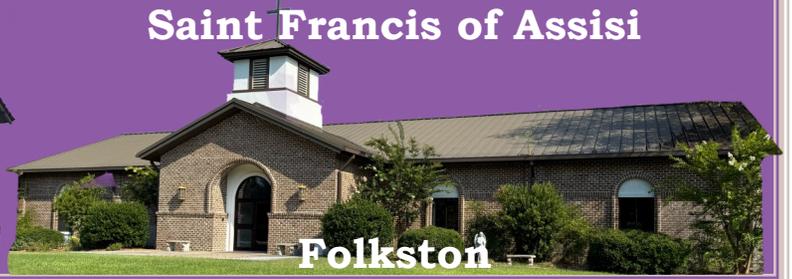


Our Lady Star of the Sea

Saint Francis of Assisi



Saint Marys



Folkston



February 22, 2026

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." Matthew 4:8-9

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Holy Rosary
30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday No Service
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday.....5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, **(\$10 or more)** signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

02/21/26 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People

02/22/26 - I SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Joseph Lang*
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

02/23/26 - Monday - NO MASS

02/24/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
5:40 PM Mass at OLSS

02/25/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *Stanislaw Badzioch*

02/26/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Chris Conway*

02/27/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Jenny Ford

02/28/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
blessings for the children & grandchildren of the Ford / Wyatt Family

03/01/26 - II SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Richard Johnson*

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments, Godparent verification, etc. you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope even if its empty in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish for at least four months. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Jude Pappas, Ellen Walker,
Trish Danos Trahan

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

AT YOUR SERVICE

Which would you choose: a debate with the tempter of souls or the sublime company of angels? Most nice people do not hesitate to voice their preference for the latter. That reflex, though, comes too easily, the “right answer” instead of the true one. The reality is, humanity has fundamentally and regrettably chosen the infernal side of the debate - and we choose it again, oh, at least once an hour.

The first conversation in the Bible is with God. God blesses the first couple in chapter 1 and gives the first commandment - thou shall not eat of that tree! - to the man in chapter 2. Yet neither man nor woman seek the companionship or council of God again in the story. They actively hide from their Maker in fact. It is God who seeks them out, significantly after their free betrayal of the sole commandment.

We imagine God might have interrupted the woman’s tête-à-tête with the serpent or insinuated the divine presence between the woman and man before the great betrayal was complete with the transfer of the forbidden fruit. Respecting human freedom, God remains silent through both transactions. God, who speaks first in the story, awaits a response from us. Original sin is the unhappy result.

We still have choices to make daily: to embrace the guardians of heaven or to dicker with demons. When we choose violence, prejudice, judgment, falsehood, idolatry, or infidelity, we’re breaking commandments that deny us access to the blessings God freely bestows on us and wants us to have. Each time we cause harm to our neighbors or ourselves, we’re disregarding that primary commandment of Jesus to demonstrate our love for God in loving people. Every hour of history the solution is the same: Talk to God. Listen to the divine word. But each hour far too many of us incline an ear to that “Pssst! Hey buddy!” coming from the tempter’s direction.

In the synoptic gospel tradition, Jesus reenacts the Genesis moment of crisis - though not in a lush garden surrounded by creature comforts. No, Jesus stands in a wilderness, hungry and weary from fasting. And unlike the first couple who had each other for support, Jesus is alone. The evangelists show us Jesus effectively in the same position we are today: suffering the result of a fallen world that is no paradise, where each of us endures the profound isolation and hunger that is the literal fruit of sin. The debate with the tempter begins - but something is different this time. Instead of being swayed by his sweet lies, Jesus clings to the word of God. The devil finds such company intolerable. When he departs, the landscape is flooded with angels, and desert becomes a paradise. Good news as we enter the Lenten desert ourselves!

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Make plans to join your family and friends as your Knights of Columbus present their annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry on the 1st - 6th Fridays of lent leading up to Good Friday! For only \$12 per person you can enjoy fried (or baked) Pollock fish, French Fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, grits and a drink or for \$5 you can have a Home Made Grilled Cheese sandwich, Apple Sauce, French Fries and a drink; along with a number of tasty desserts prepared by our Ladies Auxiliary. To-go meals will also be available!



Dates: February 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 5-6:30 Place: Social Hall

In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of our parishioners who have recently passed away, we pray that the Lord grant them eternal rest and console their families.



