



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**MASS TIMES**

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

Wed & Fri  
12:05 pm

Tues & Thurs  
5:30 pm

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Thurs  
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fri  
8:30 am - 12:00pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm  
Thursday 5:00pm - 5:25 pm  
Sunday 4:30 pm - 5:20 pm  
First Saturdays 9:30 am  
or by appointment

**ADORATION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tues 7:00 am – Wed 7:00 am

**Lent is upon us...**

I would like to take a moment to ask everyone to begin preparing themselves for the holy season of Lent. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 7 AM, 12:05 PM and 7 PM. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence, which means we can eat three meals, but two of those meals should be smaller and not equal the size of the third regular-sized meal. Good Friday is also a day of fasting and it utilizes the same concepts of what fasting means. Those days and every Friday in Lent are days of Abstinence, which means refraining from eating meat. We do this as a sacrifice. Since Christ gave up His flesh on Good Friday, we give up flesh in union with His sacrifice. It's important to remember the three pillars of Lent – Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These are the three ways the Church asks us to enter more deeply into the season of Lent and to grow closer to God. In praying, fasting, and giving alms, we are giving. This is most effective when we give something that costs us – something of ourselves. Lent is a good time for us to remember that during these forty days we are uniting ourselves in a special way to Jesus in the desert. My hope and prayer is that all of you have some time before Ash Wednesday to prepare for the Lenten season and that it may be very meaningful for you and your faith.

Peace,  
Fr. Jason Johnston

**MASS INTENTIONS**

(+) Deceased; (SI) Special Intention

<b>Monday, February 24</b>	12:05 pm – Communion Service
<b>Tuesday, February 25</b>	5:30 pm - NO MASS/NO CONFESSIONS
<b>Wednesday, February 26</b>	7:00 am, 12:05 and 7:00 pm- ASH WEDNESDAY
<b>Thursday, February 27</b>	5:30 pm - Familia Hernandez Rodriguez
<b>Friday, February 28</b>	12:05 pm - Familia Hernandez Rodriguez
<b>Saturday, February 29</b>	5:00 pm – People of Corpus Christi
<b>Sunday, March 1</b>	9:00 am -People of St. Joseph 11:30 am – People of St. Joseph 5:30 pm - Catholic College Students

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

February 16, 2020

Sunday Offering \$ 9,574.00  
Total Online Giving \$ 2,516.00

### REFLECTION

In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that — to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

Visit our website to see how you can give online  
[StJosephStarkville.org](http://StJosephStarkville.org)

## Here's what's going on this week at St. Joseph

(CCM events are in maroon)

### Sunday, 2/23

10:15 am - Adult Education (Hall)  
10:15 am - K-8th Religious Education (Center)  
1:30 pm - Ladies Quilting Group (Center)  
4:30 pm - Confession (Church)  
6:30 pm - High School Religious Ed (Center)  
6:30 pm - Catholic Social Event

### Monday, 2/24

5:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Hall)  
6:00 pm - ENGAGE (Church)  
7:00 pm - CCM Apotheotics Group (Lounge)

### Tuesday, 2/25

8:00 am - Companions on the Journey (Center)  
10:00 am - Ladies Knitting Group (Lounge)  
5:30 pm - Rule 62 (Lounge)  
6:00 pm - Parish Mardi Gras Party (Hall)

### Wednesday, 2/26 - Ash Wednesday

5:30 pm - Rule 62 (Hall)  
6:00 pm - 9:00 Choir Practice (Lounge)  
8:00 pm - RCIA (Center) After Ash Wednesday Mass

### Thursday, 2/27

9:00 am - Ladies Prayer Group (Center)  
5:00 pm - Confession (Church)  
6:15 pm - KC Officer's Meeting (Center)  
8:00 pm - Girls Group (Lounge)  
8:00 pm - Guys Group (Mary Room - Church)

### Friday, 2/28

11:30 am - Pro-Life Rosary (Church)  
5:00 pm - K of C Fish Fry (Hall)  
5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (Church)  
6:00 pm - K of C Fish Fry (Hall)  
7:00 pm - 5:30 pm Mass Choir Practice (Church)

### Saturday, 2/29

10:00 am - Rule 62 (Lounge)  
6:00 pm - CCM Parents Night Out (Center)

### Sunday, 3/1

10:15 am - Adult Education (Hall)  
10:15 am - K-8th Religious Education (Center)  
10:15 am - KC Vocations Pancake Breakfast (Hall)  
1:30 pm - Ladies Quilting Group (Center)  
3:00 pm - KC Degree practice (Church)  
4:30 pm - Confession (Church)  
6:30 pm - High School Religious Ed (Center)  
6:30 pm - CCM Ministry Team Planning Mtg. (Hall)

