



St Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Sundays:
 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Mon, Wed & Fri
 12:05 pm

Tues & Thurs
 5:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs
 8:30 am - 4:00 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: 51-58

"For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink."

The Church this Sunday, continuing the proclamation of Jesus' Bread of Life discourse, sets before us four Scripture passages to whet our appetite for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We hear a First Reading, a Responsorial Psalm, a Second Reading, and a Gospel Reading. Rarely on a Sunday in Ordinary Time are the four passages so closely related to a single theme, like four courses of a fine meal. Usually in Ordinary Time the four scriptures are more of a smorgasbord. The refrain of a Responsorial Psalm, when the psalm is related to all three of the other readings, can be especially helpful in appreciating the riches of the Liturgy of the Word. We might consider this refrain the wine that accompanies the whole meal. We sip from it repeatedly, and it enhances the flavors of each course. "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." This simple sentence from Psalm 34:8 is so profound that its meaning can soar right over our heads.

So what does it mean to "taste the goodness of the Lord"? It's helpful here to recall the experience of tasting a good meal. But can such an experience serve as a metaphor for the Goodness who is God Himself? Sacred Scripture answers, "Yes." If this scriptural image challenges us in imagination and spirit, we might consider the challenge an experience to be savored. In Sunday's First Reading, Wisdom calls us to eat of her food and drink of her wine. In the Second Reading, Saint Paul exhorts the Ephesians to be wise, not foolish. In contrast to his example of foolishness—namely, getting drunk on wine—he cites the experience of being filled with the Spirit. The contrast is clear when we remember how the Apostles on the day of Pentecost were thought to be drunk [see Acts 2:13].

While Sunday's Gospel passage also uses metaphors of taste, Jesus makes clear that the experience He's demanding of those who follow Him is no mere metaphor. Jesus is emphatic: "unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. ... For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink." As the riches of the Old Testament are, so to speak, appetizers for the Gospel of the New Testament, so the Liturgy of the Word prepares us to taste and see the goodness of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Word became Flesh in order to offer His Flesh both for us and to us, truly and really, as a means of abiding in Jesus and Him abiding in us, today, each day of our earthly pilgrimage, and forever in Heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Aug 20	12:05 pm – Shiloh Sciacca
Tues, Aug 21	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
Wed, Aug 22	12:05 pm – People of St. Joseph
Thurs, Aug 23	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
Fri, Aug 24	12:05 pm – Special Intention
Sat, Aug 25	5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
Sun, Aug 26	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph 5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph

Sunday Offering: \$8,588.00

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

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

John Breuning - father of Peggy Cini
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
Parents of a parishioner
Lyda Alice Burnham, Bruce Burnham and family - friends of a 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 and the Morton family - nephew & friends 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

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for: _____

By/Relation: _____

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

Turn this form into the office or drop in the collection

Mark & Claire Lilly - parents of Mark Lilly
A friend of Lea Pitre
Deborah Young - relative of parishioner
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
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
(Names on our sick list must be re-requested after 30 days)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our fellow parishioners who are sick:

Shirley Delouche	Charles Tubertini	Clyde Taylor
Libby Gerald	Chip Gavron	June Schmidt
Jane Bell	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 Wolverton	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	Robert Elias
Billy Stricklin	Ryan Mangum	Clayton Eckler
Kevin Raftery	Patrick Smith	Scott Shepard
Adam Fuhrmann	Cory Delouche	Andrew Pitman

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enter our **parish code: HT24XG**
and follow the steps to create your own free account!

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 19, 2018

Sunday, 8/19

10:15 a.m. - 3rd Sunday Coffee & Donuts - Hall
12:30 p.m. - Luncheon for Deacon Mark - Hall
4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge

Monday, 8/20

5:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Hall
6:00 p.m. - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. - Center
6:00 p.m. - Liturgy Committee Mtg. - Center

Tuesday, 8/21

10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge
4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church
6:00 p.m. - Casserole Kitchen - 1st Presbyterian
7:00 p.m. - RCIA Team Mtg. - Center

Wednesday, 8/22

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

6:00 p.m. - Finance Council Mtg. - Center
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 Choir Practice - Church
7:00 p.m. - LIFT - CYO House
7:15 p.m. - 11:30 Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, 8/23

9:00 a.m. - Women's Morning Group - Center
6:00 p.m. - KC Officer's Mtg. - Center
6:15 p.m. - Parish Council Mtg. - Center

Friday, 8/24

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

Saturday, 8/25

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

Sunday, 8/26

4:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge
6:30 p.m. - Welcome Back Students Dinner - Hall

WELCOME DEACON MARK!

We welcome Seminarian and friend, Deacon Mark Shoffner, to St. Joseph today and thank him for celebrating our Masses with us! We will be having a lunch in his honor following the 11:30am Mass in the Parish Hall provided by the Knights of Columbus, and we hope you *all* will join us for some good food and fellowship!

