



September 20, 2026

Our Lady
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
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*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last
will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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

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



A Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's Worldwide Jubilee Year

On Thursday, September 24, 2026, St. Francis of Assisi Church will hold a special Jubilee Year event, including dinner and viewing of the film, "St Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction", followed by a group discussion. The film is a landmark documentary hosted by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of the Franciscan University of Steubenville. It explores the remarkable life and spiritual journey of the man and saint. Filmed on location in the villages, churches and mountains of Italy where he lived and preached, "St Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction" presents the story of his struggles, conversion and the profound transformation that shaped his life and continues to inspire the world eight centuries later.



A simple Franciscan-style Soup & Bread dinner will be provided at 6:00 PM. The 70-minute film will be begin at 6:30PM, followed by a discussion led by Deacon Tim Hughes.

As we celebrate the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis' passing in death from this life to Heaven, the event offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on how his witness of humility, peace, and radical faith in God speaks to our own lives today.

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 / SERVICE SCHEDULE

09/19/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People

09/20/26 - XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Souls in Purgatory*
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Lynda Nugent*

09/21/26 - Monday: NO MASS

09/22/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary, Daily Mass

09/23/26 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Daily Mass at OLSS
+ *Andrew Whitlock & + Joan Sandquist*
5:00 PM Daily Mass at SFoA
+ *Frank Calabro*

09/24/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Daily Mass
+ *Rodney Clark*

09/25/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Daily Mass
+ *Warren J. Murray*

09/26/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
Healing for Diane Ford

09/27/26 - XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Victoria Viqui Flores Uribe*

September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 20:1-16

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

— Father John Muir



Our Lady, Star of the Sea Catholic Church - Financial Statement - June 2025-July 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 - ASSETS	
1100 - CASH	
1101 - Ameris - Reg. Checking	
1101.1 - Ameris - Reg. Checking	89,387.89
1101.2 Bld. Maint Fund checking	51,585.80
1101.3 Hospitality Checking	10,535.20
1101.4 Legion of Mary Checking	103.96
1101.5 Ladies Aux Checking	8,836.89
1101.6 Rel Ed Checking	543.87
1101.7 Youth Ministry Checking	2,399.91
1101.8 Good Sam Checking	53,176.26
Total for 1101 - Ameris - Reg. Checking	\$216,569.78
1108 - OSV Online Giving	-231.07
Total for 1100 - CASH	\$216,338.71
1200 - INVESTMENTS	
1205 - Savings Acct with Diocese	\$183,308.49
Total for 1200 - INVESTMENTS	\$183,308.49
Total for 1000 - ASSETS	\$399,647.20
Total for Bank Accounts	\$399,647.20
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$399,647.20
Fixed Assets	
1300-LAND, BUILDINGS,EQUIPMENT	\$4,706,000.00
Total for Fixed Assets	\$4,706,000.00
Total for Assets	\$5,105,647.20
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	\$5,748.61
Equity	\$5,099,898.59
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$5,105,647.20
	Total
Revenue	
4000 - REVENUES	
4100 - PARISH OPERATING REVENUE	\$523,014.26
4200 - EXEMPT OPERATING REVENUE	\$228,240.99
4300 - SPEC. OPERATING REVENUE	\$104,614.90
4400 - SPECIAL COLLECTION	\$1,330.00
4600 - CHARITY & OUTREACH REVENUE	\$6,000.00
Total for 4000 - REVENUES	\$863,200.15
Total for Revenue	\$863,200.15
Gross Profit	\$863,200.15
Expenditures	
5000 - EXPENSES	
5100 - PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$260,502.74
5200 - OVERHEAD EXPENSE	\$431,971.25
5300 - PARISH PROGRAMS EXP	\$58,517.47
5500 - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS EXP.	\$7,170.00
5600 - CHARITY & OUTREACH EXPENSE	\$22,982.79
Total for 5000 - EXPENSES	\$781,144.25
Total for Expenditures	\$781,144.25
Net Operating Revenue	\$82,055.90
Other Expenditures	
7200 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$72,137.43
Total for Other Expenditures	\$72,137.43
Net Other Revenue	-\$72,137.43
Net Revenue	\$9,918.47

Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Church - Financial Statement - June 2025-July 2026