## Readings for the Week

**February 24 - Monday**  
JAS 3:13-18; MK 9:14-29

**February 25 - Tuesday**  
JAS 4:1-10; MK 9:30-37

**February 26 - Wednesday**  
JL 2:12-18; MT 6:1-6, 16-18

**February 27 - Thursday**  
DT 30:15-20; LK 9:22-25

**February 28 - Friday**  
IS 58:1-9; MT 9:14-15

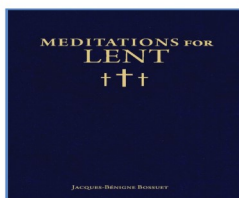
**February 29 - Saturday**  
IS 58:9-14; LK 5:27-32

**March 1 - Sunday**  
GN 2:7-9, 3:1-7; ROM 5:12-19; MT 4:1-11

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

### Meditations for Lent by Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet



Our Parish  
Code is:

HT24XG

Dr. Christopher Blum has selected fifty remarkably powerful meditations from Bishop Bossuet's works that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, thus offering to us the perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent.

[READ ON FORMED.ORG](http://READONFORMED.ORG)

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## Thought for discussion for the ride home

St. Paul says that the Spirit of God dwells in you. How can you allow the Spirit to guide you and direct you more completely?



### RCIA

On Wed., Feb. 26 RCIA will meet briefly after the 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass to discuss Lent and Lenten practices and the upcoming Scrutinies. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Dave Monts, (662) 263-6946, [rcia@stjosephstarkville.org](mailto:rcia@stjosephstarkville.org).

### KC Rosary

The intention for the KC Rosary this Thursday is for Persecuted Christians. We invite everyone to pray the rosary with us after the 5:30 pm Mass.



### Calling all College Students!

Take a break from the everyday routine and rest in the presence of God! Come join us on **CCM'S Spring retreat "Understanding the Spiritual Life"** on March 27th-28th. We'll meet at St. Joseph's at 4 pm on Friday, March 27th and return to St. Joseph's at 7 pm on Saturday, March 28th. We'd love to have you join us! Go to <https://msstateccm.org/retreats> to register



### Family Swim Day

The Knights of Columbus have reserved the pool at the Sanderson Center for all of our families here at St. Joseph. The fun begins at 1:00 pm and finishes at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 29th. Everyone is welcome to join us for an afternoon of fun and swimming!

### Catholic Day at the Capitol

Catholic Day at the Capitol is March 4, 2020 from 9 am to 2:30 pm. There will be refreshments and several presentations about Access to Adequate Healthcare for All. It will take place at St. Peter Cathedral Parish Center and the Mississippi State Capitol. Registration forms are available in the back of the church or you can register online at:

[www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org)



CCM is hosting a Parents Night Out this Saturday, February 29th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center.

All families with young children are invited to participate.



Mark your Calendars!!

Our annual parish Mardi Gras Dinner will be this Tuesday, February 25 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Monetary donations will be accepted to benefit the St. Joseph Food Pantry AND Modern Woodmen will match UP TO \$2,500 of those donations!

### Master Plan



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Over the past several months we have been looking at the usage of space on the St. Joseph Campus. We have been assessing how each building is used and the needs we currently have and project to have in the next 10-20 years. On February 12, 2020 we had a meeting with Cory Gallo, Associate Professor in Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University. We began discussing a master plan for the campus here at St. Joseph. This plan will take several months to put together and we would like as much input as possible. The Planning Committee is made up of members of the Staff, The Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, the Physical Plant Committee and some of the other parish organizations. They are Dcn. Jeff Artigues, Dennis Bock, Richard Coughlin, Meg Ferguson, Cindy Harris, Mike Kassouf, Sal Keith, Dcn. John and Dawn McGinley, Glenn Schmidt, Wes Shelton, Joe Webb, and Charles Winfield. I may have missed some folks. I am sorry if I did. Most of those members were at the meeting on February 12th and we had a lot of good discussion. The idea is to create a road map for the future, finish developing what we have, and utilize the space we have in the best way possible based on our needs. We are looking at having Cory available after the 9am and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, March 22, so that everyone can have an understanding of what is going on and even an opportunity to provide input or feedback.



