

**Prayers for Healing:** Johnny Newport, Jason Boatwright, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Gale, 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, Susan Geffert, 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

All offertory collections from Christmas through the first weekend of January will be reported in the bulletin next weekend.

**JANUARY LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, January 10 @ 4:00PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Gerry Whitman

Cathy Fuselier, Becky Bowman

**Lector:** Paige Jackson

**Commentator:** Gerry Whitman

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

**Ushers:** Brandon Bowman, David Goss

**Greeters:** Violet Corrales, Alice Hearn

**Music:** Steve and Hilda

**Sunday, January 11 @ 9:00AM**

**Eucharistic Ministers (H)** Aaron Achord

Bridget Achord, Cathy Ditcharo

**Lector:** Lindsey Smith

**Commentator:** Larry Baker

**Altar Servers:** Phillip Murray, Thomas Lopez, Sami Curole

**Ushers:** Joshua and Chad Townsend

**Greeters:** Cathy Pigott, Kathy Phillips

**Music:** Eileen, Emily

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**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 at 5:30PM
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

**Daily Mass Schedule**

**Monday:** No Daily Mass

**Tuesday:** Communion Service 12:10PM

**Wed:** No Daily Mass

**Thursday:** Communion Service 12:10PM

**Friday:** No Daily Mass

**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.

**St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church**

**“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”**

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**JANUARY 4, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members**

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Kenneth Goodrum, Liturgy Commission

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Eddie Britt, Member

Cathy Fuselier, Member

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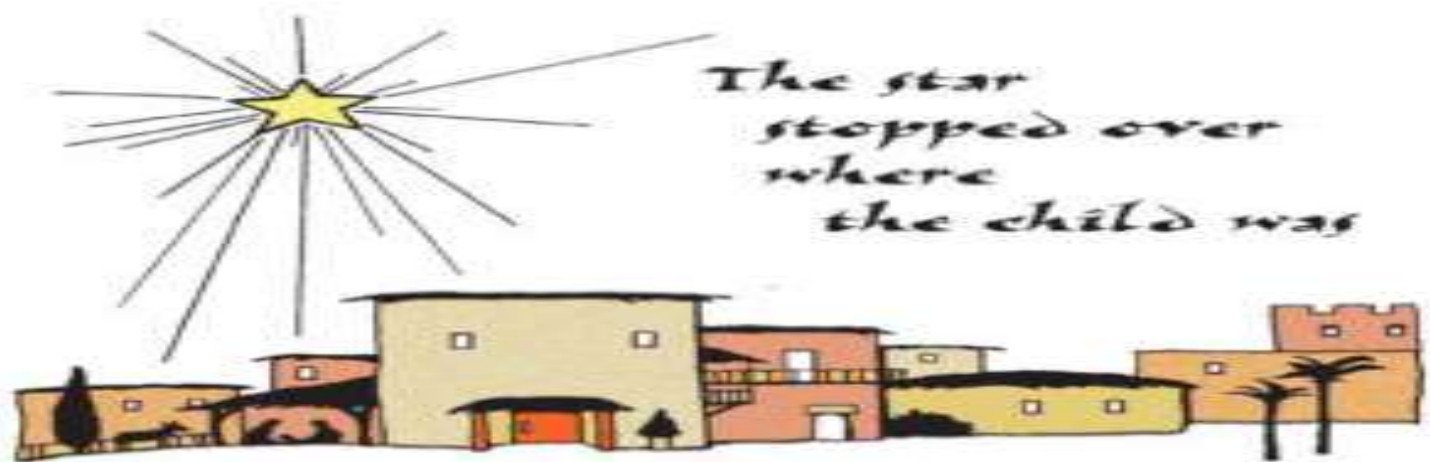
St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry

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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.







Beth DeLaughter (3)  
Elizabeth Allen (5)  
Michael Ruble (7)  
Katie Jones (9)  
Lauren Zell (9)  
Eva Mason (9)

Let us welcome  
Fr. Kevin Slattery &  
Fr. Panir  
to the Family of Franics.  
Father Kevin will celebrate  
the Saturday evening 4:00PM  
Mass and the 5:30PM Spanish  
Mass.  
Father Panir will celebrate  
the Sunday Mass while  
Father Mano is on his break.



