



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Holy Days: please call for Mass times

St. Francis Mass: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
Confessions: Usually before Saturday Mass
Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

All times subject to change

Epiphany of the Lord – January 2, 2010

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.” *Matthew 2:1-12* The Feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church and is celebrated in the Roman Rite as the Manifestation of the Lord to Astrologers [Magi] from Persia [present day Iran]. The



astrologers made the long and difficult journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to a newborn Jewish child. For us the Feast of the Epiphany is another opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of the Birth of Christ - God Incarnate - and how He is manifested in our lives. It is an opportunity to ponder: During Advent and the celebration of Christmas did we grow in our understanding and appreciation of God present among us? Did we make an effort equivalent to the Magi to present a gift to the Child Jesus - the gift of our time and a commitment to contribute more of our talents and resources to the mission of the Church through greater involvement in our parish faith community? If not, it is not too late. Those gifts abound in our lives. Are we willing to share them with others? Are we willing to manifest Jesus [make Him present] to others?

Christmas Flower Memorial: Sincere apologies for omitting **Gladys Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pietruszkiewicz** and **All Our Military** on the list.

COLLECTION

Holy Family
Saturday, December 26, 2009

Envelopes	\$495.00
Loose	15.00
Total	\$510.00
Candles	9.00
Christmas	592.00
Christmas Flowers	10.00
50/50	19.00
Memorial	500.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Baptism of the Lord
Saturday, January 9, 2010

Lector 1	Ashley Green
Lector 2	Trish Blakely
Euch. Min.	Cindy Horn
Intercessory Prayers	Charry Lacy
Gift Bearers	Jude & Wanda

MASS SCHEDULE: ALL PARISHES

Booneville: St. Francis of Assisi
-Tuesdays 3:30 PM; Saturdays 4:00 PM
Corinth: St. James the Less
-Sundays 9:00 AM; Spanish 12:00 PM
Iuka: St. Mary Mission
-Wednesdays 10:00 AM; Saturdays 6:00 PM
Belmont
-Sundays 4:00 PM at VFW Hall in Spanish

There was also a late donation in memory of **Sherri Tackett Jones**.

50/50: The winning ticket for December's 50/50 is **286516**. If you have this ticket, please let Sr. Colette or the office know.

Little Christmas potluck is immediately following Mass today. Please stay and join us in celebrating the New Year!

Little Burgundy Books: Available in the back of the church, these Little Burgundy Books are reflections on Stewardship based on the Gospel of John. Please take one and enjoy spending some quiet time with the Lord.

Housecleaning: Olga Green is willing to do housecleaning. If anyone is interested, please contact Olga at 662-610-4098.

Linda Mosely is recuperating nicely after her surgery. Please continue to keep Linda in your prayers.

Christmas Cards: Please check on the table in the Parish hall to see if you have any Christmas cards to be picked up.

Also, please check the table in the narthex for your box of weekly donation envelopes & your 2009 donor cards.

Window of Opportunity: Join in a hands-on sharing of your personal gifts with others. Meet Sisters of the Living Word who are a source of hope and life for others. Single women ages 18-40 that are eager to share their individual gifts and talents or young women exploring their life's vocation are invited to Holly Springs, MS on April 5-10, 2010. If interested, please see Sr. Colette for an application. Applications need to be mailed by February 15, 2010.



Eat Your Vegetables: All you have to do is stop eating beef. Worldwide, beef production contributes more to climate change than the entire transportation sector. The carbon footprint of the average meat eater is about 1.5 tons of CO₂ larger than that of a vegetarian. Cutting beef out of your diet will reduce your CO₂ emissions by 2,400 pounds annually.

Taken from Yes! magazine, winter 2010, "10 WAYS TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE (not just your light bulbs)" by Colin Beavan