



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

The Baptism of the Lord – January 9, 2010

Scripture Meditation: How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus, a seventh century Church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." Do you want to see changes in your life? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the gospel? Examine



Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be "light" and "salt" to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the gospel to those around you.

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House Blessing at Epiphany The Blessing of the Home is linked with the celebration of Epiphany. We pray as families to discover in each visitor and guest the blessing of God and the presence of Christ. Chalk is blessed at Mass and taken home to mark the lentil over the door of the house. The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words **Christus mansionem benedicat**. May Christ bless the house."

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who live here.

Mark the lentil: 20 + C + M + B + 10

COLLECTION

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2, 2010

Envelopes	\$492.00
Loose	19.00
Total	\$511.00
Candles	18.95
Copies	6.50
Mary, Mother of God	308.00
Gift	100.00
Initial Offering	22.00
Love Offering	5.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Lector 1	Carolyn Lenske
Lector 2	Jim Goo
Euch. Min.	Cindy Horn
Intercessory Prayers	Ashley Green
Gift Bearers	Magana family

Leader: Bless, O Lord, this household and family, and allow all of us who live in this home to find in it a shelter of peace and health. Inspire each of us to develop our individual talents and to contribute wisdom and good works for the benefit of the whole family. Make our house a haven for us all, and a place of warmth and caring for all our friends who come to visit us. Enlighten us with the brilliance of your Epiphany star, so that, as we go into the world, we might clearly see our way to You and discover You in our work and play, through Christ Our Lord.

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.

TWENTY- AND THIRTY-SOMETHINGS...Vincentian Outreach for Young Adults (VOYA) will be offering two service trips in 2010 - northern Louisiana in February and Arizona in August. To find out more about these opportunities to serve the needy with other young adults, please visit www.voya.us.

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

From Linda Mosely: Dear Friends, Thank you all for the cards, phone calls, visits and prayers during my recent illness. I am so grateful for your friendship and concern.

Finance Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th, 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th, 6:30 p.m., at the church.

The Free Clinic, run by Dr. Mark Shepherd in Tupelo will be opening on Saturday, January 16th. For more information, please call 662-844-8414.

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.

Drink from the Tap: You can save money and your environment by giving up bottled water. The production of plastic water bottles together with the privatization of our drinking water is an environmental and social catastrophe. Bottle water costs more per gallon than gasoline. The average American consumes 30 gallons of bottled water annually. Giving up one bottle of imported water means using up one less liter of fossil fuel and emitting 1.2 pounds less of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

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

