

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BASILICA - SS. PETER & PAUL - ST. PAUL - ST. BONIFACE - ST. JOSEPH

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

St. Francis: Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm After the 6:30 am morning Masses Before the 5:15 pm Mass on Wed. Before the 8:30 am Mass on First Fri.

St. Boniface: 9:30 am before Sun. Mass

St. Joseph: 7:30 am before Sun. Mass

SS. Peter & Paul: 6:30 pm before Sat. Mass St. Paul: 8:30 am before Sun. Mass

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

For those who are free to marry, marriage preparation takes at least six months. Contact a priest for further information.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents expecting the birth of their first and second child must participate in a preparation session, preferably six months prior to birth.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. All are welcome.



Monday: 7:00 - 8:00 am (Basilica) Tuesday ~ Wednesday:

8:00 am-8:00 am (Beckman) WEDNESDAY: 4:00-5:15 pm (Basilica) THURSDAY: 9:00 am-2:00 pm (Beckman) FRIDAY: 7:30 am-8:30 am (Basilica)

MESSAGE FROM FR. GABRIEL

Beloved in Christ of this our Noble Parish, Spires of Faith Cluster, may the peace of the Lord be with you all. I am Fr. Gabriel Oduro Mensah, an International Priest from the Archdiocese of Cape Coast, Ghana in West Africa. Last Friday, August 12th, 2022 was exactly two and half months since I arrived in the United States of America, specifically, IOWA. It was also a month since I took my appointment as an Associate Pastor in the Spires of Faith Cluster Parish. I am overwhelmed with the warm welcome accorded me by Fr. Christopher Podhajsky, Fr. Carl A Ries, Fr. Philip Agyei, the Rev. Deacons Roger, Keith, and Jim, the staff and all parishioners of the Spires of Faith Cluster. I am most grateful to you.

I was born on the 23rd of February 1968, at Abesewa Gyaman in the Wassa Amenfi East District in the Western of Ghana, to Mr. Gabriel Ekow Mensah (Deceased), from Denkyira Essiku-



ma in the Central Region and Helena Quarshie of Abesewa Gyaman. From my mother's side, I am the eldest among five siblings of which three are males and two females, whereas from my father's side, am the fourth out of the 19 siblings; consisting of thirteen 13 males and six females.

I had my early childhood education at St. Mark's Catholic Kindergarten and Primary School from 1973-1978 at Abesewa Gyaman, while staying with my grand-mother and the Upper Primary and Middle School Education at Denkyira Essikuma when I relocated to join my parents from 1979-1985.

I enrolled in St. Teresa's Minor Seminary Amisano, Elmina in October 1985 to begin my formation to the priesthood, and obtained my Ordinary Level and Advanced Level Certificates in 1991 and 1993 respectively, proceeded to St Paul's Seminary Sowutuom in Accra, the Capital City of Chana for one year Spirituality and two years Philosophy from 1994 through 1996. I then furthered my studies and formation to the priesthood at St. Peter's Regional Seminary, Pedu in Cape Coast where I studied Theology and Sociology from 1997 to 1999. I did a year program called immersion, where I worked at Athena fruit Industry from September 1999 through September 2000. I finally went back to St. Peters Seminary, Pedu to complete my Seminary training and formation to the Priesthood from October 2000 to June 2001. I was ordained a priest on the 29th September 2001, the Feast Day of the Archangels; Gabriel, Michael and Raphael, at St. Francis De Salles Cathedral, by the then Archbishop of Cape Coast, Most Rev. Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, now Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, Head of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences.

I was appointed to Mary Immaculate Conception Parish, Anomabo as an Associate Pastor from November 2001 to February 2005. In February 2005 I was reassigned to St. Anthony's Rectorate at Twifo Hemang as the Rector, and later as the first Parish Priest when it was elevated to a Parish status in 2008. In October 2013, I was transferred to St. John the Baptist Rectorate, Akweley in Kasoa as the Rector. Then in February 2015 I was installed the First Parish Priest when it was raised to Parish status. In January this year I was transferred to St. Paul's Parish at Assin Jakai. Then in May I left Ghana for my new Pastoral Assignment here in the US.

My special thanks to the Archbishop, Most Rev. Michael E. Jackels, and Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas Taole, for accepting my offer to come and serve in this Archdiocese of Dubuque. I am also grateful to the immediate past Pastoral Director, Jeff Henderson, the current Pastoral Directress, Kim Hermsen, and Fr. Richmond DzeKoe for the tremendous support they gave me to get settle when I arrived. My in -depth gratitude goes to Fathers Quint, Tyler and Martin who prepared the place for my smooth takeover. I also owe Fr. Christopher Podhajsky, and the staff of the Spires of Faith Cluster Parish a deep appreciation for their thoughtfulness, love, and care. May the Lord fill you all with his peace.

