

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2022

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: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Psalm: Psalm 138

Response: "In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord."

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Jim Kirkwood, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Norma Ross, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Susy Weiss, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Mass Intentions

For: Repose of the soul of +Marvin Gilbert req: Marilyn Gilbert

For: Repose of the soul of +Irene Gray mother of Germaine Crites req: Germaine Crites

Gospel Message

The **Gospel** is a reading from St. Luke. How the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! If a businessman of today (or even of the year 28 A.D.) were choosing a chairman and assistants for the world-wide enterprise he was about to set up, is it likely that he would choose them from among the unknown, unlettered fishermen of Galilee? Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting one, chose these simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

And it wasn't that he was restricted in his choice. There were many highly educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem whom he could have won over, men who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. There were Roman officers in Palestine who were highly educated, and who would be much more eagerly listened to in the Gentile world. There were Greek philosophers whose very name would add prestige to the Gospel message had they been Apostles. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, it was to none of these that he gave the keys of his kingdom.—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- St. Francis welcomes Fr. Dan Bain as our Mass celebrant.
- Friday rosary intentions for Fr. Roger continue and are held Friday at 10 am.

Letter to our parishioners: Fifteen years ago Jean Camm gathered a group of about ten parishioners to form a committee she named "Family Focus". We began by providing welcoming greeters in the Narthex for every Mass and then also agreed we would be responsible for visiting those sick in hospital and our older homebound friends. We began making home visits to new members to welcome them to our community. The Family Focus team also organized potluck celebrations in our Parish Hall for those marking significant age and anniversary mileposts. Graduations, weddings and funerals at St. Francis were followed by large banquet style receptions. The funeral meals were prepared by our parishioners as a last farewell to those we loved. The FF team organized, set up, cooked, served, and cleaned up the kitchen and Parish Hall after those events. "Many hands make light work," as our grandmothers knew. But today nearly all of those volunteers have now aged-out and no longer are able to participate in any of those activities due to their own or spouses' health issues.

We would like to continue this ministry and are seeking new members for Family Focus Committee. For the foreseeable future (2022) we must adjust our expectations and switch to the practice of serving only punch, coffee and finger food after events which is the practice in most of the churches in our area already. In the future when Covid 19 is only a distant memory, we would like to resume all of the activities we previously practiced. If you think you might be interested in volunteering your help, be assured we would love to have you join us! Give me a call or a text at 434-333-5758. Together, hopefully, we can do all those things again! Carol Charles

February Birthdays

Karen Baxter	3
Sharon Johnsen	9
Emily Seawell	10
Kathaleya Grant	12
Ginger Graffeo	16
Andrew Carter	21
Paula Davis	23
John Morton	25
Gene Onestinghel	26
Tracey Clarke	27



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

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