

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

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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DECEMBER 8, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Staff

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor
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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: 12:10 Mass Immaculate Conception
Tuesday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Wed.: Senior Anointing Mass 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass
Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass 6:00pm Mass/ Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: 7:15 Mass followed by breakfast

Benediction

The first weekend of every month.

Eucharistic Adoration

No Eucharistic Adoration this week
The Immaculate Conception/Holy Day of Obligation will be observed.

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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St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry
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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 7—Mass at 9a, - Bill Medor (RIP)

Saturday, December 7 Mass at 4 pm—Levonne Smith (RIP)

Sunday, December 8, Mass at 9 am—Our Parish

Monday, December 9, Mass at 12:10pm—Gwendolyn Wallace (RIP)

Tuesday, December 10 Mass at 12:10pm —Mary Lou Anderson (RIP)

Wednesday, December 11, Mass at 12:10pm — Mass for Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 12, Mass at 12:10pm — Charles M Koehler (RIP)

Friday, December 13, Mass at 7:15am — Margaret Weathersby (RIP)



December 8, 2024—Second Sunday of Advent

The earth moving in this passage describes how God works in our hearts. If I keep my eyes on Jesus, He straightens out the crooked paths of my confusion about how to deal with a difficult person. He fills up the nagging feeling that I have failed in so many ways by being thoughtless when I could have been kind. He makes low my pride that doesn't want to ask for help and makes serene the rough ways of my impatience with myself and touchiness with other people.

Isn't this what Advent is really about? As we "move mountains" in our schedule to prepare as normal a Christmas as possible, are we also clearing out time for God to work on the hills and valleys in our hearts?

This Advent is a great time to appreciate our poverty before God Almighty. To join the Blessed Mother as she ponders the mystery of the marvels God accomplished in her, a hidden woman who changed the landscape of human history by saying "yes."

Let's resolve this Advent to "make smooth" any obstacles to letting Jesus be born in our hearts. Our welcoming heart—our "yes" - is the only poor creche that Jesus longs for.

Ponder:

Am I willing to schedule quiet time with Jesus so that the creche of my heart is warm and comfy for Him when He arrives on Christmas Eve?

Pray:

Lord, I say yes. Help me to live out my yes with Mary as we await Your coming.

Excerpts: Catholic Mom

GOD is GOOD
all the time
all the time
GOD is GOOD

MARCH FOR LIFE

St. Francis is sponsoring a trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC.

Leave on Jan. 23, MARCH FOR LIFE on the 24 and return on Jan. 26



The march is an all day event featuring a number of speakers and the chance to stand with hundreds of thousands of fellow Catholics for the cause of life. We will leave the day before and come back on the 26th, allowing a day for sightseeing in the nation's capital. The trip is open to teens and adults. Cost is \$100 per person.

Contact the parish office to sign up.

Canned Food Drive



Please support our St. Vincent Ministry by participating in Faith Formation's Canned Food Drive.

Donations can be dropped off in the Parish

Center in the boxes provided. Boxes are located inside the doors off of Cherokee Street.

Let's make this program a success for our community!



If you would like to honor your loved one with a Christmas Flower Donation, please fill out a Christmas Flower Offering Envelope and place it in the offering



basket. Envelopes are located in the wall hanger in the vestibule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 8—Youth Mass at 11am
Sunday, Dec. 8—Ladies of Parish will gather in Parish Center to assemble stockings for nursing home residents.

Monday, Dec. 9—Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception of Mary—Mass at 12:10pm



Wednesday, Dec. 11—Senior Anointing

Mass at 12:10pm followed by luncheon in Serio Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 11—Parish Wide Reconciliation @ 6:00pm

Thursday, Dec 12—Feast of the Virgin de Guadalupe Spanish Mass at 6pm

Sun., Dec. 15—Homebound deliveries and caroling @ 12pm



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you were unable to attend a photo session you may now submit a family photo to the office email: office@stfrancisbrookhaven.org

Sunday, December 8 at 11 am
YOUTH MASS

Coffee & Donuts after the 9am Mass
All are welcome ! 1.

ICONOGRAPHY

During Advent a course will be conducted by Eric & Bria Postma after Mass on Sundays during December
Iconography: the visual images & symbols associated with a subject, especially a religious subject.

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS

RAFFLE FOR FIREARMS

\$25 .00 per ticket
5 for \$100.00

three firearms will be raffled to raise money for 2026 state convention. See any Knight to purchase tickets.
Drawing on 12/9/24

December — Monthly Devotion

Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the moment of her conception, was preserved from stain of original sin.. Sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect in her soul. The Blessed Virgin's freedom from sin was an unmerited gift of God and a privilege which no other created person has received. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 9, 2024.



November 30 & December 1, 2024

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 5250.19
Loose Cash	\$ 541.00
Total	\$ 5791.19

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Tuesday, Dec. 10 @ 5:30pm

The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation
Come explore & rediscover your Catholic roots!

LECTOR/COMMENTATORS

For those unable to attend lector update training on Sunday, Nov 16th, Lector workbooks can be found on the table in the vestibule.

Happy Birthday!!

Rob Mason (7)
Valerie Hall (10)
Eric Postma (10)
Donovan Lorraine (11)
Clare Postma (12)

Wednesday, Dec 11
SENIOR ANOINTING MASS
12:15pm in the Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Center.

PARISH WIDE RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6pm.
Advent is a time to prepare for the Christmas celebration of Christ's presence with us. Prepare this Advent with personal confession and prayerful reflection.

ADVENT

O Lord Jesus Christ, true light of the world, as we prepare to celebrate your birth, we beseech you to illuminate our hearts and minds. As we journey through this season of anticipation, help us to recognize your presence in our lives and to embrace the hope & joy you bring. May your light dispel the darkness of sin & ignorance, guiding us on the path of righteousness & truth. Grant us the grace to be beacons of your love & compassion, shining your light into the lives of others. As we await your coming, may our hearts be filled with eager expectation & profound gratitude for the gift of your divine presence.
AMEN.
St. Pope John Paul II



Liturgical Assignments

Saturday, December 14

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Erica Looney
Alice Methvien, Cathy Fuselier
Lector: Joshua Atwater
Commentator: Alice Methvien
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum
Ushers: David Goss, John Chandler
Greeters: Violet Corrales, Shandra Flynn
Music: Eileen Neal, Celine Craig



Sunday, December 15

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Eric Postma
Kelli Postma, Sue Junkin
Lector: Diane Acy
Commentator: Jason Guthrie
Altar Servers: Maddie Postma, Piper Douchard
Ushers: Brett Douchard, Joe Postma
Greeters: J. Phillips, Kathy Phillips
Music: Johnna

Sunday, December 15
The Family of Francis & friends are invited to participate in Homebound Deliveries & Nursing Home Caroling starting at 12pm.
Please come and help spread Christmas cheer !



Feast of the Virgin de Guadalupe.
Spanish Mass @ 6pm.

Sunday, December 8 after 9am Mass
Please join in the preparation of Christmas stockings for the nursing home residents.