August 14, 2022 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgies

D-St. Francis • E-St. Joseph • NV-St. Boniface P-Petersburg • W-St. Paul

| Monday, August 15: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | | | |
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| 6:30 am | - | Leland 'Fritz' Nebel | |
| 7:30 am | NV | Darlene Fangmann | |

Tuesday, August 16: ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

6:30 am D For All Souls 7:30 am NV Julius Hageman

Wednesday, August 17:

| 7:30 am | W | Jackie Naber |
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| 5:15 pm | D | Doris Lake |

Thursday, August 18:

| 6:30 am | D | Robert Herrick; Jim Meyer |
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| 7:30 am | Ρ | All Souls |
| 8:00 am | Е | Scott Crowley |

Friday, August 19: ST. JOHN EUDES

| 7:30 am | Ŵ | Darlene Jurgens Bradt |
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| 8:00 am | Е | Ralph Nefzger |
| 8:30 am | D | Paul & Clara Baecker Family |

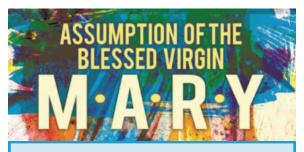
Saturday, August 20: ST. BERNARD

| 2:00 pm | D | Wedding: Olivia Schlarmann/ |
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| | | Austin Breitbach |
| 5:00 pm | D | David J.A. Kramer; Arthur Kern; |
| | | Don Elgin |
| 7:00 pm | Ρ | Ambrose 'Butch" Wegmann |
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Sunday, August 21:

| 7:00 am | D | Dean Feldmann |
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| 8:00 am | Е | Larry Bockenstedt; LaVerne Roling |
| 8:30 am | D | Norma Link |
| 9:00 am | W | Leon & Margaret White, Katie |
| | | Harms; Annette Even |
| 10:00 am | NV | For the People |
| 10:30 am | D | Bernice Steffen-Honkomp |
| 12:00 pm | D | Spanish Mass |
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We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of: Betty DeShaw & Virgean Meyer



Monday, August 15th we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since the solemnity falls on a Monday, the holy day obligation is dispensed.

Spires of Faith Parishes

FR. CHRIS INSTALLATION MASS ~ Last Saturday night, Archbishop Jackles celebrated the 5:00 pm Mass at the Basilica to install Fr. Chris Podhajsky as our new pastor.



CLUSTER POOL PARTY ~ Thank you to all who came out to our cluster pool party in Earlyille last Sunday. The weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful time!



Faith Formation



SCHOOL BLESSING ~ Join together with friends and neighbors praying for our schools and the students that go to them. August 15th at 4:30 pm prayer will start at Beckman Catholic and we will

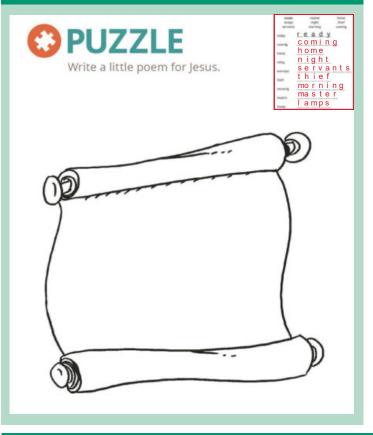
also visit Xavier and Dyersville Elementary School. See you at School! "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." (Mt. 18:20)

YOUTH GROUP ~ TODAY! Sunday, August 14th Tubing at Manchester White Waters park from 3:00 pm -7:00 pm. Need: tubes if you have them, water shoes and a life jacket. All students will also be required to fill out and bring the liability waiver form: https://tinyurl.com/4cxrz8by.

FALL FAITH FORMATION ~ Wednesday night Faith Formation in Earlville begins on September 14. If you have not signed your child(ren) up yet, please do! Go to the website: spiresoffaith.com/faith-formation/youth. Signing up early helps our leaders make plans for the year. If you have any questions, please call Tami at the cluster office (875-7325) and she will be happy to help you.

ADULT BIBLE/BOOK STUDY ~ Are you interested in hosting or joining a study with others in our cluster? There will be new bible/book study groups available soon! Please call Tami at 563-875-7325 if you are interested.

