

**Prayers for Healing:** Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Jimmy Cuevas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, Caleb Haymes, Merideth Walker, Pierre Ahlstrom, Chris Smith, Norris Acy, Nick Andrews, Darryl White, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Hunter Louviere & Family, Rick Bedwell, Gates Mims, Robbie Arnold, Lenore Gillispie, Benjamin Smith, Larry Howard, Elizabeth Wesse, Sandy Wojcik, Terri Corley, Warren Estes, Glen Ray James, Fred Robinson, Cheryl Matherne, Ed Powell, Alyce and Payton Theriot, Jamie Hill, Dickie Conn, Courtney Vanover, Taylor White, Stephanie Gustavson, John Spratley, Keagan Smith, Cam Martin, Patti Austin, Mark Nettles, Freddie Barrett, Missy Kilpatrick, Axel Smith, Lori Ann Dougherty, Carla Webb, Sydney Conzelmann

**Prayers for the Homebound:** Bela Nagy, Roseann Harris, James Laird, Joe Robin, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Bob Weathersby, Paul Phillips

**Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially**  
Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges

**Prayers for Healing**  
Please contact the Parish Office  
601-833-1799

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**  
\$6,077.00 in offertory contributions is needed each week to meet the budget.

**December 24 & 25, 2025**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes	\$ 3050.00
Loose Cash	\$ 863.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3913.00</b>

**December 27 & 28, 2025**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes	\$ 2206.00
Loose Cash	\$ 419.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2675.00</b>

## JANUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

**Saturday, January 17 @ 4:00PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Alice Methvin

Mary Nettles, Sandy Wojcik

**Lector:** Shelley Barron

**Commentator:** Joshua Atwater

**Altar Servers:** Kenneth Goodrum, Kailyn Nolin

**Ushers:** Brad Smith, Johnn Henriquez

**Greeters:** Jane Coleman, Peggy Henriquez

**Music:** Steve, Emily

**Sunday, January 18 @ 9:00AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Eric Postma

Kelly Postma, Sue Junkin

**Lector:** Carlisle Henderson

**Commentator:** Dennis Valentine

**Altar Servers:** Maddie Postma, Vidalia Foster, Robert Phillips

**Ushers:** Mark Smith, Owen Junkin

**Greeters:** Susan Smith, Jimminette Phillips

**Music:** Eileen, Celine

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

December online giving total

\$6306.10

**January 1, 2026**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes	\$ 510.00
Loose Cash	\$ 360.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 870.00</b>

**January 3 & 4, 2026**

**Regular Offertory**

Envelopes	\$ 6256.00
Loose Cash	\$ 376.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6663.85</b>



# St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

**"Make me an Instrument of Your Peace"**

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**JANUARY 11, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

## St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members

**Jennifer Townsend, President**

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Leslie Phillips, Secretary

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Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

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Eddie Britt, Member

Cathy Fuselier, Member

## St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council Members

**Patrick Barrett, Chairperson**

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David Phillips

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Gerry Whitman

## St. Vincent de Paul Ministries Food Pantry

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.

## Benediction

First weekend of the month.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration from 9am—1pm on Mondays in the church

## 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.

"The U.S. Catholic Bishops designate January 22 of each year as a

Day of Prayers 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 home page for the link and invite your loved ones and friends to join you in prayer for the protection of human life."



Faith Formation Classes resume this Wednesday, Jan. 14 5:15PM Meal 6:00PM Class



Coffee & Donuts following the 9AM Mass All are welcome to attend!



Emily Phillips (12)  
Bryan Hernandez (12)  
Koltin Nolin (13)  
David Phillips (14)  
Canaan Davis (14)  
Claudia Smith (15)  
Hugh Louviere (15)  
Justin Gleason (15)



**World Marriage Day 2026**

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson and the Office of Family Ministry would like to invite all couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or longer year anniversaries in 2026 to the Diocesan World Marriage Day Celebration. If you were unable to attend a previous celebration, please join us this year. We are hosting two events: Jackson and Tupelo.

Sat., February 7, 2026 at 1:00 pm at St. Peter Cathedral in Jackson  
Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm at St. James in Tupelo.

There will be Mass followed by a reception. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register & RSVP in one step go to [www.jacksondiocese.org/familyministry](http://www.jacksondiocese.org/familyministry).

For additional information or questions, please call the Office of Family Ministry at 601-960-8487 or email Debbie Tubertini at [debbie.tubertini@jacksondiocese.org](mailto:debbie.tubertini@jacksondiocese.org)

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

John was preaching a baptism of repentance, and many people were coming to John to repent of their sins. They wanted to change the direction of their lives and be reconciled with God. Jesus came along with the crowd. Even though he is the sinless one, he numbered himself among the others and proceeded to the Jordan as if he were a sinner like them. To appreciate this gesture, we need only to recall how much we resent it when we are perceived as guilty for something we didn't do. It's even costly to have our real faults pointed out to others. Yet here, even when he is so far from the slightest stain of guilt, Jesus peacefully and humbly accepts being labeled a sinner like everyone else. He does this for our sake. Am I overly concerned about how I appear to others so that this negatively affects my good deeds?

John did not want to baptize Jesus because he knew that Jesus was not like the others. Yet Jesus made it clear that this was part of the Father's plan, and this plan was the driving force in his life. Pride did not get in the way of Jesus' obedience. Instead, his Father's will was the food that fed and nourished his life. "My food is to do the will of the Father and to finish his work" (John 4:34). What does my own heart "feed on"? If it is not fed on the Father's will, then could pride by subtly at work turning me into my own highest purpose?

Heaven responded to Christ's obedience. This moment foreshadows the definitive opening of heaven to mankind's salvation, accomplished through Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. The heart of sacrifice is obedience, which is impossible without humility. Jesus humbled himself before John the Baptist. The Father saw his obedience and was pleased, praising him out loud: "This is my beloved Son." To listen to him is to follow his example.

Excerpts: [ePriest](#)



Altar flowers are given by Terry Wallace in honor of June Smith, may her soul rest in peace.

God is GOOD all the time! All the time God is GOOD!

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.



Please welcome Ocia candidate Ashley Downing to our Family of Francis.

Ashley is a stay at home Mom to her daughter, Lai, who is her biggest blessing. This past year she has longed for a deeper connection with God and he brought her here to St. Francis. She looks forward to her baptism and to continue to grow her faith stronger and deeper.

**OCIA**  
class resumes this Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00PM  
This week's topic is **Made for Communion**  
All are welcome to join in the class!



January 10-11  
Second Collection for the Saltillo Mission