

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Deacon Robert Kruse**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 8, 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.

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## Readings

**Reading I:** Acts 13:14, 43-52

**Psalm:** Psalm 100

**Response:** "We are his people, the sheep of his flock."

**Reading II:** Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30



## 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.**

## Gospel Message:

The **Gospel** is from John 10:27-30. This Sunday is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for men of every century, including the twentieth. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.

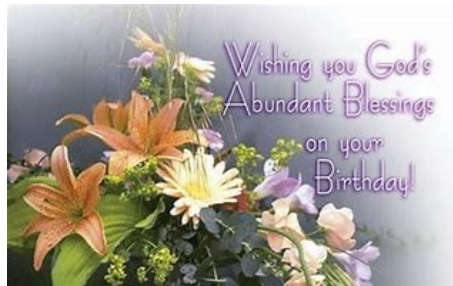
Now how do these points affect me personally? a) My Shepherd's death means my deliverance—why, even at this very moment of Mass, redemption's graces are flooding my soul. b) Between Christ and myself there must exist a closer intimacy than even that between brothers, relatives, or friends. c) It is through Christ's efforts that I have been brought into the fold, and He is ever striving to make me a more perfect member of His flock. —*The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

## St. Francis News and Notes...

- ⇒ The crowning of our Blessed Mother will be at Saturday and Sunday Mass.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Parish Council retreat will be held May 14 from 9-2 pm.
- ⇒ New office hours! Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:30
- ⇒ In an emergency, please leave a message for Father at the rectory at 434.361.6007 or you may call Karen at 315.720.8737
- ⇒ If you have an upcoming anniversary, please notify the office so we can recognize your special day.
- ⇒ Sunday, May 22 at 2:30 is our church picnic. We have a sign-up sheet on the narthex table if you can bring a side dish. Good food, fellowship, music and games! I need some volunteers for games. If you're still a kid at heart & love to play games, please contact Karen at the office.
- ⇒ The Bishop has requested that we monitor the Covid levels in our area once a week. Our community level right now is low so masks can be worn at your discretion.
- ⇒ Happy Mother's Day to all our moms! Enjoy your day ladies.
- ⇒ Free—tulip bulbs and a dogwood tree. Please pick up outside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

## 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 **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

**Office Hours:** Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 11:00-3:00 pm; Sat. 2:30-4:45 **Office phone:** 434.946.2053

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