

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Established in 1874 ~ Celebrating 151 Years

**January 11, 2026  
Baptism of the Lord**

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## **Parish Staff**

Rev. Bryan Kuhr, Pastor  
E-mail: [bkuhr@archatl.com](mailto:bkuhr@archatl.com)

Rev. Mr. John Shoemaker, Deacon Emeritus  
Cindy Sencindiver, Administrative Assistant  
Susan Craig, Organist

## **Sacraments**

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

For information concerning baptism, call the Parish priest.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Arrangements with the church should be made at least six months in advance by calling the Parish priest.

### **Sunday Bulletin**

Deadline for items for the bulletin is 12:00 Noon on Wednesday.

### **Parish Membership**

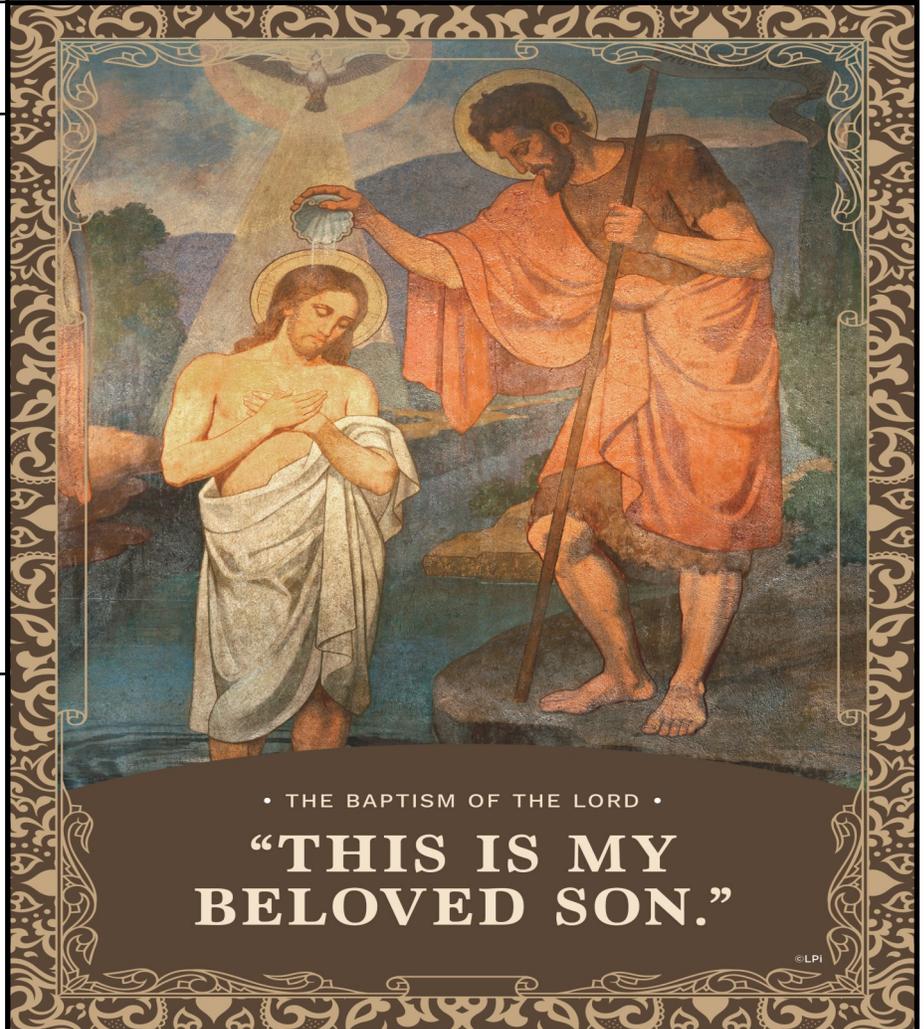
We welcome new families to our parish.

### **Parish Registration**

Parish registration forms can be picked up at the back of the church, at the church office or printed from our web page.

