



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**St. Francis Mass: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**  
Confessions: By appointment  
**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.**

*All times subject to change*

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 14, 2010



**Scripture Meditation:** Can a happy, joy-filled life really be attainable here and now? Jesus addressed this issue with a vast crowd of people, both Jews who came down from Jerusalem and non-Jewish God-fearers who traveled as far away as Tyre and Sidon (some fifty miles on foot) to hear him preach at the Sea of Galilee. Jesus showed his listeners how sorrow could be turned to happiness for those who truly wanted to live as free citizens of God's kingdom. Jesus' "beatitudes" both amazed and challenged his listeners to discover the true source of happiness and joy. The word beatitude literally means *happiness* or *blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within -- a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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**Thank you immensely** for the wonderful spirit, the generosity with money, energy, and time in response to our first annual Spaghetti Dinner! We will be having a meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Parish house at 6:30 p.m. to evaluate this year's dinner. Anyone with comments or suggestions is welcome to come to the meeting or mention them to one of the committee members: Brinda Goo, Carolyn Lenske, Maria Haire, Charry Lacy or Sr. Colette. The total incoming is \$880!

### COLLECTION

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, February 7, 2010

Envelopes	\$694.00
Loose	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$709.00</b>
Candles	11.56
Ticket sales	342.00
Cookbook	5.00
MS Catholic	10.00

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Lector 1	Ashley Green
Lector 2	Trish Blakely
Euch. Min.	Sr. Colette & Cindy
Intercessory Prayers	Charry Lacy
Gift Bearers	Edsel & Joanie

**Eucharist:** Next Sunday we will once again begin to

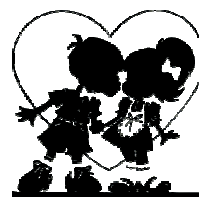
take holy Eucharist under both species.

**Operation Rice Bowl:** Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information.

**Lenten materials** are available on the table in the Parish hall. There is something for everyone with a special section for families so please help yourself.

**Ash Wednesday:** Fr. Rich will distribute ashes at the 3:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and Sr. Colette will distribute ashes at the 5:30 p.m. Word & Communion service on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. A **special collection** will be taken up on both of these days to benefit Catholic Charities of Northeast Mississippi in Vardaman.

**Fast & Abstinence from meat during Lent?** Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are called to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older are called to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting, as explained by the U.S. bishops, means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening – depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.



There will be a **Valentine's Day party** after Mass today for all of the Religious Education students. Please plan on staying to enjoy the fun!

**Mississippi Catholic:** Share the Good News. Purchase a subscription for \$20 to *Mississippi Catholic* for someone in our parish who can't afford it. Don't forget to check out [www.mississippicatholic.com](http://www.mississippicatholic.com).

**Women's Ministry:** East Booneville Baptist Church is hosting an exciting Women's Ministry event for all area-wide women. It is the Beth Moore simulcast, "*So Long, Insecurity*" on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with included lunch at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$12.00 per person. For more information or for tickets, call 728-6036. Ticket deadline is April 12<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are in the back of the church.

The Sunday gathering for the Eucharist is a time to be focused on Christ present in Word and Sacrament, and on each other. Like any encounter or conversation, it is hard to listen or be present to two realities at the same time; therefore, I would ask that we **turn off the sound signal on your cell phone, not engage in texting, and please leave the electronic games, etc. at home.** I fear we are becoming a people who are so focused on connecting with people who are not present that we are not aware of or present to the people we are with. I ask you to do this for Mass as well as meetings and parish events. I am open to discussing this, if anyone has a problem with this policy. – Fr. Rich

**50/50:** We need someone willing to take over selling the 50/50 tickets before Mass. If interested, please contact Ludie Pietruszkiewicz or Sr. Colette.

**Parish Ecology Action:** In 1992, world production of ozone-destroying CFCs dropped 12%, falling for the fourth consecutive year. Production levels are now 50% lower than in 1988, when countries of the world joined to limit their use. Pesticides unintentionally poison farm workers and people living near farms who drink contaminated water, accounting for 20,000 deaths and 1 million illnesses worldwide each year.

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