Kids Corner



St. Francis Xavier School

APPROVED UNIFORM ~ Order your new **GREEN** logoed polos, pullovers and jackets at the following link: https://stfrancisxavieruniform.itemorder.com. The deadline to order is August 21st.

TEACHER OPENING ~ Full time art teacher for the 22-23 school year. Please contact the school principal, Mr. Smith, at <u>psmith@xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us</u> if you are a certified art teacher and are interested in applying for the position.

EXTENDED CARE ~ Openings for Before and After School Associates beginning this August. Hours available are Monday-Friday from 3:15 - 4:30 or 6:00 pm, and/or Wednesday's 6:30 - 8:00 am. If interested, email Peter Smith (psmith@xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us) or Nancy Schlueter (n.schlueter@xavier.pvt.k12.ia.us). For any questions, call the school office at 563-875-7376.

Beckman Catholic

BENCHWARMERS ~ Tickets are available now at the cluster office, Beckman Catholic High School, and can be purchased from any Beckman parent! Tickets are \$30 each, with payouts totaling \$18,825!

JOB OPENING ~ 7-12 school counselor for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Qualified applicants must have lowa 7-12 school counselor certification or be able to obtain certification prior to the start of the school year. To apply, interested applicants may complete the Teach lowa application. Please contact Marcel Kielkucki, principal, at 563-875-7188 or mkielkucki@beckmancatholic.org with any questions.

HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED ~ Beckman Catholic School is in need of host families for two girls from Vietnam that are coming to attend school here. Hosts provide meals, a bed, desk, and dresser and a caring, supportive family environment. In return, hosts received a monthly stipend to hep offset the cost. Please call if you want more information. Sharon Ganz 610-659-9641 www.educatius.org



St. Paul

Finances

| Budget received 8/7/22\$ | 3,630.00 |
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| Weekly Adult Budget needed\$ | 3,673.00 |
| Offertory\$ | 98.42 |
| IRA\$ | 2,000.00 |
| Christmas\$ | 352.00 |
| Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-8/7/22\$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular\$ Fiscal YTD Received Grain\$ Fiscal YTD Received IRA\$ YTD short - | 22,038.00 15,923.00 1,552.00 2,000.00 2,563.00 |

IMPACT LIFE BLOOD DRIVE ~ Monday, August 29th, an air conditioned bus will be in the parking lot North of the church from 3:00 – 6:00pm. Masks and appointments are necessary, along with photo ID, please eat before donating. Call Cathy 563-875-7376 for an appointment.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ~ Congratulations to our winning team pictured below. 1st Row: Crew Kelchen and Everett Kurt (bat boys). 2nd Row: Lauren Kurt, Jess Mohr, Becky Shady, and Michaela Shady. 3rd Row: Rick Jurgens, Chris Kurt, Cody Kelchen, Brian Kramer, Lane Kramer and Jake Shady.



LITURGICAL ROLES • SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 9:00 AM SERVERS & CROSS: Alaina Thier, Kara & Shay Ludwig GREETERS: Richard & Marilyn Fortmann USHERS: Don Demmer, Kevin Davis, Ed & Joe Burlage READER: Ed McCarthy MUSIC: Adult Choir COMMUNION MINISTERS: Jenna Ramaeker & Jenna White SACRISTAN: Ruth Manternach RECORDERS: Sue Burger & Patrick White

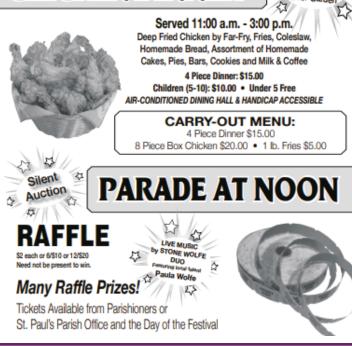
WELCOME FOR FR. PHILIP AGYEI ~ There will be a social after Mass in the Chapel today!

St. Paul's Parish Festival Sunday, August 21, 2022

Memorial Hall & Park · Worthington, Iowa

CHICKEN DINNER

Lunch Stand, Country Store, H & H Fun Rides, Games, Beer Garden



MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY ~ A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Contact Denise & Greg at <u>drubner9419@gmail.com</u> or 563-920-9419 for more information. **Upcoming dates:** September 9-11 in Dubuque or November 18-20 in Holstein.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT ~ September 23rd - 25th, 2022 in Dubuque. A Rachel's Vineyard weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This includes anyone who has been impacted by abortion or was part of the process (grandparents, aunt or uncle, driver to the clinic, doctor, nurse, etc.). It is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. Many of the facilitators have suffered the same loss. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. For more information or to register, go to our website www.dcrtl.org/RV, call 563-556-5960, or email RVdubuque@gmail.com. Registration is requested by September 12th, 2022. This event is sponsored by the Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc.

