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January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord



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Nursery in St. Thomas Hall

Children's Church (3 yrs - K)

Disciples of Jesus (1st-3rd Grade)

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM

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

R.C.I.A.

Wednesday: 6:30-8:00 PM

New inquirers welcome year round

ROSARY:

Thursday: 6:40 AM, Chapel

ADORATION:

Thursday: 5:00-8:00 PM, Chapel

RECONCILIATION:

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

Pastor's Desk

THE EPIPHANY CHALLENGE: Today, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany. It is the feast of the manifestation of our Lord to the Gentiles. Probably there were three wise Men from the East who came in search of the New Born King. Their search and their faith are marvelous. The discouragement and the hurdles they encountered in their search did not dampen their faith. Therefore, Epiphany offers us both a challenge. It welcomes us to renew our faith and continue our search for fulness of Christ. It also challenges us to continue the manifestation of Christ to the World. It challenges us to share the light of Christ we have received with others who feel their way from dark behind to dark before, because we believe that in Christ night is day; it challenges us to offer Christ to those who are still searching for meaning in their lives, we know that the Lord is the joy of every heart and is the answer to its yearnings. It challenges us to become channels of God's grace, because grace that cannot be seen is no grace at all. Should we not accept this Epiphany challenge? God invites everyone, each one in a different way, to search for Christ, but leaves us free to accept or reject his invitation. **Fr. Albeen.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tue., January 8 - First Reconciliation.**
- Wed., January 9 - M&M Group begins sessions in St. Thomas Hall, 9:15–11:15.**
- Wed., January 9 - Resume WOW in the FLC with Sports Night.**
- Wed., January 16 - Parish Dinner in the FLC.**
- Sat., February 16 - Youth Net Retreat at St. Francis.**

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson will celebrate **World Marriage Day** is on **February 24, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle in Jackson MS.** The Mass honors all married couples, but invites those celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 60th anniversaries or any significant anniversary. Please call Sallie Ann Inman in the church office 601-856-5556 or email sallieann.inman@stfrancismadison.org with the following information (names, address and wedding date) if you will be celebrating a significant anniversaries in the year 2019.

Parish Religious Education "Behold, children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3

Religious Education classes for all grades will resume this Sunday, January 6th at regular times.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.

All Sunday School children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are required to attend Sunday School class on **January 6th.**



If you are a **10th grader** who wants to be Confirmed at St Francis next year, our **Confirmation** program is now a **two-year program**. Please contact Melissa to make sure you have been registered for the program. Melissa Smalley @ Melissa.smalley@stfrancismadison.org

Yahweh's Youth (YY) & Faithful Followers (FF) 7th-12th Graders

WOW! resumes this Wednesday, January 9th! Bring a friend!

9th-12th grade: Faith + Hope + Love, the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference. Feb.1-3. If you have questions, please contact Amy Lipovesky.

7th-12th grade: **SAVE THE DATE** for our NET Retreat here at **St. Francis** on Feb. 16! Registration is \$20 due by Feb. 6th!

8th-12th grade: **SAVE THE DATE** for the Abbey Youth Fest – Saturday, March 23rd at St. Joseph Abbey, Covington, LA. Registration is \$40 and due by Feb, 15th!

SALTILLO MISSION

Please support our brothers and sisters in Christ in our adopted Mission, Saltillo Mexico. San Miguel Church Parish is part of our Diocese in Mexico; please consider a donation to their Church for their needs for them to celebrate Masses and support their different ministries. The collection will be this weekend. Thank you.

Our Parish Dinner to support Saltillo Mission is on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Please make plans to attend.

PANAMA CITY – ST. DOMINIC CHURCH

The weekend of January 12/13th, we will have a second collection to support St. Dominic Church in Panama City, Florida. Hurricane Michael destroyed their church & campus. St. Dominic is the home parish of Theresa Prejean & her family who were previous parishioners of St. Francis. Many know Theresa well as she worked with many of our high school youth through the sacraments of Confirmation & with adults through RCIA.

The link below is a message from St. Dominic/Theresa. <https://vimeo.com/303305749?ref=em-share>.

Prayers are requested & any financial assistance you may be able to provide for their re-building is appreciated.

Offertory Contributions



Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$30,000.00
Children's	\$ 30.37
Weekly	\$26,345.50
Total	\$26,375.87

Second collection for Jan. 20, 2019 is for "Teach Our Faith" St. Anthony scholarship program.