### **Information Change**

If you plan to move or change your phone number, please call or stop by the parish office, or notify us by e-mail so we can update our records.



## **Schedule of Masses**

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday      12:10 p.m. Rosary at 11:15, a.m.

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil      5:00 p.m.  
Sunday      8:30 a.m.

College Student Mass      11:00 a.m.  
(suspended until the Fall)      4:00 p.m.

### **Adoration**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday      11:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon  
Every Friday      7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

### **Confession**

(Held in Confessional only when daily Mass is celebrated))

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday      11:15 a.m.  
Saturday      9:00 a.m. and by appointment

## Masses for the Week



### Masses for the Week of January 11, 2026

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Margaret Davis, R.I.P.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Paige Willis, R.I.P.
	11:00 a.m.	Kerven & Betsy Speed, S.I.
	4:00 p.m.	<b>NO MASS</b>
Monday	12:10 p.m.	Marie Sanders, S.I.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Wednesday	12:10 p.m.	Matthew Odom, S.
Thursday		<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	12:10 p.m.	Special Intention

### Readings for the week

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/ Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18- 19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7- 8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24- 25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18- 19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4- 5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

### Weekly Offering

Offertory	\$
Helping Hands	\$

### Online Giving



Online giving is fast and VERY secure. Scan the QR code to start your online giving. You can set up recurring donations or one time gifts.

### Flowers on the Altar

If you would like to donate flowers in honor/memory of someone, the sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

You can either order the flowers yourself, or you can make a monetary donation of \$50 to cover the cost and we will make the arrangements for you.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Baptism of the Lord

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message. There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir

## Second Collection Schedule

January 11	March 8
Archdiocese Hispanic Ministries	Catholic Relief Services
January 25	March 22
Campus Catholics	Campus Catholics
February 1	March 29
Helping Hands	Holy Land
February 8	April 5
Black & Indian Mission	Archdiocese Seminarians
March 1	April 12
Helping Hands	Helping Hands
March 8	April 26
Catholic Relief Services	Catholic Home Mission

# Ministry Schedule

## LECTORS

**January 10**  
5:00 p.m. Cecile Trinidad

**January 11**  
8:30 a.m. Kenneth Barbosa  
11:00 a.m. Melissa Miller

**January 17**  
5:00 p.m. Michael Pangia

**January 18**  
8:30 a.m. Judith Malachowski  
11:00 a.m. Eddie Zipperer

**January 24**  
5:00 p.m. Chris Eckert

**January 25**  
8:30 a.m. Diane Sargent  
11:00 a.m. Cliff Scott

**January 31**  
5:00 p.m. Dennis McCann

**February 1**  
8:30 a.m. Kathy Boylan  
11:00 a.m. Dick McCoy

## MONEY COUNTERS

**January 12** Al Matysiak  
Jody Hatcher

**January 19** JoAnn McClure  
Ross Martinez

**January 26** Diane Sargent  
Sharon Thatcher

## HELPING HANDS

**January 13** Jody Klaassens  
Katrina Eich

**January 20** Kathy Stickline  
Mary Lacksen

**January 27** Ellen Markwalter  
Teresa Blevins

## USHERS

**January 10**  
5:00 p.m. Dennis McCann  
Al Matysiak

**January 11**  
8:30 a.m. Chris Fennell  
Ed Kuderna

11:00 a.m. Jerry Huellemier  
Mary Becker

**January 17**  
5:00 p.m. JJ McClure  
Mark Bell

**January 18**  
8:30 a.m. Kenneth Barbosa  
Wendy Barbosa

11:00 a.m. Dick McCoy  
Stephen Buckner

**January 24**  
5:00 p.m. John Geist  
Mario DeLaosa

**January 25**  
8:30 a.m. Chris Lowery  
Shannon Lowery

11:00 a.m. Tim Harper  
Patrick Donovan

**January 31**  
5:00 p.m. Ross Martinez  
Bob Duesing

**February 1**  
8:30 a.m. Clem Stickline  
Dan Smith

11:00 a.m. Joe Kump  
Kirk Sencindiver

**Ultreya**  
January 18  
February 15  
March 15  
April 12  
May 17

## MEALS ON WHEELS

**Jan. 6** PaMike McCabe  
**Jan. 13** Joe & Pat Sansotta  
**Jan. 20** Ester Ibanez  
**Jan. 27** Sandra Worsham &  
Celia Craig

