow the steps to create your own free account!

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR JULY 29 & AUGUST 5, 2018

Sunday, 7/29

4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Monday, 7/30

5:30 p.m.. - Boy Scouts - Hall

Tuesday, 7/31

10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
3:00 p.m. - Grzybowski Visitation - Church
4:00 p.m. - Funeral Mass - Church
5:00 p.m. - Repast - Hall

Wednesday, 8/1

7:15 a.m. - Companions on the Journey - Center
1:00 p.m. - Book Club - Lounge
5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Thursday, 8/2

No Church activities

Friday, 8/3

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church

Saturday, 8/4

10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Sunday, 8/5

4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Monday, 8/6

5:30 p.m.. - Boy Scouts - Hall

Tuesday, 8/7

10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church

Wednesday, 8/8

7:15 a.m. - Companions on the Journey - Center
5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Thursday, 8/9

6:00 p.m. - KC Council Mtg. - Center

Friday, 8/10

11:30 a.m. - Pro-Life Rosary - Church
12:30 p.m. - Bagging for Pantry - Hall
6:00 p.m. - La Leche Potluck - Center

Saturday, 8/11

9:00 a.m. - Food Distribution - Hall
10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Sunday, 8/12

10:15 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - Hall
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

NO CONFESSION OR 5:30PM MASS ON 7/31/18

Due to the 4:00pm Funeral Mass for Stan Grzybowski on Tuesday, July 31st, there will be no confession and no 5:30pm Mass that day. Please keep Barbara and her family in your prayers.

ELIJAH CUP PROGRAM

Sunday, August 5th, at the 9am Mass we will start our Elijah Cup program, which gives families a unique opportunity to pray together for vocations. For additional information about the Elijah Cup or if you are interested in participating, contact Ian Perez at ianalida@yahoo.com or see the sign-up sheet available at back of church.

FAREWELL WIL WHITE AND WELCOME KAZIE RICHARDSON

After 43+ years of service to the parish, most recently as the St. Joseph accountant and president of the Finance Council, Wil White has stepped down from his positions with the church. We offer him our deepest gratitude for the incredible riches of time and talent that he bestowed upon our parish and wish him the very best! Wil will be replaced with our new part-time accountant and book keeper, Mrs. Kazie Richardson, beginning August 1st. Kazie is already an employee of the Diocese, working for Annunciation in Columbus, among other parishes, so she brings a lot of experience to the job. Please join us in welcoming Kazie to the team!

NO GRAND GENERATION IN AUGUST

Deacon Jeff will be on vacation the first week of August, therefore we will not have our monthly Grand Generation Luncheon. We look forward to seeing all of you again on the first Tuesday in September.

KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST MOVED

The KC Pancake Breakfast for Vocations for August is being moved from its usual first Sunday of the month to the second Sunday, August 12th, at 10:15am. Please make a note of it, and we hope you can make it.

ACS JOB OPENING AND NEWS

Annunciation has a part-time position open for their After Hours Program here at St. Joseph. The position entails caring for the ACS students returning from school on the bus in the Parish Hall each school day until 5:30pm. Applications can be found on their website at annunciationcatholic.school.org. All applications/resumes should be directed to Joni House, principal, at johouse@cableone.net. ACS is also taking applications for next year's pre-K-8th grades. If you are interested in a top-notch Catholic education, please contact Katie Fenstermacher, Marketing and Admissions Director, at (662) 328-4479. Also, please save your box tops for ACS! Each one is worth 10 cents for the school! Thank you!

THOMAS MERTON RETREAT, AUG 10-11

In addressing the US Congress in 2015, Pope Francis called Thomas Merton, an American Trappist Monk, one of the most influential spiritual writers of the 20th century. Best known for his bestselling autobiography, *The Seven Storey Mountain*,

Merton also wrote more than 70 other books, poems, articles and essays before his death in 1968. Since his death, his work continues to be studied by both ordinary lay people as well as theologians. During this retreat, we will look at Merton's historical life, conversion, teaching on solitude, thoughts on contemplation and his theology of lights. Presented by Ed Thebaud, a passionate admirer and scholar of Merton, he is a member of the International Thomas Merton Society. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:30pm on August 10th, and the cost is \$100. For more info, contact The Dwelling Place at dwellpl@gmail.com or call 662-738-5348.

FREE JOBS TRAINING FOR WOMEN

Christian Women's Job Corps is offering free job, life and computer skills training to women 18 and older. Day classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on August 28th at CWJC on 207 S. Lafayette in Starkville. If you have questions or would like to enroll, call 662-722-3016 or 662-597-1030.

CASSEROLE KITCHEN

Did you know that those in need here in Starkville are able to receive a free, hot meal every Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Casserole Kitchen, hosted by First Presbyterian Church? St. Joseph Catholic Church is one of 12 local churches that participates by providing a meal and serving those in need once a month. If you would like to participate in this ministry by helping prepare food and/or serving the meal, please contact Deacon Jeff in the Church Office.

K - 12TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED. RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION

Even though classes won't begin until September 16th, we're already planning for the upcoming religious education school year. A big part of the planning process involves knowing how many children we will have in all of our classes. Please take the time to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church. It will take less than five minutes to do so and will be a great help to us. Completed forms may be placed in the folder in the back of church, or turned in to the Church Office. Registration is \$20 per child or \$30 for the whole family. Thank you.

ADORATION HOURS OPEN

We have the following hour of Adoration open: **Wednesday mornings from 1am to 2am**. Responsibilities include never leaving the Blessed Sacrament until a relief shows up and finding a replacement for your hour when you cannot keep your commitment (a sub list will be provided for you). Please consider spending an hour with Jesus each week. If you are interested, contact Mike Kassouf at 662-312-2973.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish and have not yet registered with us, there are forms in the gathering space that you can fill out and drop in the Sunday collection or the Church Office to register. If you haven't already, come by the office to meet the staff! We are so glad you are here and welcome you to our parish family!