RCIA

The Catechism continued...

The last part of the Catechism is entitled *Prayer in the Life of Faith*. Divided into two sections, the first deals with the meaning and importance of prayer on the life of all Christian believers. It concludes with a brief commentary on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer (*Section Two*), the sum of all the good things which we must hope for and which our Heavenly Father wants to grant us.

Please pray for our catechumen and candidates—Golie Ebrahimian and her husband Brian Rentfro, Sam Meadors, Heather Strahan, Philip Blount, Robert Martinez and David Jackson.

For more information on RCIA contact Wollie Wolcott or call the Parish office.



"Jeans, Jazz and Bruin Blues," St. Joe's Annual Draw Down is February 23, 2019, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. A ticket is \$130 and admit two adults; second chance insurance may be added for \$20. For more information call the school office at 601-898-4800.

M&M STUDY GROUP

Ladies of St. Francis Parish and your friends are invited to join in the study of the Book of Revelation. Sessions begin on Wednesday January 9 from 9:15-11:15 and will continue to meet weekly for eight weeks. Meetings are in St. Thomas Hall. We will use the book *Apocalypse, A Catholic Perspective on the Book of Revelation* by Stephen C. Doyle, OFM. The book can be ordered at the first session. Sessions will be led by Sister Michele. We look forward to seeing you!

FATIMA

St. Joseph Catholic church in Gluckstadt will have the "Five First Saturdays Devotion". The second Saturday on **February 2, 2019**. Take a flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

St. Joseph Gluckstadt Parish invites you for a parish mission – "*Surge of the Heart*" featuring international Catholic speaker and author, Jon Leonetti begins Sunday, January 27, 6:30 pm in the church and runs through Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS INTENTIONS 2019

Sat., Jan. 5 - ST. JOHN NEUMANN
5:00 p.m. Mass SI - Mary & Ken Ignal

Sun., Jan. 6 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m. Mass (+) Ava Elizabeth Hill
10:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine
5:00 p.m. Mass (+) Jane Lacourrége

Mon., Jan. 7 - ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT
7:00 a.m. Mass (+) John Suedel
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Elizabeth Morrison

Tue., Jan. 8 - WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS
7:00 a.m. Mass (+) Joseph Gandolini
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine SI - Mary & Chris Manning

Wed., Jan. 9 - WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS
7:00 a.m. Mass (+) John Lacourrége, Sr.
8:15 a.m. NO Mass - St. Anthony
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Ruth Garrity

Thurs., Jan. 10 - WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS
7:00 a.m. Mass (+) John Suedel
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Willie George Adoration

Fri., Jan. 11 - WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS
7:00 a.m. Mass SI - Joan Parsons
8:30 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine (+) Matthew Hearn, Sr.

Sat., Jan. 12 - WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS
5:00 p.m. Mass SI - Betty Ann Crotty Giliberto

Sun., Jan. 13 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m. Mass (+) Mary Catherine Stewart
10:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass - St. Catherine
5:00 p.m. Mass (+) Alice Herrington

(+) **Rest of the Soul** **SI Special Intention**

Nazira Chudzinski

Aunt of Mary Brantley and sister-in-law of Margie Turk passed away on December 24, 2018. May God grant her soul eternal rest. Please keep her family in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Annie Davis, John Matthew Davis, Carrie Maniscalco, Rob Parsons, Isabella Saab, Judy Abdo, Rick Mills, Joseph Edge, Claudette George, Amanda Williams, Jerry Thomas, Patsy Gerrets, Patricia Ballentine, Ellie Liebl, Austin Stewart, Edna Brown, Ann George, Rosemarie Bradford, Charles Rieckie, Sara Dickson, Luella Doolittle, Estelle Hearn, Finn Blaylock, Billie Tonos, Amparo Cuevas Topete, Dora Thomas, Beth Gaston, Chris Smith, Angel B. Frantz, Jessie Tynes, Kristen Vanderford, D.J. Cooper, Sophie Plaisance, Stephanie Julian, and Michael Schenk.

**PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS**

Revell Patterson, Benjamin Williams, Daniel Machado, Mark Vincent, Christopher Hanneke, and Brian Flaherty. Thank you for protecting our country. May the Lord keep you safe.

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