

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: Psalm 145

Response: "I will praise you name forever, my king and my God."

Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a



Prayer List

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

Mass Intention: For repose of the soul of +Jeanine Lamanna req: Jackie & Larry Lamanna

Gospel Message: The **Gospel** is from John 13:31-33a, 34-35. We are disciples, followers of Christ, but how many of us would pass the test that Christ himself lays down for deciding who are his true followers? The word "charity" unfortunately has come to have a very restricted meaning in our present-day vocabulary. It signifies giving an alms, a gift of money to a needy person. This is but a very small part of the true charity, true love of neighbor which Christ made the distinguishing mark of the true Christian. He who truly loves his neighbor must be interested, first and foremost, in those things which concern that neighbor's most important purpose in life, his eternal salvation.

Here is where so many good Christians fail in true charity. Effective interest in missionary activity is a case in point. Practical help in parochial matters, taking part in the various societies which are intended to build up and strengthen the faith and the devotion of the members of the parish is another obligation of true charity. So many seem to think it is no concern of theirs but it is. Advising and encouraging, with true Christian kindness, a neighbor who is beginning to grow lax in his attendance to his Christian duties, or who is forming habits or alliances which, if unchecked, will bring misery and suffering to his family, and scandal to the neighborhood, and even the possibility of his own eternal destruction, is also an exercise of real Christian charity. —Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- ⇒ Fr. Roger will celebrate Mass, Adoration and Benediction every first Wednesday of the month.
- ⇒ During May, the month of our Blessed Mother, Father will say the rosary after Wednesday Mass.
- ⇒ Sunday, May 22 at 2:30 is our church picnic. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. We'll have plenty of good food and fellowship as we welcome Fr. Roger back and as we celebrate our church's establishment. If you have a favorite outdoor game, please bring it along.
- ⇒ Our next family dinner is June 4 after our 5 pm Mass. Please bring a favorite dish to pass and your appetites!
- ⇒ There will be no Mass on Sunday, June 5.



May Birthdays

Larry Lamanna	1
John Onestinghel	3
Jane West	6
Julia Cope	11
Kelly Kraft-Meyer	13
Joseph Albert	17
Stephen Luther	20
George Stish	21
Tina Dionne	22
Sandra Horwege	23
Teresa Golden	29
Jean Camm	31



Mass Times: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

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