

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Theriot Family, Ashley & Lincoln Toups, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Joseph & Wanda Fernald, Jimmy Ceuvas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, Lawrence & Jo Russell, Caleb Haymes, Merideth Walker, Pierre Ahlstrom, Chris Smith, Norris Acy, Nancy Oliver, Nick Andrews, Darryl White, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Rob Mason

Prayers for the Homebound: Bela Nagy, James Howard, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Larry Ledet, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Deanne Shoemaker

Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially:

Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges, Sgt. Keagan Smith

Prayers for Healing

Please contact the Parish Office
601-833-1799
to add a name to the prayer list.



St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Ange’le Bartholomew, Youth Minister

Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM
- Saturday (**Spanish**) Mass at 5:30PM
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: No Daily Mass—

Tuesday: Christmas Vigil, Mass at 4PM

Tuesday: Spanish Mass at 6PM

Tuesday: Midnight Mass at 11:30

Wed: Christmas Mass at 9AM

Thursday: No Daily Mass

Friday: No Daily Mass

Benediction

The first weekend of every month.

Eucharistic Adoration

No Eucharistic Adoration Monday 12/23

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3:30 PM on Saturday & 8:30 AM on Sunday or by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano

Marriage: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano at least six months in advance.

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We extend a special welcome to all of our visitors. If you are new to the area and have decided to make St. Francis your church family, please pick up a blue registration card in the vestibule of the church, complete the card and place it in the offering basket.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21 Mass at 4 pm—Our Parish

Sunday, December 22, Mass at 9 am—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Tuesday, December 24 Mass at 4 pm—Our Parish

Tuesday, December 24 Mass at 11:30 pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Wednesday, December 25 Mass at 9 am—Robert Wusterbarth (RIP)

Thursday, December 26—No Mass

Friday, December 27—No Mass



December 22, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Elizabeth comes from a long line of infertile women in the Bible. Sarah, Rachel, Hannah—these childless women would eventually be called by God to birth the patriarchs and the prophets. In doing so, they would fulfill covenantal promises and restore hope to Israel. In this respect, we should not be particularly amazed that Elizabeth would conceive John well past her childbearing years. Nor should we be surprised that John becomes a great prophet in his own right.

Despite the miracle of Elizabeth’s own pregnancy, this Gospel passage makes it abundantly clear that this wonder pales to the presence of the infant Jesus in Mary’s womb. “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” (Luke 1:42).

Elizabeth’s continued awe is more apparent when she questions Mary’s visit and refers to Mary as “the mother of my Lord.” Elizabeth and prenatal John are the first to witness and recognize Jesus’ divinity.

Ponder:

When did you first recognize the presence of Jesus in your life?

Pray:


Jesus, my Lord, may I see You, recognize You and know You.

Excerpt: *Catholic Mom*

SAVE THE DATE:
January 18
Parish Wide Appreciation Dinner
more details to follow

OCIA & Faith Formation
are on holiday break
Classes will resume the week of
January 6, 2025

Christmas Eve
Spanish Mass will be
celebrated at 6pm



Time is running out to sign up for the
MARCH FOR LIFE!
In Washington, DC.
January 23—26.
Cost is \$100 per person
includes travel and hotel accommodations.
Please contact the office to register.

Happy Birthday!!
Chad Townsend (24)
Jenna Townsend (26)
Vidalia Foster (27)
&
Adam Smith (17)
Happy Belated B-day!

Coffee & Donuts
after the 9am Mass
All are welcome !

*GOD is GOOD
all the time
all the time
GOD is GOOD!*

Saturday Dec. 28
&
Sunday, Dec. 29
There will be a second
collection for the
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

The Catholic Diocese
of Jackson &
the Office of St. Francis will be
closed for the holidays from
December 24—January 1
See you in the New Year!

Celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas at Home

To celebrate these 12 days in your household, gather each day, light a candle, read the suggested biblical passage, then share what you can do to make Jesus' presence more real in our world. The Vatican Council II reminded us, "Christ is the light of nations. Because this is so, by proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, (we) bring the light of Christ to all persons." (Constitution of the Church, #1)

Wednesday, December 25: The First Day of Christmas (Luke 2:1-18).
Both Mary and the shepherds see in this child the revelation of God's love for all, especially the poor.
How might each of us recognize and respond to the needs of the poor?