### Saint Joseph's Knights of Columbus Friday Fish Fry

**Fried catfish - French fries -  
Cole slaw - Hush puppies  
Starting Friday, February 28, 2020**

**Starting at 5:00 p.m. dine in or take out  
We will also have plates available after Stations  
of the Cross**

**Adult plate \$10.00**

**Child plate \$5.00 (12 & under)**

**Student plate \$7.00**

**Family small \$25.00 (2 adults & 2 children)**

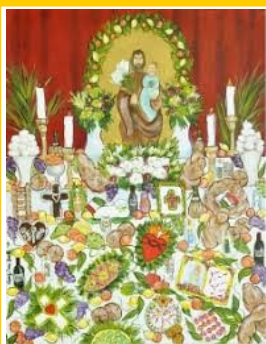
**Family large \$30.00**

***"Best Catfish in town" Father Jason***

### West Point Lenten Mission

St. Joseph parish is invited to attend Immaculate Conception, West Point at their Parish Mission. Fr. Henry Shelton will be conducting a one day Parish Mission on Friday, Feb. 28th at 5:45 pm in the Parish Hall at Immaculate Conception. His topic will be "I Thirst." The focus is for participants to become more keenly aware of Jesus' own thirst, desire to be known and loved by them, and to be more awakened to their own thirst and desire to be known.

Sandwiches, chips and fruit will be served beginning at 5:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please contact the parish office at 662-494-3486, email: westpoint@jacksondiocese.org or text 662-242-1829 so we can provide enough sandwiches for everyone.



### St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Our parish feast day will be celebrated on Thursday, March 19th immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

The meal this year will be potluck. Bring your favorite pasta, vegetable or salad.

Wine, tea and lemonade and desserts will be provided.

If you want to make cookies for the altar, please pick up a recipe sheet from the table in the back of the church and bring the cookies on Thursday, March 19th. We also need fresh vegetables to place on the altar. Those can also be brought to the parish hall on Thursday March 19th before noon.

## Annunciation Catholic School

### Upcoming Dates:

**February 25**—2:00 Mardi Gras Parade in school gym

**February 26**—8:30 Ash Wednesday Mass in school gym

**February 27**—No Mass

**February 28**—Jeans for Green

**March 9—13** Spring Break

### Operation Rice Bowl

We are called Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from from the back of the church today. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.



### LADIES STUDY GROUP

The Ladies Study Group is currently studying Bishop Robert Barron's THE MASS. Join us as we walk through the Liturgy and are transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

We meet every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Parish Center.

All ladies of the parish are invited.

If you want more information, please contact Mary McCoy at maryemccoy@mac.com

### FIRST SATURDAY MASS

**The First Saturday Mass for March will be March 7, 2020.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 9:30 am with Mass beginning at 10:00 am.

### First Saturday Requirements

The elements of this devotion consist in the following four points, all of which must be offered in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. One should make the intention of reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart for at least five consecutive months.

- Confession (shortly before or after the First Saturday—so long as the person receives Holy Communion in a state of grace)
- Holy communion received on the First Saturday of each month
- Recite the Holy Rosary, five decades recited some time during the day
- Meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary (one or more)



Prayers for Parishioners

Mary Sowers  
 Peter Franco  
 Flo Henley  
 Jack Blendinger  
 Rose Fischer  
 Maria Elena Cristova  
 George Sills  
 Ida Cunetto  
 Ronnie Puckett  
 Lea Pitre  
 Tim Bastow  
 Diane Crutchfield  
 Edwina Hogue  
 Lee Ann Wilson  
 Joe & June Schmidt  
 Duane Aultman  
 Fr. Lenin Vargas  
 Twila Alpe  
 Dan Ryder  
 Joel Okula  
 Dan Stumpf  
 Mary Beth Moore  
 Barbara Clynch  
 Kathryn Randall  
 Theresa Lollar  
 Ana Maria Lopez  
 Robert Harris  
 Trish Auel  
 John Simpson  
 Al Baca  
 Patricia Raines  
 Jason Rollins  
 Susan & Virginia Brown  
 Dianna & Kolten Janus  
 Jane Ammerman  
 Charley Joel  
 Kathy Winston  
 Jane Bell  
 Lainie Anthony  
 Barb Grzybowski  
 Emily Jones  
 Mary Runnels  
 Hugh Comish  
 Tara Puckett  
 Dee Cook  
 Barbara Setaro

