



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Holy Days: please call for Mass times

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



3rd Sunday of Lent – March 7, 2010

“For three years I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down! Why should it exhaust the soil?” Luke 13:1-9 Jesus tells of a gardener who pleads to save a fig tree so he can cultivate it and hope to make it productive. In chapters, one and two of Genesis God reveals that He created man and woman and gave them dominion over His Garden - all creation. God has made us stewards of many gardens: the gardens of our faith, our body, our family, our mind, our artistic ability, our many

abilities and, most importantly, our ability to reason and our free will. He points out that all of the gardens belong to God. How are we caring for our gardens? Are we being good stewards? Have we cultivated our gardens or let them go fallow. Are our gardens as productive as God intended? If not, it is not too late. The first step is to identify and accept responsibility for the gardens that God has entrusted to our care. Do not be afraid. We have Jesus as our helper in our garden. *(Department of Stewardship-Development, Catholic Diocese of Jackson)*

Operation Rice Bowl: Third Week of Lent – The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses - Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.

COLLECTION

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Envelopes	\$740.00
Loose	47.00
Total	\$787.00
Candles	7.00
MS Catholic	20.00
50/50	29.00
Cookbooks	17.00
Recycling	30.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Lector 1	Susan Brackeen
Lector 2	Ashley Green
Euch. Min.	Sr. Colette & Carolyn
Intercessory Prayers	Charry Lacy
Gift Bearers	Glennice & Paul

Picnic In The Park: This coming April is **Child Abuse Prevention** month and the Department of Human Services & Prentiss County invites us to be a part of “Picnic in the Park” and sponsor this year’s campaign: “ALL KIDS NEED” –Love, Security, Family, Praise, Patience, Acceptance, Community, Hugs and Role Models. This event will be on April 17th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Booneville City Park. Anyone wishing to donate food, money or door prizes to this

event, please contact Sr. Colette. Anyone wishing to help with booths, games, or entertainment, etc., please contact Kim Holley with the Family & Children Services at 662-728-8009.

St. Patrick’s Potluck: Bring your favorite dish and stay after Mass next Sunday [March 14th] for our St. Patrick’s Day celebration!

Easter Flower Memorial envelopes are included in this bulletin and in the back of the Church. Please make sure to write the names of the person[s] you would like included in the memorial. Suggested donation is \$8.

Coffee & Desserts will be served after our Easter Vigil services on Saturday, April 3rd.

Knitting for Peace Afghan Raffle: This beautiful afghan, which can be seen in the narthex, is a joint effort by Sr. Colette, Susan Brackeen, Carolyn Lenke & Cindy Horn. Tickets are \$1 each. All proceeds from this raffle will benefit the programs and services provided by St. Francis.



Daylight Savings Time: starts on Sunday, March 14th. Please make sure to turn your clocks one hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night.

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

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday

6:00 p.m. luka

8:00 p.m. Booneville

Good Friday

6:00 p.m. luka

8:00 p.m. Booneville

Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Booneville

Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. luka

The week ahead.....

- **Why Catholic? Renew** class today, immediately following Mass and on Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish house. **NO Renew** after Mass on March 14th.
- **Stations of the Cross**, Friday, March 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Parish Ecology Action: What You Can Do to Help the Environment – Some more suggestions...**21.** Use cloth diapers, or instead of just using disposable diapers, alternate between cloth and disposable. **22.** Start a compost pile in your yard, or take yard clippings and debris to a yard debris recycler. **23.** Plant a tree. **24.** Use organic pesticides and fertilizers. **25.** Do not overwater your lawn or garden. **26.** Return reusable items to merchants (e.g., plastic and rubber pots to nursery; hangers to dry cleaner). **27.** Avoid buying styrofoam. **28.** Reduce use of disposable products, or, if you must buy disposable, buy paper or glass products instead of plastic. **29.** Buy locally produced items when possible. **30.** Use reusable shopping bags. *(more suggestions next week).*

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