If you need a substitute, please call Mike McCabe at 478-363-1693

## WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

**January 6** JoAnn McClure  
Cindy Cowart  
Deolinda Carreira

**January 13** Diane Bradshaw  
Elizabeth McManmon  
Christine Ridley

**January 20** Michelle Vasquez  
Katrina Eich  
Mary Short

**January 27** Harold Champagne  
Angela Hudson  
Diane Sargent

## Men's Bible Study

This Man is You  
**MONDAY Evenings**  
6:30 p.m.  
**AQUINAS HALL**

**Starting back up January 12th**

## Bereavement Group

January 14  
After the 12:10 Mass

## Altar Linens

January

Lynn Sheeler

## Flower Coordinator

Stacey Keaton

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## Campus Catholics Sunday Supper

It's time to crank those ovens and cooktops because Sunday Supper is here. This ministry provides Sunday Dinner after the 4:00 Sunday Campus Catholic mass for the students. We feed their bellies and Jesus feeds their souls! There are many ways to serve in this ministry besides cooking. Provisions and helping hands are always welcome. If you feel called to serve our youth please reach out to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or [slebendiger@gmail.com](mailto:slebendiger@gmail.com). This is a weekly ministry, but not a weekly commitment. You can serve as often as you are available. God Bless you all!

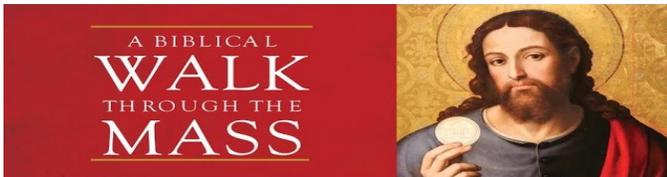
### Catholic Trivia:

In much of Europe, the day after the traditional Feast of the Epiphany marks the return to work after the holidays and is known as St. Distaff Day. "Distaff" is not a person, but a

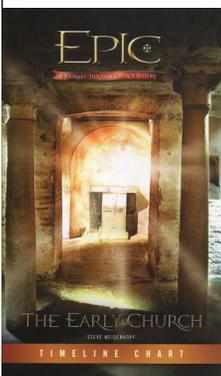
A Big **Thank You** to all the parishioners who donated their extra Christmas Cards to be distributed to the shut-ins.. We gave nearly **500 cards** to five nursing/assisted living and Veterans homes.

Thank you for helping us bring Christmas smiles to the faces of many.

### Woman's Bible Study



Next Women's bible studies begin on Tuesday, January 20. The morning group will meet at 10:00 am and will be studying "Biblical Walk Through the Mass" written by Edward Sri. You will need the study set which can be found on Ascension Press website.



The evening group will begin at 6:00 pm and will be studying "Epic: The Early Church" written by Steve Weidenkopf. This is available on Ascension Press website and Amazon.

Both studies will run 10 weeks. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Susan Lebendiger at 678-230-4844 call/text or [slebendiger@gmail.com](mailto:slebendiger@gmail.com).

**This Man is You will resume this Monday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Aquinas Hall.**



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a group that prays for our pastor in front of the Blessed Sacrament one hour per day, seven days per week.

Please join us in praying for our pastor, priests who have served us in the past, our favorite podcast priests and our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

"Behind every priest is a demon fighting for his downfall. If we have a tongue to criticize them..., we need to have double to pray for them." Saint Theresa of Avila

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of Fr Bryan.

Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help him to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

### Prayer for the Holy Father:

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Leo XIV, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary.

