

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 Ceugas, 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.



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JANUARY 5, 2025—THE EPIPHANY 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
- No Spanish Mass this weekend 1/4
- 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

Faith Formation Mass @ 6:30PM

Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Friday: 11:30—12:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 Angelus & Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—12:10 Mass

Benediction

No Benediction this weekend.

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.

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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, January 4, Mass at 9 am—Robert Wusterbarth (RIP)

Saturday, January 4, Mass at 4pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Sunday, January 5, Mass at 9 am—Our Parish

Tuesday, January 7, Mass at 12:10 pm —Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Wednesday, January 8 Mass at 12:10 pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

Thursday, January 9 Mass at 12:10 pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)

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



January 5, 2025—The Epiphany of the Lord

Today’s solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God’s unfolding plan that all people would know and come to Christ. The magi were wise men, astrologers, and the first Gentiles to recognize Jesus. They were led to him by a star. This can remind us that creation reveals God.

Just as the magi had to ask for directions, so we, too, need to attune ourselves to revelation and look for “directions.”

The culmination of God’s revelation of himself is in Christ, and we come to know the fullness of his revelation in Scripture and tradition, the teaching of the Church.

The gifts offered— gold, frankincense, and myrrh—were precious. They indicated the high esteem in which the magi held Jesus. In the song “The Little Drummer Boy,” the child laments that he has nothing of value to bring Jesus until he realizes that he can share his talent with the baby. He gives of himself.

Likewise, we can offer precious gifts of self to Our Lord. We can offer all that we are through our sacrifices of self-will and preferences, and by embracing the sufferings that God allows in our lives. We offer ourselves through prayer, worship, and adoration. We can offer ourselves in service, putting our particular gifts and talents to work to build Christ’s Kingdom.

Prayer: Lord, you have revealed yourself in creation, in Scripture, and in the teachings of the Church. I see your light in the lives of those who strive to be close to you in all they do and say. Jesus, I know you want me to know you more deeply. Help me see how I can live your truth more fully. Let me see the obstacles that keep me from a deeper union with you. Let me desire nothing more than to live for you. Fill me with the zeal of the magi to follow your light wherever it leads.

Excerpts: *epriest*

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.



Happy Birthday!!

Elizabeth Allen (5)
 Michael Ruble (7)
 Katie Jones (7)
 Lauren Zell (9)
 Catherine Mason (9)

Wednesday, Jan. 8
 Senior Anointing Mass
 at 12:10 pm in the
 Church followed by a
 luncheon in the
 parish
 center.



ATTENTION

Beginning Friday,
 January 10
 the daily Mass will be
 as follows
 11:30—12:00 PM
 Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament
 12:00—Angelus followed by
 Litany of the Sacred
 Heart
 of Jesus
 12:10 Mass (Chapel)
 following Mass there will be a
 lite lunch in the rectory.



Christmas Pageant 2024
 Thank you to all who participated in the pageant and to those who helped
 coordinate the Christmas Vigil service.

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, January 11

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

Sunday, January 12

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Patrick Riley
 Cathy Ditcharo, Sue Junkin
Lector: Shea Riley
Commentator: Jason Guthrie
Altar Servers: Piper Douchard, Preslee Womack
Ushers: Owen Junkin, Brett Douchard
Greeters: Beth DeLaughter, J. Phillips
Music: Eileen Neal, Celine Craig

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.

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

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

SAVE THE DATE:



January 18
 Parish Wide
 Appreciation Dinner

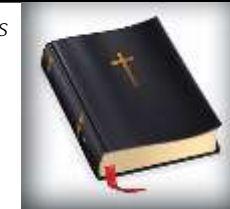
5:30pm— Social
 6:00pm—Dinner

Deadline to register is

January 10

Please contact the office to register
 601-833-1799

OCIA & Faith Formation resume this
 week
OCIA
 Order of Christian Initiation for
 Adults



Tuesday, January 7 @ 5:30pm

A walk through the Mass

All are welcome to attend!

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

FORMED.org

Access thousands of books, studies, audio talks, documentaries,
 and movies.

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

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.



CHALKING DAY

Either on Twelfth Night (5 January), or on Epiphany Day (6 January) many
 Christians (including Anglicans, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Pres-
 byterians, and Roman Catholics) write on their doors or lintels with chalk in
 a pattern such as “20 + C + M + B + 25”. The numbers in this example refer
 to the calendar year 2025 and the crosses to Christ. The letters C, M, and B
 stand for the traditional names of the biblical Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and
 Balthazar). The Christian custom of chalking the door has a biblical prece-
 dent as the Israelites in the Old Testament marked their doors in order to be
 saved from death; likewise, the Epiphany tide practice serves to protect
 Christian homes from evil spirits until the next Epiphany Day, at which time
 the custom is repeated. Families also perform this act to represent the hospi-
 tality of the Holy Family to the Magi (and all Gentiles); it thus serves as a
 house blessing to invite the presence of God in one’s home.

Excerpts: Wikipedia

Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany

“Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this
 home and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen”



Save the Date
 January 2025
 Wednesday, 1/8—Senior Anointing Mass at
 12:10pm
 followed by luncheon
 Wednesday, 1/8 Faith Formation First Wednes-
 day Mass at 6:30pm
 Friday, 1/10—deadline to register for Parish
 Appreciation Dinner
 Sunday, 1/12—Youth Mass at 11am
 Saturday, 1/18 Parish Appreciation Dinner
**Sunday, 1/19 Children’s Choir practice after 9am
 Mass**
Sunday, 1/26 Children’s Choir at 9am Mass

2025 Church Calendars
 The calendars have yet to arrive. Order was placed in
 October and has been shipped. We are working with
 FedEx to locate the package.