	Total
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 ASSETS	
1100 - CASH	
1101 - Checking	
1101 St Francis Operating Acc	100,833.27
1102 CH Bld Maint	66,310.85
Total for 1101 - Checking	\$167,144.12
Total for 1100 - CASH	\$167,144.12
1200 - INVESTMENTS	
1205 - Savings Accounts with Diocese	\$45,939.09
1206 - Ameris CD	100,000.00
Total for 1200 - INVESTMENTS	\$145,939.09
Total for 1000 ASSETS	\$313,083.21
Total for Bank Accounts	\$313,083.21
Total for Current Assets	\$313,083.21
Fixed Assets	
1300 - LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT	\$1,347,887.91
Total for Fixed Assets	\$1,347,887.91
Total for Assets	\$1,660,971.12
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total for Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	\$1,660,971.12
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$1,660,971.12
	Total
Revenue	
4000 - REVENUES	
4100 - PARISH OPERATING REVENUE	\$66,248.00
4200 - EXEMPT OPERATING REVENUE	\$54,177.39
4300 - SPEC. OPERATING REVENUE	\$28,032.21
4400 - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	\$350.00
Total for 4000 - REVENUES	\$148,807.60
Total for Revenue	\$148,807.60
Gross Profit	\$148,807.60
Expenditures	
5000 - EXPENSES	
5100 - PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$1,288.54
5200 - OVERHEAD EXPENSE	\$49,983.46
5300 - PARISH PROGRAMS EXP	\$6,360.10
5500 - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS EXP.	\$570.00
Total for 5000 - EXPENSES	\$58,202.10
Total for Expenditures	\$58,202.10
Net Operating Revenue	\$90,605.50
Other Expenditures	
7200 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	
7232 - Purch PC & Software,etc	1,304.00
Total for 7200 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,304.00
Total for Other Expenditures	\$1,304.00
Net Other Revenue	-\$1,304.00
Net Revenue	\$89,301.50



Our Lady, Star of the Sea Feast Day Parish Picnic!

September 27, Noon to 5 PM

Plan now to join other parish families for food, fun, and fellowship! We'll enjoy traditional picnic foods and games – including a dunk tank (featuring Fr. Mariusz, of course!), a bouncy house, sack races, and more.

Don't miss it!

Beatification Bus Reminder

Please make your bus reservations for the October 31, 2026, Mass of Beatification this week!

A \$50 per person reservation fee saves your seat and will be refunded if you take the bus to Savannah. Call the church office to get on the rider's list, and mail in or drop off your payment. Traffic is expected to be terrible, and parking will be very hard to find. ***This is the final week to register.***



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Pope Leo has declared 2026 a special Jubilee Year honoring St. Francis of Assisi—a year dedicated to spiritual renewal, peace, and embracing the humility and simplicity that marked the life of St. Francis.

St. Francis of Assisi Mission will celebrate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 4, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Parkes at 5:00 PM.

All are warmly invited to join in this beautiful celebration.

A dinner will be provided after Mass. To assist with planning, you must register to attend the dinner. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex, and a \$25 check per person made out to St. Francis must be included with your registration. Checks will be cashed only if you do not attend after signing up.

Please come and celebrate the Year of St. Francis with us as we honor his legacy of faith, simplicity, and peace.



YARD SALE

Saturday, October 10, 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Father's Angels are accepting donations for our annual yard sale!

We are in need of gently used items:

Furniture/ tools/ household items/ toys/ holiday items/ electronics/ etc.

Call 912-322-6857 for large item pickup

Proceeds are used for senior center outreach, kids movie nite, and special projects to benefit the parish. Father's Angels thank you for your continued support!

**4th ANNUAL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
RACE FOR ST MARYS POLICE K-9s**



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Join us for the 4th Annual Knights of Columbus K-9 Race and help support the Saint Marys Police of Saint Marys, GA, and their K-9 Units by participating in our fun-filled event! This event is open to everyone who use wheelchairs, walkers & canes. We encourage everyone to run, walk, or roll with us!

Saturday, September 26, 2026

5K | 5K Dog Jog | 1 Mile Youth Race - \$35

Virtual 5K - \$35 | 10K - \$40

All participants will get a t-shirt and dogs will get a bandanna
1 mile youth race for ages up to 13 years of age

Please sign up for the run at this link or scan the QR code:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/GA/SaintMarys/KnightsOfColumbusMemorialRunForK>



OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026	SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 10,692.75	COLLECTION - \$ 16,331.22
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,565.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,760.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026	SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,050.00	COLLECTION - \$ 915.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 732.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 143.00

ORGAN FUND

NEED TO RAISE \$ 130.000

WE HAVE RAISED \$ 51,515.



You can also make a donation by scanning this QR Code.