Thursday, December 26: The Second Day of Christmas (Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59).
St. Stephen models our call to witness to Jesus' message of love despite the cost to us.
How might each of us reach out to love and help the poorest among us?

Friday, December 27: The Third Day of Christmas (Luke 2:22-40).
Simon's message to Jesus' parents reminds us that sorrow is part of every life.
How might each of us respond to the sorrow that so many are experiencing in their lives and relationships?

Saturday, December 28: The Fourth Day of Christmas (Matthew 2:13-18).
Jesus' birth threatened King Herod, who murdered many innocent children to remain king.
Where are innocent persons being persecuted today and how might we try to help them?

Sunday, December 29: The Fifth Day of Christmas (1 John 1:1-4).
God has been revealed and become visible in Jesus.
How might each of us act today to make God visible in ourselves and to recognize God's presence in those around us?

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December 14 & December 15, 2024
Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 6171.00
Loose Cash	\$ 684.00
Total	\$6855.00



Nothing But You
4th Sunday of Advent
Psalms 86:10

I want nothing but you, God; to rest in you, completely, being strengthened more and more to serve you by my total dependence on your divine providence, always more firmly anchored in the faith of your true word and completely abandoned to your mercy and care. O eternal and fatherly goodness! My heart opens itself to you
St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

A Christmas Blessing

On this day illumined by the gospel hope which springs from the humble stable of Bethlehem, I invoke the Christmas gift of joy and peace upon all: upon children and the elderly, upon young people and families, the poor and the marginalized. May Jesus, who was born for us, console all those afflicted by illness and suffering. May He sustain those who devote themselves to serving our brothers and sisters who are most in need.
-Pope Francis

Did you know that candy canes are shaped as shepherd's staffs, because Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Candy canes are traditional red & white striped, with the white symbolizing the purity of Jesus, the sacrificial lamb, and the red symbolizing the blood the Lamb shed for our sins. The stripes call to mind the prophecy of Isaiah "by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 52:5).
Also, the candy cane upside down looks like the letter "J" for Jesus.

Liturgical Assignments
Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Vigil @ 4PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Eric Postma
Kelli Postma, Laura Murray
Lector: Paige Jackson
Commentator: Lindsey Smith
Altar Servers: Phillip Murray, Maddie Postma
Thurifer: Joshua Atwater
Ushers: Stephen Murray, Micah Davis, Joshua Townsend, Joe Postma
Greeters: Jimminette Phillips, Beth DeLaughter
Music: Steve Russell, Emily Phillips, and Children's Choir

Tuesday, December 24
Midnight Mass @ 11:30PM

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Jim Bonner
Tara Bonner, Cathy Fuselier
Lector: Cathy Fuselier
Commentator: Kenneth Goodrum
Altar Servers: Jim Bonner, Kenneth Goodrum
Thurifer: Jim Bonner
Ushers: if available please contact the office
Greeters: if available please contact the office
Music: Emily Phillips, Choir, and Eileen Neal

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Morning Mass @ 9AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Gerry Whitman
Lanelle Wusterbarth, Alice Methvien
Lector: Jim Craig
Commentator: Becky Fedducia
Altar Servers: if available please contact the office
Thurifer: Joshua Smith
Ushers: if available please contact the office
Greeters: if available please contact the office
Music: Celine Craig, Susan Smith, and Eileen Neal

Saturday, December 28 @ 4PM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Gerry Whitman
Erica Looney, Alice Methvien
Lector: Cathy Fuselier
Commentator: Joshua Atwater
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum
Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler
Greeters: Alice Hearn, Phyllis Hobbs
Music: Steve Russell, Hilda Harrigill

Sunday, December 29 @ 9AM

Eucharistic Ministers: (H) Eric Postma
Kelly Postma, Jennifer Townsend
Lector: Lindsey Smith
Commentator: Jim Craig
Altar Servers: Josie Townsend, Julianna Townsend, Tucker Smith
Ushers: Mark Smith, Chad Townsend
Greeters: Beth DeLaughter, Susan Smith
Music:



