

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 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 66:18-21

Psalm: Psalm 117

Response: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News"

Reading II: Hebrews 12:5-7

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



Prayer List

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

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Aug. 20: For repose of the soul of +Anne Esuchanko req: Austin Schmitt

Sunday, Aug. 21: For repose of the soul of +Alan Fuchs req: Genna Cockerham

Gospel

The **Gospel** concerns those who hear Christ's message but refuse to follow it. While the questioner who asked how many would be saved did not get a direct answer from Christ, nevertheless it was made very clear to him and to all of us that each one's salvation is in his own hands. All those who accept Christ, his teaching and the helps he has made available to them, will enter the kingdom of God. On the other hand, those who are excluded from that eternal kingdom will have only themselves to blame. God invites all men to heaven. He gives all the help necessary to every man, but, because men have a free will which God cannot force, some will abuse that freedom and choose wrongly.

Christ mentions the narrow door through which we must enter into God's kingdom. This means that we must exercise self-restraint and mortification and this we do when we respect and keep his commandments. When we are called to judgment it will be too late to shout "Sir, open for us." We should have sought his mercy and his forgiveness during our earthly life, and he would have granted it.—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- ◆ Rosary continues every Friday at 10 am.
- ◆ Sunday Gospel reflection for children will begin Sunday, August 21st. Matthew Pietsch, one of our altar servers, will lead our children from the sanctuary just before the Gospel reading, to our classroom. The children will be following a program designed for the 6/7 year old age group. They will return to their parents by the Prayers of the Faithful.
- ◆ There is a need for volunteers to assist Matthew. These volunteers will be the second adult as part of the diocesan requirement. If you do not have Virtus training and would like more information, please see one of the parish council members or Father Roger.
- ◆ Lost and found: a pair of glasses with a black frame. Contact Karen in the office to pick up.
- **Save the Dates:** Saturday, Sept. 3—After our 5 pm Mass we will have our Family Dinner.
Sunday, Sept. 4—No Sunday Mass

August Birthdays

Dave McGarry	1
Jerry Sanita	2
Austin Schmitt	6
Mary Greenwood	13
Jim Kirkwood	13
Bill Chesney	18
William Newcomb	21
David Swift	21
Yvonne Westcott	22
Robert Hieber	25
Jacob Cope	26
Mary-Caroline Cockerham	30



Mass Times: Wed., 1 pm and Sat., 5 pm & Sun. 8 am (except the 1st Sunday of the month)

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

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

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