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

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



There will be  
NO Faith Formation  
this Wednesday, Jan. 7.  
Classes resume Wednesday,  
Jan 14.

January 10-11  
Second Collection  
for the  
Saltillo Mission

**OCIA**  
*class resumes this Tuesday, January 6  
at 6:00PM*  
*This week's topic is*  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**& Anointing of the Sick**  
*All are welcome to join in  
the class!*



**The Announcement of Easter &  
the Moveable Feasts**

In keeping with an ancient practice of the Holy Church, the  
moveable feasts of the coming year are announced on the  
Epiphany of the Lord.

This proclamation is a reminder of the centrality of the resur-  
rection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance  
of the great mysteries of faith, which are celebrated each  
year. Although optional, it is a living tradition that connects  
the present day to our ancient roots in the Church.

Know dear brethren, (brothers & sisters,) that, as we have  
rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave  
of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resur-  
rection, who is our Savior. On the eighteenth day of Febru-  
ary will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of  
the most sacred Lenten season. On the fifth day of April you  
will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. On the seventeenth day of May will be the  
Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty fourth day  
of May the feast of Pentecost. On the seventh day of June, the  
feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twen-  
ty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever  
and ever.  
Amen.

January 4, 2026  
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 recog-  
nize Jesus. They were led to him by a star. This can remind us that  
creation reveals God (CCC 36, 288). Nevertheless, for the final direc-  
tions, the magi needed to rely on Herrod, who then turned to the  
chief priests and scribes for help in finding Jesus. Today, it is not un-  
common to hear people say that they are spiritual but not religious or  
that they find God in nature. They haven't quite zeroed in on where  
to find Christ. They've only taken a first step and might need further  
help from us. We can pray that our Lord continues to work in the  
hearts of our family and friends who make these or similar state-  
ments, that they will come to follow the Light out of the shadows and  
into the glory of his radiance. Then, we can be ready to answer their  
questions and encourage them on their journey.

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 full-  
ness of his revelation in Scripture and tradition, the teaching of the  
Church. St. Jerome is often quoted: "Ignorance of Scripture is igno-  
rance of Christ." We turn to Scripture daily, pondering how the Lord  
is speaking to us today through his word. Similarly, we take time to  
grow in our understanding of the faith. The Catechism of the Catholic  
Church is an invaluable tool for reference, and it also provides an im-  
portant resource for reflection on the truths of the faith and how we  
live them in our personal lives.

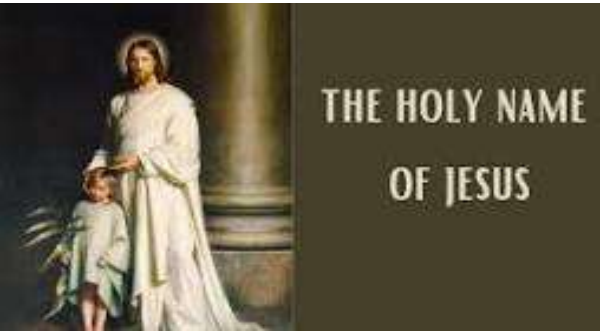
The gifts offered—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—were precious.  
They indicated the high esteem in which the magi held Jesus. In the  
song "The Little Drummer Boy," the child laments that he has nothing  
of value to bring Jesus until he realizes that he can share his talent  
with the baby. He gives of himself. Likewise, we can offer precious  
gifts of self to Our Lord. We can offer all that we are through our sac-  
rifices of self-will and preferences, and by embracing the sufferings  
that God allows in our lives. We offer ourselves through prayer, wor-  
ship, and adoration. We can offer ourselves in service, putting our  
particular gifts and talent to work to build Christ's Kingdom.

Excerpts: ePriest

**LORD,**  
every nation on earth  
will adore you.



**Christmas Eve Vigil 2025**



January Monthly Devotion  
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, 2026.