Prayers for Families and Friends of Parishioners

Deborah Cox; friend of Hillary Smith  
 Myra and Bob Fritzius: friends of Barbara Frank  
 Susan Griffin: friend of Jeri Mangum  
 Doris Roge': sister of Curt Delouche  
 Stan Rodgers: friend of Dennis & Deborah Reginelli  
 John Reginelli: brother of Dennis Reginelli  
 Kyle Williams and Wanda Box: friends of John and Jeanne Marszalek  
 Ledge McDowell: brother-in-law of David and Mike Reese  
 Maggie Reedy: niece of Mary June Lavelle  
 Davis Hogue and Peter Soules: uncles of Robin Pigg  
 Mike Buisson: friend of Robin Pigg  
 Kim Coenen : friend of Beverly Wilson  
 Vic "Sarge" Nickels : friend of David Darce  
 Denise Kidd : former parishioner and friend of Katy Richey  
 John B. Lane, III: uncle of Dianna Janus  
 Danny Hossley: friend of Jimmy & Patti Abraham  
 Logan McPhail: grandfather of Laura McPhail  
 Mary Kay Collins: sister of Barbara Setaro & Rich Herschede  
 Sara Wilson: sister-in-law of Beverly Wilson  
 Bernie McGinley: father of Deacon John  
 Lisan Woods: friend of Mary Lavelle  
 Donnie Buckner & family: friends of Parishioner  
 Edmund and Shirley Blancher: uncle & aunt of Kathryn Barbier  
 Charles Gerald: bother of Hugh Gerald  
 Larry Priest: friend of Parishioner  
 Ida Harrell: friend of Parishioner  
 Marilyn Muse: friend of Mary June Lavelle  
 John Lord: friend of Beverly Wilson

Catherine and Michael:: sister and brother of Trish Auel  
 Jon Walker: friend of Tim Bastow  
 T. Moore: friend of Demi Dunne  
 Cody Ray Slaughter: friend of Jack Day  
 Michael Goff: friend of Susan Brown  
 Monica Monts: sister-in-law of Dave & Barbara Monts  
 Muse Davis: brother-in-law of John & Gloria Corro; husband of Linda Davis  
 Carol Reese : sister of David & Mike Reese  
 The Burnham family: friends of a parishioner  
 Chris Coleman & family: friends of a parishioner  
 Parents of a parishioner  
 George Bond: relative of Melissa Follett  
 Eugene Sheehan: friend of Joel Okula  
 Gizela Jalocho: mother of Bo Haupt  
 Mary Delaney Hall: niece of Mark Janus  
 Mary Hellen & Chloe Zamiela: friends of Demi Dunne  
 Mary Lynn McKee: sister of Jay & Laura McKee  
 The Dakhllalla family: friends of the Folletts  
 Carly: friend of Tim Bastow  
 Pat Wilkes: daughter of Mary Runnels  
 Kyle Williams & Hector Mula: friends of John & Jean Marszalek  
 Gary Dildy: cousin of Kathryn Barbier  
 The Shippel family: friends of the Keiths  
 Jean Kelley: sister of Mary June Lavelle  
 Bob Nadorff: father of Michael Nadorff  
 Bob Lambert: brother of Mary McCoy  
 Gary Keith: father of Jason Keith  
 Walter Stewart: father of Sarah Nedoff  
 Dan Reese: brother of David Reese

Stefanie Zdravec and LS Wills: friends of Demi Dunne  
 Kelson Bohna: son of Ron & Dana Bohna  
 Barbara Brown :mother of Robin O'Nan  
 Margaret Williams & Marth Hogan: aunt & cousin of Tamara Allen  
 John Riske: father of Sarah Twietmeyer  
 Dawn Repta & Walker Scrivner: cousin & friend of Gregg Twietmeyer  
 Family of Rebecca Howell Trevino: cousin of Margaret Ann Chandler  
 Cindy Pittman: daughter of Wil & Judy White  
 John Weston: nephew of Fred & Julie Smith  
 Mike Delouche: son of Curt & Shirley Delouche  
 Greg Bevill: son of Amelia Bevill  
 William Stephens, Melinda Redwine, Brenda Sisson & Audrey Scales: friends of Jimmy & Patti Abraham  
 Fr. Robert Dalton: friend of Al Baca  
 Conor Moran: nephew of Barbara & David Monts  
 Lyn Barbier: mother of Kathryn Barbier  
 José Solorzano: father of Fr. Mario Solorzano  
 Nicky Cumberland: friend of Courtney Slattery  
 Olivia: friend of Alex & Cindy Harris  
 Amy Arnault: sister of Lynne Ryder  
 Christina Moore: daughter of Billy & Mary Beth Moore  
 Alexander Rosener & family: brother of Dianna Janus  
 Abraham & Bobbie Potts: friends of a parishioner  
 Tom Lavelle: son of Mary June Lavelle

Prayers for our soldiers

Adam Fuhrmann  
 Christian Bondi  
 Ryan Mangum  
 Matt Savage  
 Cory Delouche  
 Robert Elias

Clayton Eckler  
 Conor Mangum

Prayers for our seminarians

Dcn. Cesar Sanchez  
 Dcn. Andrew Nguyen  
 Carlisle Beggarly  
 Andrew Bowden  
 Ryan Stoer  
 Tristan Stovall

**Prayer to St. Michael**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle  
 Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;  
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
 And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
 by the power of God,  
 thrust into hell Satan  
 and all evil spirits who prowl about the world  
 seeking the ruin of souls