



# St Joseph

## Catholic Church

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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 6:60-69**

#### **Master, to whom shall we go? (John 6:68)**

Preparing the Israelites to recommit themselves to their covenant with God, Joshua recounted the many ways God had delivered them from their enemies. He reminded them that God had chosen them to be his people and given them the Promised Land as their inheritance. In return, God asked them to honor and serve him alone (Joshua 24:1-15).

Today at Mass, we will have yet another opportunity to recommit ourselves to our new covenant in Christ. Our enemies may not be the sword or spear of other nations. But like our ancestors in the faith, we face battles against fear, pride, ignorance, and complacency. We may not have to conquer a piece of land, but God wants all of us to become witnesses to our love for Jesus and his people. This is a high calling, so it's a good thing that Jesus has promised to give us himself as our strength for the battle. We are blessed that he offers us his own life so that we can find the grace to love unconditionally and forgive seventy times seven times—just as he does.

Many disciples who heard Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life could not accept it. Why would they need his flesh and blood to have life with God? They already had the Law of Moses. But Peter saw through these objections and proclaimed: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Just as God was the Israelites' only hope in conquering the Promised Land, Jesus was Peter's only hope in living a life of purity, love, and freedom. You are about to receive Jesus in Communion. Look closely at the Host and the chalice. You are receiving something that has astonished believers for two thousand years. You may not understand this great mystery, but you can still echo Peter's words: "Master, where else can I go? You alone can give me what I need."

**"Jesus, I know that I am weak, but you are strong. Help me to always follow you."**

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon, Aug 27</b>	12:05 pm – Shiloh Sciacca
<b>Tues, Aug 28</b>	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
<b>Wed, Aug 29</b>	12:05 pm – Special Intention
<b>Thurs, Aug 30</b>	5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph
<b>Fri, Aug 31</b>	12:05 pm – Special Intention
<b>Sat, Sep 1</b>	5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi, Macon, MS
<b>Sun, Sep 2</b>	9:00 am – People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph 5:30 pm – People of St. Joseph

**Sunday Offering: \$7,873.00**

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

**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

**FORMED:**

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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 26, 2018**

**Sunday, 8/26**

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

**Monday, 8/27**

5:30 p.m.. - Boy Scouts - Hall  
7:00 p.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations - Church

**Tuesday, 8/28**

10:00 a.m. - Ladies Knitting Group - Lounge  
4:30 p.m. - Confession - Church  
6:30 p.m. - CCM Tuesday Night Dinner. - Hall

**Wednesday, 8/29**

7:15 a.m. - Companions on the Journey - Center  
8:00 a.m. - Get Swept Up - Center  
5:30 p.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge  
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, 8/30**

9:00 a.m. - Women's Morning Group - Center  
6:15 p.m. - Parish Council Mtg. - Center  
7:00 p.m. - 5:30 Mass Choir Practice - Church

**Friday, 8/31**

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

**Saturday, 9/1**

10:00 a.m. - Rule 62 - Lounge  
1:30 p.m. - Game Day Parking - Lots

**Sunday, 9/2**

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

## TIME & TALENT 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*

Today 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 our current volunteers for your service.

## FAREWELL CHARLIE AND WELCOME PATRICK!

After 8 years of serving our church as the wonderful Choir Director for our 5:30pm Mass, Charlie Wilder has decided to step down. We offer him our very best wishes and tremendous gratitude for his leadership and sacrifice all this time! Charlie will be replaced by our new Choir Director, Patrick Francis. Patrick has been a musician for Immaculate Conception Church in West Point for some time and was a volunteer with the 5:30 Choir here while he attended State! We are so happy to have him join us and hope he will have a wonderful experience leading the choir!

## WELCOME BACK FIESTA DINNER

Please join us in welcoming our new and returning students to St. Joe tonight! We will be hosting a Welcome Back Fiesta for our CCM students and faculty in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm (following the 5:30 Mass). This is always a fun time for the students and parishioners to get to know one another, so bring the whole family!

## GET SWEEP UP!

It’s that time again! The 15th Annual Get Swept Up event has been set for this coming 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 Dooney! Hope you will participate!

## RCIA

RCIA will begin this Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. For more information, contact Dave Monts at (662) 263-6946 or [d尔蒙特sinms@gmail.com](mailto:d尔蒙特sinms@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. Even though the sign-up nights advertised through the schools have past, it is never too late to join. The pack consists of grades K-5, and both boys and girls can join. 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. Our first meeting will be Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the parish hall. We will have information and activities for both parents and scouts. Contacts: Cub Master, Joan Fuentes (662)312-4931 or Den Leader, Ann Johnson (662)352-3789.

## 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.

## 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. 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.