SS. Peter & Paul

Finances

| Budget received 8/7/22\$ | 820.00 |
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| Weekly Adult Budget needed\$ | 3,000.00 |
| Offertory\$ | 117.50 |
| Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-8/7/22 \$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular \$ Fiscal YTD IRA | 18,000.00 9,923.50 200.00 7,876.50 |

LITURGICAL ROLES • SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 7:00 PM USHERS: John Deutmeyer, Brad & Lois Lawrence SERVERS: Kael Gaul & Clay Gaul READER: Sue Wulfekuhle COMMUNION MINISTERS: Mike Gaul, Maria Spersflage, Anya Westhoff, Dale Boeckenstedt & Linda Budden GIFTS: Jason & Rebecca Gaul

SACRISTANS: Dale & Linda Boeckenstedt

NV/ P MASS CHANGE ~ SEPTEMBER 3/4 Saturday, September 3th - 7:00 pm at New Vienna Sunday, September 4th - 10:00 am at Petersburg Changes due to the Petersburg Backfield Bash.

BACKFIELD BASH ~ Workers are needed to take gate and bartend from 3-7 or 7-11 on September 3rd for the Petersburg Backfield Bash. Please call Karen Wulfekuhle at 563-599-2175 if interested. **RANDY'S MARKET ROUNDUP** ~ August 8th - 21st. We are partnering with Randy's Market in Dyersville for a fundraising opportunity. Simply shop at Randy's anytime from August 8th - 21st, round up your total to the nearest dollar and all proceeds will come right back to SS. Peter & Paul Parish.

PIE MAKING DATES ~ October 28th and 29th. Extra help will be very much appreciated when apples are ready to pick/peel/freeze. Thank you!

SS. Peter & Paul Church Tour

Church Building History

Exterior Restoration: Stained Glass, Stone Masonry, Entrance Doors, + More.

Interior Decoration Restoration: Mural Restoration, Altars, Decorative Painting, Statues and more.

1625 300th Ave, Dyersville, IA 52040 August 27th, 2022, 11:00am No RSVP necessary.

Partners and Special Thanks: SS, Peter and Paul Parish Fr. Chris Podhajsky. Rick and Karen Domeyer & Fr. Dennis Quint



St. Francis Xavier

Finances

| Budget received 8/7/22\$ | 14,784.00 |
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| Weekly EFT\$ | 995.00 |
| Monthly EFT\$ | 10,923.53 |
| Offertory\$ | 1,225.76 |
| Youth\$ | 10.55 |
| Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-8/7/22\$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular\$ Fiscal YTD IRA\$ Fiscal YTD Grain\$ YTD short - | 156,807.72 122,387.81 6,840.44 5,075.25 22,504.22 |

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT ~ St. Francis Xavier church and school seek a full-time maintenance assistant who will work with the director of maintenance for the school, parish, and cemetery. Please contact Fr. Chris at the basilica 563.875.7325 or c.podhajsky@dbqarch.org for a job description and application.

THANK YOU ~ Opening Doors would like to thank the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier church for their recent donations supporting the growth of the women and children they serve. Thanks to our parishioners women and children receive a safe place to sleep, individualized attention to clarify goals and help build a sustainable future.

BINGO ~ Resumes this week Thursday, August 18th at 7:00 pm in the Xavier Church Hall (Basilica Basement).

LITURGICAL ROLES • SAT. AUG. 20 & SUN. AUG. 21

WORKS

Door Locker: Ray Sauser WEEKLY ADULT SERVER 8/15-19: Paul Deutmeyer 5:00 PM SACRISTAN: Verna Fangman 5:00 PM READER: Kathy Riesberg 5:00 PM SERVERS: Erin Fagan, Luke & Hailey Kruse 5:00 PM COMMUNION MINISTERS: Joan Boeckenstedt, Pat & Shirley Pirc 7:00 AM SACRISTAN: Dan Steffen 7:00 AM READER: Clair Riesberg 7:00 AM SERVERS: Landon & Lauren Theisen 7:00 AM COMMUNION MINISTERS: Neil Hoeger, Dan Steffen & Clair Riesberg 8:30 AM SACRISTAN: Al Brunsmann 8:30 AM READER: Chris Salrin 8:30 AM SERVERS: Brady Salter, Andrew Salrin, Matthew, Connor & Ethan McCarraher 8:30 AM COMMUNION MINISTERS: Craig Domeyer, Jerry Becker & Cathy Lueck 10:30 AM SACRISTAN: Bec Willenborg 10:30 AM READER: Angie Kruse **10:30 AM SERVERS:** Caydon Graves & Regina Behnken 10:30 AM COMMUNION MINISTERS: Janet Stelken, Roger Klostermann & Angie Kruse