THIRD SUNDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS

Join us between the morning Masses for coffee and donuts in the Parish Hall provided by the Parish Care Committee!

RCIA

RCIA will begin on Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Dave Monts at (662) 263-6946 or [dlmontsinms@gmail.com](mailto:dumontsinms@gmail.com). All are welcome!

K-12TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION

To those parents who have registered your children already, thank you. To those who still need to, please do so today. Text books need to be ordered this week, and it is very difficult to do so without an accurate count of students. Registration forms are in the back of church, and the cost is \$20 per child or \$30 for the whole family. Scholarships are available to anyone in need.

CYO/LIFT/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

If you are a 9th-12th grader and need a midweek lift, come join our youth group Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm. We use this time to have fun bonding with friends and to strengthen our faith in Christ through prayer, in opening up God's Word, and through discussions of current events. We meet in the cozy little white house near the main exit of the church parking lot. We hope to see you Wednesday.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT CUB SCOUTING?

St. Joseph's Pack 127 is recruiting for the up-coming Cub Scout year and would love to have your child in our pack. There are information sheets in the back of the church. Sign-up night is August 23rd at the Sportplex, 6:00-7:30pm. If you don't have a child to share with us but would be interested in sponsoring or providing a scholarship for other children to sign up, please let us know. We want to share our scouting experience with you. Contacts: Cubmaster, Joan Fuentes (662)312-4931 or Den Leader, Ann Johnson (662)352-3789.

WELCOME BACK FIESTA DINNER

Parishioners please join us in welcoming our new and returning students to St. Joe! We will be hosting a Welcome Back Fiesta for our CCM students in the Parish Hall next Sunday, August 26th, at 6:30pm (following the 5:30 Mass). This is always a fun time for the students and parishioners to get to know each other, so bring the family!

TIME & TALENT NEXT SUNDAY

St. Joseph parish is an integral part of both the community of Starkville and our spiritual lives. Through ministries such as our Food Pantry, Casserole Kitchen and others, we have a positive impact on those in need in our community. Likewise, serving our parish as Religious Ed teachers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors or Ushers for the Mass, or cooking for our Parish Care Committee, among many others, we enhance the spiritual lives of all the members of our parish family. These ministries, and the good that comes from them, do not exist without your participation! Our faith is not a passive one, and we are called to be full participants in the Church. As scripture reminds us:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

On Sunday, August 26th, we will begin our sign-up for the coming year. Information on all the ministries of our parish will be provided, as well as Time & Talent forms. Please prayerfully consider where God is leading you to get involved here at St. Joseph. We thank you and all of our current volunteers for your service.

WELCOME COLLEGE STUDENTS!

CCM (Catholic Campus Ministry) welcomes all our new and returning students! Please stop by our table in the back of the church after Mass to meet us and sign-up to be part of our mailing lists! We are glad you are here and hope CCM becomes an integral part of your life at St. Joseph!

CCM COOKS NEEDED

Every semester our awesome parishioners volunteer to cook for our college students. All that is involved is finding the recipe you want to cook, sending it to Mary Beth and then cooking it for our students. We will do the shopping and clean-up after. We serve dinner at 6:30pm every Tuesday. If you want to serve our students by cooking a meal for them, please contact Mary Beth Nunenmacher in the Church Office to pick a date. Thank you for always being so generous with our college students.

BELK CHARITY SALE

Assembly 2734 of the Knights of Columbus is selling tickets to the Belk Charity Sale (Back to School Edition) for only \$5. All proceeds from the ticket price go directly to the Knights and you can deduct \$5 from your purchase. The sale will be held from 6am until 10am Saturday, August 25 at any Belk store. Brochures detailing the in store discounts are available and tickets can be purchased from the church office or by calling Chuck Bailey at (662) 312-4588.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

The 2018 Church Directory has arrived! If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo to the directory, please pick up your copy in church office!

GET SWEEP UP!

It's that time again! The 15th Annual Get Swept Up event has been set for Wednesday, August 29th. This is the day that more than 400 volunteers devote time and effort to picking up trash, pulling weeds, and working together to get our community looking its best before the first MSU home football game. The St. Joseph team volunteers will meet at the Parish Center at 8:00am to receive their free t-shirts, trash bags and gloves. Clean-up will be followed by breakfast in the Parish Center. This year, volunteers also receive a coupon to the Little Dooey! Hope you will participate!

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP

We hope you all have enjoyed the summer break. We are excited to start up our Thursday Morning Women's Group again! All ladies are invited to come and enjoy a time of faith and friendly conversation. Our first meeting will be Thursday, August 23rd, from 9:00-10:00am. We will be watching the FORMED series called The Wild Goose, and we really hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please contact Dawn McGinley at 662-418-7494.

ADORATION HOUR OPEN

We have the following hour of Adoration open: Wednesday mornings from 1am to 2am. If you have ever considered spending an hour with Jesus in the Eucharist, now would be a wonderful time. If you are interested, contact Mike Kassouf at 662-312-2973.