

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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 15:1-2

Psalm: Psalm 67

Response: "O God, let all the nations praise you!"

Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14

Gospel: John 14:23-29



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, 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 and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel Message:

The **Gospel** is from John 14:23-29. In the first reading at today's Mass, we were given the story of the first General Council ever held by the Church authorities. There we saw that a vital decision was reached through the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and ours" (Acts 15:28) was how the authorities announced the conclusion they had reached. In this Gospel which we have just read, Christ promised his Apostles, the night before his death, that when he returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit would be sent to them. He would teach them all things and recall to their minds all that Christ had taught them. In other words, the Church, through the Apostles, was promised the direct assistance of the Holy Spirit in preserving and interpreting what we call "the deposit of faith" or the sum total of the divine revelation given to us for our sanctification.

The Holy Spirit "breathes where he wills." He assists the local authorities in the Church. He inspires individual Christians if they call on him in their need. He inspires young people of both sexes to offer their lives to the service of the Church and their neighbor. He has inspired founders of orders and congregations to form institutes which would help the spread of the faith. He is at work today among us and among the separated brothers of the Church, helping and inspiring them towards that unity for which Christ prayed. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

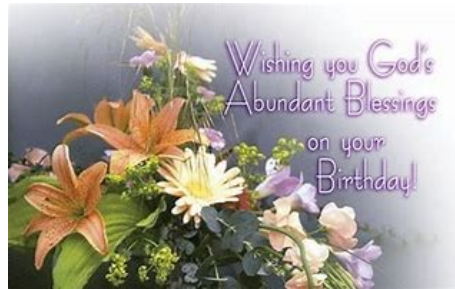
St. Francis News and Notes...

- ⇒ Sunday, May 22 at 2:30 is our church picnic. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided. We'll have plenty of good food, music, singing (possible dancing I'm told) and fellowship as we welcome Fr. Roger back and celebrate our church's establishment. If you have a favorite outdoor game, please bring it along.
- ⇒ Adoration and Benediction after our Wednesday, June 1, 1 pm Mass.
- ⇒ Our next family dinner is June 4 after our 5 pm Mass. Please bring a 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., 4:30 pm –4:50 pm & by appt.

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