St. Boniface

Finances

| Budget received 8/7/22\$ | 2,263.00 |
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| Weekly Adult Budget needed\$ | 2,577.00 |
| Offertory\$ | 306.50 |
| Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-8/7/22 \$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular \$ Fiscal YTD IRA | 15,462.00 10,210.00 2,800.00 2,452.00 |

LITURGICAL ROLES • SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 10:00 AM USHERS: David Klas, Gary Schulte & Jesse Steger SERVER: Carson Engelken READER: Dale Ries

COMMUNION MINISTERS: Karen Steger, Gerry Westhoff, Mary Kay Westhoff, Mary C. Westhoff & Ruth Bockenstedt **SACRISTANS:** Mary Westhoff

COMMUNION MINISTERS ~ Since we will not be offering precious blood, please note that we will only need 3 ministers for communion even though 5 are listed.

LABOR DAY FUNDRAISER & SILENT AUCTION ~ We are putting together a virtual silent auction again this year. Start thinking of items to donate. If you have any questions, contact one of the officers. Thank you.

CEMETERY CHAPEL ~ Our beautiful chapel is in immediate need of eight new upper windows followed by paint. We recently improved the cemetery with a new concrete driveway and committed to a used utility tractor. Donations toward this necessary and costly maintenance would be appreciated. Memorials and donations may be made at the cluster office. Please call 875-7325 with any questions.

NV/ P Mass Change ~ September 3/4

Saturday, September 3th - 7:00 pm at New Vienna Sunday, September 4th - 10:00 am at Petersburg Changes due to the Petersburg Backfield Bash.



NEW VIENNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE HERITAGE HOUSE MUSEUM

HERITAGE DAY

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ON THE MUSEUM GROUNDS 7396 COLUMBUS STREET - NEW VIENNA, IOWA (ACROSS FROM ST. BONIFACE CHURCH)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

Food, Drinks, & Jce Oream Available Adults: \$5.00 - CHILDREN (6-12): \$1.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 6: FREE FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 563-921-3165

St. Joseph

Finances

| Budget received 8/7/22 \$ | 2,837.00 |
|---|------------------------|
| Weekly Adult Budget needed \$ | 2,575.00 |
| Offertory \$ | 104.65 |
| Fiscal YTD Needed 7/1/22-8/7/22 \$ Fiscal YTD Received Regular \$ Fiscal YTD Grain \$ | 15,450.00 11,872.00 |
| Fiscal YTD IRA | 7,110.00 |
| YTD ahead + \$ | 3,532.00 |

LITURGICAL ROLES • SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 8:00 AM SERVERS: Colin Smith

READER: Jane Knipper MUSIC: Julie Leibold & Choir COMMUNION MINISTER: Bob Salow GREETERS: Loras & Suzanne Mensen HOMEBOUND COMMUNION: Dan & Connie Wheeler & Kathy Harris

THANK YOU ~ to everyone who attended our drive thru Fish Fry and to all our parishioners who worked. Your support of this event is very much appreciated. Raffle winners will be published next week.

FAITH FORMATION ~ on Wednesday nights in Earlville begin on Sept. 14. If you have not signed your child(ren) up yet please do! Go to the Spires of Faith website and click on the Faith Formation tab. Signing up early helps our leaders to make plans for the year. If you have any questions, please call Tami at the cluster office (875- 7325) and she will be happy to help you.

HELP NEEDED ~ St. Joseph Childcare Center is looking for caring, fun loving, dependable childcare associates. Hours are flexible. No nights or weekends. Call Katie at 923 -2068. Must be 16 or older.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Items needed: glue sticks, bottles of glue, Crayola crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolors, rulers, pens, pencils, folders, scissors, spiral notebooks, composition books and backpacks.

SUPPLIES WILL BE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS IN HAITI, A FRANCISCAN MISSION IN MISSISSIPPI, OUR AREA SCHOOLS AND THE FOOD PANTRY.

Marked containers will be placed at all Church entrances in our cluster parishes.





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