

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

Readings

Reading I: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Response: "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

Reading II: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Sandy Brown, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Irene & Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Mass Intentions

September 25: For: +Delores "Donna" Bauer Murphy req: Tina Murphy

Gospel Message

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. There are two very practical lessons we must learn from today's Gospel: the grave obligation we have of not causing scandal to our fellow-Christians or indeed to any man or woman and secondly, the willingness we should have to sacrifice any earthly possession which is a cause of sin to us.

The second lesson for all of us in today's Gospel is that we should ever realize that eternal life is worth any sacrifice which we may be called on to make. The road we have to travel in life is not an easy one. As our Lord says in another place: "Enter by the narrow gate for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt. 7: 13). We wish to reach heaven, therefore we must be prepared to follow Christ; we must not allow others to lead us astray but be prepared and determined to conquer and resist our own evil inclinations also. --Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Tillie Winfield's funeral will be held at St. Francis at 10 am on October 2, 2021.
- Please welcome back Fr. Dan Bain to St. Francis. He will be our celebrant on Saturday.
- Lynchburg Daily Bread needs help. Some of the canned items requested are: green beans, raviolis, carrots, apples, canned chicken, pork 'n beans, spaghetti sauce. They also need canned food in #10 cans. Please check the expiration date on food items that are donated. We have a shopping cart located in the narthex. Thank you!
- Join us every Tuesday for Mass at 1:30 pm at St. Francis. Our celebrant is Fr. Joseph Mary.

Gus Lloyd is a popular speaker for apologetics, evangelization, men's issues, marriage issues and being a Catholic in the world today. Along with his daily radio show, Seize the Day, which can be heard weekday mornings on Sirius XM 129, he has written many works to help us become better Catholic Christians.

Gus Lloyd is coming to Holy Cross!!

Join us for a day retreat on Magnetic Christianity!

Saturday, October 16, 8:30am-3:30pm

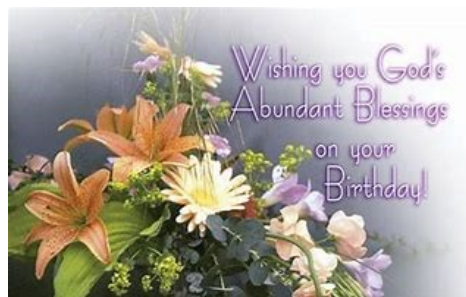
Breakfast and lunch included

Please sign up in the Commons under the bulletin board or contact Kaky Bowden at kbowden@holycrosslynchburg.org

- **Retreat is FREE but there will be an opportunity to make a good will offering to cover costs of the retreat.**

September Birthdays

Marti Sanita	2
Karen Clarke	4
Patti Highley	5
Eileen Furlong	5
Peggy McFadden	9
Donna Baer	10
Jim Meade	13
Bill Meznarich	13
Andrew Schroeder	14
Laura Schroeder	14
Claudia Szarnicki	17
Jackie Lamanna	21
Luc Dionne	23
Bruce Curtin	24
Donna Cockerham	28
Michael Baer	28



Mass Times: Tues., 1:30 pm & Sat., 5:00 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:00-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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