### Happy Birthday

Elizabeth McManmon  
Suzy Leveille  
Kirk Sencindiver  
Oswaldo Silva  
Nhat Vu

Elizabeth Odom  
Joseph Collins  
Adam Shields  
Damon Miller  
Sandra Worsham



### Mysteries of the Rosary Series

**Glorious Mysteries**  
**Flannery O'Connor Hall**  
**After the 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**Resuming January 11th**

**Girl's Night Out**  
**January 21st @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**China Wok Buffet**

## Upcoming Events

### Candlemas—Monday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The Candlemas mass will be celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm and is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, marking when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Jerusalem Temple 40 days after His birth, fulfilling Jewish law and presenting Him as the "Light of the World". It's known for the blessing and distribution of candles, symbolizing Christ, and traditionally concludes the Christmas season.

#### Key Aspects

#### Biblical Event:

It commemorates Luke 2:22-40, where the Holy Family meets Simeon and Anna, who recognize Jesus as the promised Messiah, a light for all nations.

#### Name Origin:

The name "Candlemas" comes from the blessing of candles for use in homes and churches throughout the year.

#### Symbolism:

The blessed candles represent Jesus as the Light dispelling darkness, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies, and foreshadowing His sacrifice.

#### Liturgical Significance:

It serves as the traditional end of the Christmas cycle, marking the transition to Lent, as it completes the events of Jesus' nativity.

#### Observances:

Includes a candlelight procession and Mass where parishioners bring candles to be blessed, connecting the New Covenant (Jesus) with ancient Jewish traditions.

Why to burn blessed candles in your home: The burning of a blessed candle invokes God's presence and protection, creating a sacred atmosphere that repels evil and fosters spiritual growth.

In addition to protection, burning blessed candles can also bring spiritual healing and the bestowal of divine graces. By prayerfully lighting a blessed candle, the faithful open themselves to receive the gifts of repentance, conversion, and physical or emotional healing if it is God's will.

Father will be blessing parishioner's candles in Flannery Hall after the 7pm mass. The CCW will be serving hot chocolate and desserts after the blessing. Any candles can be brought in for the Candlemas blessing, however if parishioner's are looking for quality beeswax or stearin candles, reasonable online offers can be found at the St. Jude Shop, Faith Gift Shop had tapers for \$4.15-4.50, EWTN had a larger 6 inch high 1 ½ inch diameter pillar for \$17, and Etsy had some very nice religious small businesses with beautiful options.

### Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry



The Knights will be holding their annual Lenten Fish Fry beginning February 20th. Watch the bulletin for further details.



### 2026 Macon March for Life—Friday, January 23, 2026

Join Bishop Parks, the Diocese of Savannah, and the Kolbe Center for the 2026 Macon March for Life.

#### Schedule:

9:30 a.m.—Rosary at the Kolbe Center—833 Walnut St.

11:00 a.m.—Mass with Bishop Parks at St. Joseph Church  
830 Poplar St.

12:00 p.m.—Respect Life Rally outside of St. Joseph and march  
To the Kolbe Center

12:45 p.m.—Lunch at St. Joseph's Social Hall (**Registration required for lunch—Adults \$5, 18 and under is free.**)

**Questions:** Patrick Tunnell—[ptunnell@diosav.org](mailto:ptunnell@diosav.org)—(912)201-4068; The Kolbe Center (478) 257-4425

**Register at:** [diosav.org/march-for-life](http://diosav.org/march-for-life)

## Chard Wray Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned Beans (like kidney beans)
- Canned Chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned milk
- Canned Spam
- Canned Tuna and Chicken
- Canned tomatoes
- Cereal
- Cornmeal
- Dried Beans
- Grits
- Instant Potatoes

- Jelly
  - Jiffy Cornbread Mix
  - Juice
  - Macaroni & Cheese
  - Oatmeal
  - Pasta - different varieties
  - Pasta sauce
  - Peanut Butter
  - Powdered Milk
  - Rice
  - Saltine Crackers
  - Soup—all varieties,
- If you can help with any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated.

