



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 25, 2026 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Anne Cowger, Principal

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MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM

*10:30 am Sunday and daily Masses are
live-streamed on our YouTube channel
and our Facebook page.*

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM

Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM

O.C.I.A. (formerly R.C.I.A.)

Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM
New inquirers welcome year round.

ROSARY:

Thursday: 6:40 AM

ADORATION:

Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request

From the Desk of Msgr. Elvin

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' first public words are, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." These were likewise the words of St. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), and now that John has been arrested for speaking inconvenient and uncomfortable truths to the powers-that-be, Jesus takes up the same message with a new authority and urgency. In order to turn fully toward God, we must turn away from all that keeps us from seeing Him clearly and drawing near to Him as our loving Father. So while part of repentance is looking at our sin, confessing to a priest, and intending not to sin again, the better part is looking at the Lord, seeing His Truth and Beauty and Goodness, and opening ourselves to love Him more than ourselves, our sin, and our comfort. John prepared the way but Jesus *is* the way, which He will later make clear. This call to "repent" is a call to hope: hope in the loving Heart of the Savior who came to bring reconciliation and peace, hope in the call and value of each and every life, hope in the truth that no one can out-sin God's mercy and love, hope in the certain victory of the Kingdom of Love.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Anthony School Students and Faculty share their gratitude toward our parishioners. On Wednesday, January 28th at 8:15 am Bishop Kopacz will celebrate Mass at St. Anthony. Parishioners are invited to attend. Schedule your tour with the School office, 601-607-7054.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Sunday, January 25

- 9:00 am Sunday School for Pre-K4-6th grades.
- 9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.
- 9:00 am Bible Buddies in the Family Life Center Lounge.
- 6:00 pm Life Teen for 7th-12th graders resumes.

Tuesday, January 27

- 7:00 pm TMIY evening session in St. Clare Hall.

Wednesday, January 28

- 10:00 am Martha and Mary Group in St. Clare Hall.
- 6:00 pm WOW for 7th-12th graders in the FLC.
- 6:15 pm Adult choir practice.
- 6:30 pm OCIA session in St. Clare Hall.

Friday, January 30

- 6:30 am TMIY morning session in St. Clare Hall.

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 7th/8th: FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION.



ASH WEDNESDAY'S MASSES

Wednesday, February 18
7 am & 6 pm Masses

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Collection will support Habitat for Humanity.



Ladies Auxiliary meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26 is **CANCELED**.

BAPTISM SESSION

A Baptism session is scheduled Sunday, February 8th at 3:30 pm in St. Clare Hall for all parents who want to baptize their child.

NOTE: Please register in advance, parish office 601-856-5556.



Events & Religious Education

Pre-K4-6th grade Children's Ministry and Sunday School

Save the dates for VBS 2026: June 15-18! Many volunteers are needed to make this an awesome event for our children!

Children's Sunday School: All Pre-K -6th grade children are invited to join us this Sunday and every Sunday, 9-10:15am. Parents are invited to attend one of the faith formation classes during this time.

7th-12th Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:

Life Teen: All sessions for 7th-12th, including Confirmation prep, resume this Sunday, January 25, 6-7:45pm.

WOW (Worship On Wednesday): We welcome all 7th-12th graders this Wednesday, 6:00-7:30pm for food, fellowship, and faith-sharing!

Confirmation Retreat: All 11th/12th grade candidates getting confirmed this Spring should make plans to attend your retreat on February 22, 9:30am check-in till about 5:00pm, at Camp Garaywa! Several other parish Confirmation groups will be joining us for a Spirit-filled day led by Colin MacIver.

Save the date for the annual high school **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, March 20-22, 2026!**



THANK YOU!

We are grateful to all volunteers for the annual **Mexican Fiesta** and all parishioners who supported the fundraising for Saltillo, Mexico. This fundraiser raised **\$641.76**. Many blessings!



FINANCIAL GIVING



Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$14,302.20
Children's Offering	\$ 38.00
Online	\$ 3,893.85
Total	\$18,234.05



Our **January** monthly stewardship amount by Bank Draft is **\$26,753.00**.

January: Capital Campaign.

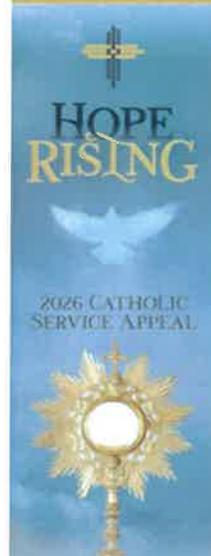
February 14 & 15: St. Anthony Tuition Assistance.

Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi.

February: Catholic Service Appeal Pledge.

Please make checks payable to CSA.

YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS RELIGIOUS FORMATION/EDUCATION



Pictured: Bobbie Trocha, Martha Fleming, and Michelle Harkins

OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Catholic moral life flows from our identity in Christ. Because we are created in God's image and redeemed by Jesus, we are called to live in freedom, guided by love and truth. The Church's moral teaching is not a list of rules, but a path to authentic happiness—formed by conscience, sustained by grace, and expressed through virtue. By choosing what is good and avoiding what harms ourselves and others, we learn to live as faithful disciples who reflect Christ in the world. Lynn Vincent and Liz Barber lead the OCIA this week in our discussion of Catholic Moral Vision. OCIA meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in St. Clare Hall. Inquirers are welcome to join us at any time. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office or by visiting the church website at www.stfrancismadison.org.



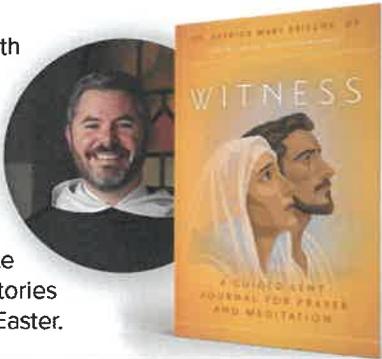
MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat., Jan. 24 VIGIL MASS**
5:00 PM Mass † Mary Paquette
- Sun., Jan. 25 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 AM Mass ♥ Pha Hall
9:10 AM Mass - St. Catherine † Vana Mordecal
10:30 AM Mass - Missa Pro Populo
5:00 PM Mass ♥ The Pittman Family
- Mon., Jan. 26 ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ David Lacourrage
- Tue., Jan. 27 ST. ANGELA MERICI**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ Rebecca Hayes
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine
† Jeannie & Harold Early Adcock
- Wed., Jan. 28 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ Rebecca Hayes
- Thurs., Jan. 29 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ Rebecca Hayes
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † Evan Morgan
5:00-7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fri., Jan. 30 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
7:00 AM Mass ♥ Rebecca Hayes
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine † William Moore

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Join our parish this Lent with Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe's daily devotional *Witness*. Walk the road to Calvary alongside biblical figures who encountered Christ in his Passion—from Mary Magdalene to Pontius Pilate—and discover how their stories mirror our own journey to Easter.



Adults 21 and Older are Invited to the

THEOLOGY ON TAP

February 3, 2026 - Ann Cook

Blaylock Photography 117 N. Wheatley, Ridgeland, MS 39157



Altar Flowers this weekend are in memory of
Mary Paquette
by Joan Parsons & Family

The love you shared with the one you miss so much,
live on in the light of Christ's great love. 1 Corinthians 13:8

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust

Angela M. Cramsey Huner

mother of our parishioner Margaret Deters (Mike)
grandmother to Bridget Griffin (Corey)
great-grandmother to Mary Ashley & Carter

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all
the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday** Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Monday** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34



PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent, John Logan, Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty, Garrett Kennedy, Caroline Grace Smith, Greg Weatherford, James Kaiser, Dagan Nations, Lee Greco, Liam Nethery, Tristan Nethery, Kelly Yonko, and Willy Gabriel Cardona.

Thank you for protecting our country.
May the Lord keep you safe.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Parishioners: Rick Mills, Amanda Williams, Dora Thomas, Ann George, Michael Schenk, Tina Coats, Kathleen Hood, Elmie Clement, Chris Smith, Terry Grabiak, Louis Pellegrine, Ethan George, Betty Ravenstein, Leslie Philipp, Sieger Sims, Tom Miller, Brandy Tucker, Kregg Jones, Pat Rogers, Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Lauren Kalka, Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, Barbara Willis, Mary Conner, Bernard Dreiling, Lucy Hilton, Molly Hoke, Elizabeth Winter, Mike Robinson, and Christine School.

Family: Joseph Edge, Jerry Thomas, Austin Stewart, Isabella Saab, Robert Smith, Kay Wittenberg, Donna Stanley, Keely Ramshur, Desiree Savoie, Angela Gaiter, Martha Hall, Marinella Davis, Amy McManus, Dan Nguyen, Rebecca McManus, Porter Antici, Selema Rookis, Marie Chipley, Troy Plaisance, Robin Ballough, Fred Delahoussay, Hap Post, Nancy Watts, Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut, Ann Porcello, Celia Bustillos, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns, Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, Willie Crotty, Dane Taylor, and Paul Bolus.

Friends: Lorene David, Lynn Goodman, Genesis Moore, Carrie Maniscalco, Lindsay McCollum, Consha Sims, Tommy Chifoln, Laura Higgins, Ruby Joblin, Travis Griffin, Shirley Jones, Patsy Meyer, Kay Beggerly, Gene Fox, Phil Cook, Brenda Dehm, Shannon Gilmer, Zayden Washington, Adele Brown, Carl Fields, Elizabeth Albertson, Jimmy Haltam, Mary Bradley, Gail Madden, Ethan Parker, Linda Parish, Fr. Michael O'Brien, and Robert Blount.