We need to raise at least 40 to 45% of the estimated \$130,000 cost before signing a contract with the company that will build our new organ. I humbly ask for your continued prayers and financial support. Every gift, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to making this project a reality.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar	Ushers
Sat 09/19	1. Bryant Shepard 2. Tricia Jenkins	Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins	Dennis Foster David Bowman
Sun 09/20	1. Karen Hill 2. Karen Jenkins	Joaquin Gomez Evanisto Gomez John Michael Hopkins Vince Gomez	Clyde Miller Carl Boria Robert Cappello Mike Recore
Tue 09/22	Tricia Jenkins		
Wed 09/23	Karen Cataldi		
Thu 09/24	Gene Niksa		
Fri 09/25	Richard Foy		
Sat 09/26	1. Gene Niksa 2. Richard Foy	Bryant Shepard Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins	David Costa Diane Costa Ronald Logan Darlene Logan
Sun 09/27	1. Hunt Thornhill 2. Lucia Feijo	Bryant Shepard Joaquin Gomez Evanisto Gomez John Michael Hopkins Vince Gomez	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Carl Boria John Nevins

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 after a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage will a definite date be set. Marriage preparation classes are required. 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.

Ed Smeder

Leah Rae Semko

Craig Connor

Greg Glaz

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

SFOA – Supporting Local Food Pantries

In the spirit of the 800th Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi and special Jubilee Year designated by Pope Leo, SFOA parish has begun a new community-based ministry. The purpose of this ministry is to help families and individuals in need by supporting local, established food pantries. A food donation box is stationed in our church narthex, and the initial response has been wonderful! So far, we've delivered our first full box of canned & packaged goods for distribution and stocked a shelf at the Folkston P.O.



"Give & Take" pantry. We're partnering with Folkston COG and WWLTC Outreach ministries. Both offer regularly scheduled and publicized food distribution events in Folkston & Homeland. The Folkston Post Office 24/7 "Give & Take" pantry is on the track-side of the building and is utilized by both residents and others passing through our city.

Please consider sharing a Winn-Dixie "BOGO" item, bringing a "Can-A-Week" from your pantry, or remembering on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, when we enjoy our parish breakfasts, to bring an item to church. It is a wonderful almsgiving habit to develop that will bless you and make a difference to a family or individual that is less fortunate. As an on-going ministry of SFOA parish, it also offers another opportunity to live-out our calling as Catholic Christians in SE Georgia.

Please, no glass bottles. Donations must be canned (soups, fish, meats, vegetables, and sauces), boxed (cereals, pasta, ready-to-make dinners) or prepackaged bagged items (rice, beans and pasta). Items with expired "best used by" dates cannot be distributed.

Those who would like to participate in this ministry by sorting and distributing can call Carol Braddock at (904) 583-3835.

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 09/20	Jennifer Pfeffer Mary Fouracre
Sunday 09/27	Susan Price-Lasalla Art Fouraker

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday 09/21	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Ron Logan, Bill Tobias, David Bowman
Sunday 09/27	Dennis Conlon, Patty Zawislek, Chrissy Bundrick, Richard Foy, David Bowman

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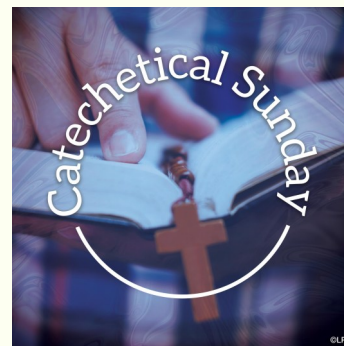
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WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon., 09/21	OLSS - Cursillo - Ultreya - 6:00 PM - Social Hall OLSS - Women's Book Club - 6:30 PM - Count Room
Tue., 09/22	SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS - The Homily Continued - 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Wed., 09/23	SFoA - Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - RE Room #8 OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Double Room
Thurs., 09/24	OLSS - Ladies Auxiliary - 9:00 AM - Count Room OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room #4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room #5 OLSS - OCIA - 6:00 PM - Double Room SFoA - "St. Francis of Assisi" Dinner & Movie - 6:00 PM
Fri., 09/25	OLSS - Women's Book Study - 9 AM - Double Room OLSS - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - Main Church
Sat., 09/26	
Sun., 09/27	OLSS - CYM - 8:00 AM - RE Building OLSS - RE Classes - 9:15 AM - RE Building OLSS - Mary, Star of the Sea, Feast Day Picnic - 12 PM



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preparing and teaching the adults and children
of our parish about the beauty of the Faith!

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