

**Prayers for Healing:** Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Theriot Family, Ashley & Lincoln Touns, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Joseph & Wanda Fernald, Jimmy Cuevas, 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, Virginia Sparks

**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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**JANUARY 12, 2025—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

## Staff

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor  
Eileen Neal, Office Administrator  
Emily Phillips, DRE  
Ange’le Bartholomew, Youth Minister

## Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM  
Spanish Mass 5:30 pm
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

**Monday:** No Daily Mass—  
**Tuesday:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass  
**Wed:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass  
**Thursday:** 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass  
**Friday:** 11:30 Eucharistic Adoration  
12:10 Mass

## Benediction

First weekend of the month.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration from 9am—1pm.

## 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.

## St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members

**Lisa Shann, President**

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T. A. Boyd, Social Activities/Concerns Commission

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St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry

706 South 1st Street

Brookhaven, MS 39601

601-833-2709

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, January 11, Mass at 9 am—Our parish*

*Sunday, January 12 Mass at 9 am—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*

*Tuesday, January 14, Mass at 12:10 pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*

*Wednesday, January 15 Mass at 12:10 pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*

*Thursday, January 16 Mass at 12:10 pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*

*Friday, January 17 Mass at 12:10pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)*



## January 12, 2025—The Baptism of the Lord

John the Baptist, a great saint, and man of God, realized that he was truly not worthy to loosen the thong of Jesus’ sandals—a lowly task performed by a servant. We see this in all of the saints: this instinctive knowledge that no matter what we accomplish or how holy we become; we can never be worthy of Christ’s love. Although we are exhorted to be “made perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48), we can take comfort in knowing that “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God” (Mark 10:27).

John’s words were a foretelling of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit would descend in tongues of fire, inspiring the frightened and bereaved apostles to leave their hiding place and go out and preach the Good News. One of the single greatest proofs that Jesus is the Messiah is the story of Pentecost.

In his public ministry, Jesus often made choices that illuminated a path for his followers. His decision to be baptized points to the beauty and necessity of our own Baptism. The fact that the man baptizing him claimed to be unworthy reminds us that none of us, whether priest or laity, is worthy. “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Our faith is in God, not in his imperfect messengers. Jesus powerfully reminds us by his own Baptism to keep our eyes on God and his gifts of the sacraments. Here in Scripture, we see the first sacrament—Baptism—administered to the Lord by a man who acknowledged his own unworthiness. And the importance of this moment was reinforced by an audible voice from heaven proclaiming, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**Prayer:** Lord, quiet my heart. Thank you for this time with you. I know that all you did during your time on earth was done with purpose. Teach me to gratefully embrace and seek out the sacraments. Help me keep my focus on you.

*Excerpts: epriest*



**“Roe Versus Wade Anniversary Prayer Service”**

St. Francis will be holding a 15 minute prayer service directly after each Mass on the weekend of January 18th/19th in memory of the over 65 million unborn babies killed as a result of the disastrous 1973 US Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Although the Dobbs case struck down Roe v. Wade, abortions performed in the US remain at a horrifying rate of approximately 1 million per year! Please come gather with your Catholic community to pray to our God

for the souls of our ‘little martyrs’, to end abortion and for the healing of all those affected by abortion.

God Bless You!

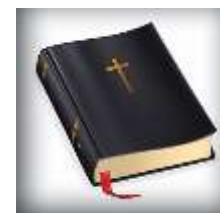
“The US Catholic Bishops designate **January 22** of each year as a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.** They surround this day with a **9 Days For Life Novena** starting on **January 16.** Go to [USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG) home page for the link and invite your loved ones and friends to join you in prayer for the protection of human life.”

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

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

**OCIA**

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults  
Tuesday, January 14 @ 5:30pm  
Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick  
All are welcome to attend!



The Family of Francis would like to thank Father Mano for his dedication & service as he begins his 7th year here with us. Please continue to pray for him and his guidance.

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, January 18**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Erica Looney  
Cathy Fuselier, Kira Nolin  
**Lector:** Gerry Whitman  
**Commentator:** Alice Methvien  
**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin  
**Thurifer:** Joshua Atwater  
**Ushers:** Brandon Bowman, John Chandler  
**Greeters:** Shandra Flynn, Lanelle Wusterbarth  
**Music:** Eileen Neal, Hilda Harrigill

**Sunday, January 19**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Eric Postma  
Kelly Postma, Laura Murray  
**Lector:** Lindsey Smith  
**Commentator:** Dennis Valentine  
**Altar Servers:** Maddie Postma, Lucas Phillips  
**Thurifer:** David Phillips  
**Ushers:** John Henriquez, Mark Smith  
**Greeters:** Cathy Pigott, Cathy Ditcharo  
**Music:** Johnna McRee, Emily Phillips, and children’s choir

Monthly Devotion—January  
**The Holy Name of Jesus**

The month of January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. “In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth” (Phil 2:10). Christ’s name is chosen in Heaven by God, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs Mary of the Incarnation.

The name Jesus means “Savior.” His name describes His mission and His infinite love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us. The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus is celebrated on January 3, 2025.



**The Knights of Columbus**

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? The Knights will be handing out literature this Sunday after the 9am Mass. Please consider joining this organization. The Knights are Catholic men putting their faith in action to defend, serve, and protect families.

**December 24 & December 25, 2024**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes \$ 5123.35  
Loose Cash \$ 776.85  
Total \$5900.20

**December 28 & December 29, 2024**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes \$ 2200.00  
Loose Cash \$ 472.01  
Total \$2672.01

**January 4 & January 5, 2025**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes \$ 4086.00  
Loose Cash \$ 395.88  
Total \$4481.88

**Save the Date  
January 2025**

Sunday, 1/12—Youth Mass at 11am  
**Children’s Choir Practice after 9am Mass**  
Saturday, 1/18 Parish Appreciation Dinner  
**Sunday, 1/19 Children’s Choir at 9am Mass**



We are pleased to announce that St. Francis Parish has subscribed to **FORMED.org**

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- 1) go to [FORMED.org/signup](http://FORMED.org/signup)
- 2) enter parish zip code 39601 or name and select St. Francis
- 3) enter your name and email
- 4) start browsing

**Happy Birthday!!**

- Emily Phillips (12)
- Kolton Nolin (13)
- David Phillips (14)
- Cannan Davis (14)
- Claudia Smith (15)
- Hugh Louviere (15)
- Hilda Harrigill (17)

Time is Running out to sign up for the **MARCH FOR LIFE!** January 23– 26, 2025  
Cost is \$100 per person, includes travel and hotel accommodations.  
Please contact the office to register.

**This weekend, The Baptism of Jesus, marks the end of the Christmas Season. The Catholic Church now enters into Ordinary Time; a liturgical season that celebrates the life of Christ.**

**TIME CHANGE**

Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays  
New time 9am—1pm effective 1/6/25

The Family of Francis is in need of Rosary Leaders before the weekend Masses, please contact Alice Methvien to volunteer.

December on-line Giving: \$3877.03

December 28 & 29  
Collection for St. Vincent DePaul \$1027.25

This weekend, let us join in prayer for the ministries supported by the Catholic Service Appeal. Your generous contributions play a vital role in supporting our six seminarians as they journey with dedication and sacrifice toward priesthood. Your gift also extends to all the men throughout our diocese who are discerning their call to this sacred vocation. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for these future leaders of our Catholic faith.