### Items for Blessing Bags

- Napkins
- Plastic spoons
- Gallon Size Zipper Bags
- Nature Valley Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups (no sugar)
- Peanut butter crackers
- Applesauce (unsweet)
- Fruit Juice Boxes ((unsweet)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Fruit & Nut Trail Mix
- Kellogg's Rice Krispies—Mini squares

- Quaker on-the-go Snack mix
- Baked Chips Snack mix
- Quaker Rice Crisps (small Package)
- Variety pack of nuts
- Packs of Raisins
- Crunchy Rollers (snacks)
- Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bar—Oats & Honey

**These items can be found at Wal-Mart and Kroger**

### Hygiene Items for Prison Ministry

- Antibacterial bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Powder based deodorant (solid, roll-on, gel, NO aerosol sprays)
- Conditioner
- Body Wash

- Lotion
  - Toothpaste
  - Baby powder/foot powder
  - Shampoo
  - Hair combs, etc.
- NO razors or metal items please**

### Answer:

A tool used in spinning wool or flax.

### Do You Know?

**Everyone** in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

**In Milledgeville:**

**CORE Healthcare for Women**  
451 S. Wayne St.  
[coreofcga.com](http://coreofcga.com)

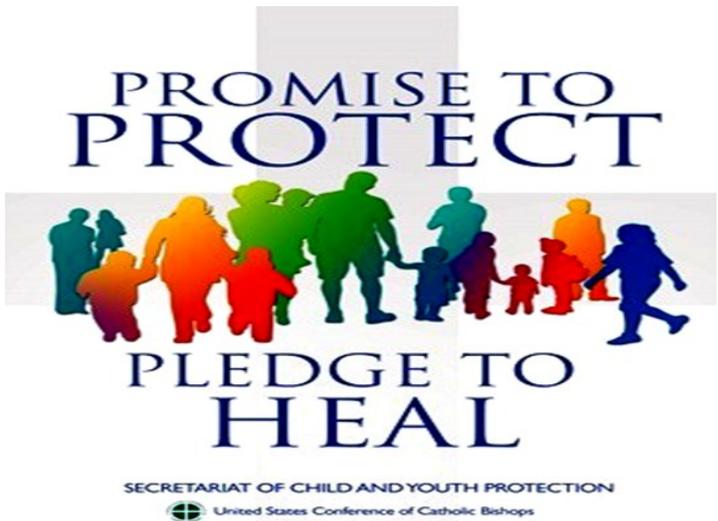
**(478) 216-5176**

### Prayer requests:

The homebound; nursing home and veteran home residents, the chronically ill; the mentally ill; all military personnel; all law enforcement and first responders; all prisoners; Charles Weasel, Suzanne Bryant, Suzanne James, Sally Pratt, Rowlyn Rae Hill, Archer Downs, Jose' Texidor, Brandon McManmon, Suzanne Irons, Deborah Cain, Tom Martinez, Joe Baden, Rob Leveille, Mary McMillan, Jerry Osteen, Linda Bullington, Barbara Middlebrooks, Julie Baker, Christopher Baden, Carmen Sans Gracia, Lynn Kirby, Didi Lazo, Kimber Hudson, Liam Irwin, James D. Thomas, Harry Wheeler, Andrea Heber, Sherry Lynn, Malcolm Garity, Rob Shoemaker, Mark Morris, William "Pug" Puglisi, Cindy Walton, Barry Ford, Theresa Niner, Dr. Spencer Maddox, Earl Williams, Vicky Phillips, Marie Sanders, Gary Hatcher, Barbara Bernichon, Gail Petite, Robyn Beard, Jason Riner.

### Please pray for the deceased:

All deceased members of Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Michael McWhorter, and the victims of the Ukrainian War and the deceased of Israel.



**We are Here to Listen and Take Action**  
**Archdiocesan 24 Hour Abuse Reporting Hotline**  
**1-888-437-0764**

### Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