Joseph Jackson McCranie III
* January 24, 1939
+ January 17, 2026
Funeral Mass:
February 23, 2026 at 11:00 AM
at SFOA



Stacey Gaffney
* October 6, 1964
+ January 29, 2026
Funeral Mass:
February 24, 2026 at 11:00 AM
at OLSS



Mary Rose Panfil
* May 28, 1931
+ February 9, 2026
Funeral Mass:
February 26, 2026 at 11:00 AM
at OLSS



**SFOA STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
6:00 PM

**OLSS STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
6:30 PM

HOMILY CONTINUES

Adult Bible study meets every Tuesday night at 6pm in the social hall. Lite dinner served from 6-6:30 pm. Video presentation by Dr Bryant Pitre begins at 6:30. - Learn your faith through the Mass. - Dig deep into the readings for each Sunday Mass - Follow along with the study guide and transcript. - See the Old and New Testament connections like never before every single week. Come join us as we enter into Lent, this is a great time to start.



Stay home when sick



As we continue through this season when many illnesses are spreading in our community, we kindly ask all parishioners to please be considerate of others. If your child is coughing, sneezing, running a fever, or simply not feeling well, please do not bring them to church. If you are feeling unwell - especially if you have a persistent cough, fever, or other symptoms - please remain at home and take the time you need to recover.

Staying home when sick is not only a responsible choice, but also an act of Christian charity toward the elderly, children, and those with weakened immune systems among us. Let us care for one another by protecting each other's health. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Please join us for our Parish
Lenten Mission

Christ-Lock: Identity Theft No More!

A Parish Mission directed by
Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

MARCH 8-10

Sunday - 6:00 PM

Monday - 6:00 PM

Tuesday - 5:00 PM



Sunday Evening's Talk: "Where is your faith?"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on how Faith is way of knowing and seeing as God Himself knows and sees the world He created. The evening concludes with an invitation to venerate a 1 st class relic of St. John Paul II – a piece of the blood-soaked white sash he wore on the day he was shot in St. Peter's Square.

Scripture for Reflection: Luke 8:22-25

Monday Evening's Talk: "Good Anger or Bad Anger?"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the emotion, the virtue and the sin of anger in light of the polarized culture we live in. The evening concludes with an invitation to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal.

Scripture for Reflection: Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32

Tuesday Evening's Talk: "Take away the stone!"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the power of the Risen Lord to heal us and make us participants in God's great rescue mission of mercy. The evening concludes with a prayer of renewal followed by the Apostolic Blessing for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence (the usual conditions apply).

Scripture for Reflection: John 11:33-44

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 2/23	OLSS - 6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus - Religious Ed - Double Room OLSS - 6:30 PM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5
Tue 2/24	SFoA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Homil Continues - Social Hall
Wed 2/25	SFoA - 9:00 AM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 OLSS - 6:30 PM - Men's Bible Study - Religious Ed - Double Room
Thu 2/26	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE Classroom 5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - Religious Ed - Double Room
Fri 2/27	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5 OLSS - 5:00 PM - Men's Cursillo - Religious Ed - Classroom 5 OLSS - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Adoration Main Church OLSS - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Fish Fry - Social Hall SFOA - 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross OLSS - 6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
Sun 3/01	SFoA - 9:30 AM - Pancake Breakfast - Social Hall OLSS - 12:00 PM - Social Donuts - Social Hall

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 02/21	Mary Anne Moore Karen Hill	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Greg Glaz Don Petrine
Sun 02/22	Karen Jenkins, Greg Lockhart	Evan Gomez, Samuel Dominici Nathaniel Eddy	Keith Danos Collen Danos Mike Recore John Nevins
Tue 02/24	Karen Hill		
Wed 02/25	Richard Foy		
Thu 02/26	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 02/27	- _____ -		
Sat 02/28	Bryant Shepard Mary Anne Moore	Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Don Petrine James Pappas
Sun 03/01	Ray Meaux Brian Benton	John M. Hopkins Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez	Keith Danos Collen Danos Ken Sylvester Carl Boria

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 15, 2026	FEBRUARY 16, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 9,056.00	COLLECTION - \$ 7,865.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 390.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 5,328.15

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 2/22	Lewart Simmons Art Fouraker
Sunday 3/01	Lawanda Jones Art Fouraker

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 2/22	Pauline Wentworth, Larry White, Kathy White, Richard Foy, Renee Gentle
Sunday 3/01	Dennis Conlon, Robert Cappello, Bill Tobias, Roberto Garza, Donna Ponteliona

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 15, 2026	FEBRUARY 16, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,150.00	COLLECTION - \$ 965.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 447.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 507.00

ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS

WHAT IS LENT?

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by prayer, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING



FASTING



ABSTINENCE



WHAT IS FASTING?



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from ages
< 18 to 59 >



The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?



Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday

All Fridays of Lent

Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for
everyone

↑ older than **14** years old

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“One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God.”

MATTHEW 4:4

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BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY PURPORTING
TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS
REQUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor

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