

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 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: Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 33

Response: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



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, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, Aug. 6: For repose of the soul of +Mary Ann Atz req. by Rose & Bill Barcosky

Gospel

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 12:32-48* and in a few vivid and expressive similes, our Lord tells the disciples and through them, all his followers, how they should conduct their lives on earth so that they would always be found in God's friendship when their call to judgment comes. In answer to a question put to him by Peter, our Lord says that more will be expected of those who have received greater gifts from God than of those who received lesser gifts.

Take a serious look at your way of living today. Is your behavior in the home, in your place of work, in your recreation, in your relations with God—prayers and church attendance—and with your neighbor, it is such that you would change nothing in it, if you were told by God that you were to die tonight? If it is, thank God for it and keep on going; you are on the right road. If it is not, don't wait for God to tell you when or where you will die; he will not tell you. Put things right today, and then you need not worry when your call to judgment comes. Death will be graduation day for the good Christian—not examination day.

—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.
- ◆ August 6 is our next Family Dinner after our 5 pm Mass. There will be no Mass on Sunday, August 7.
- ◆ Beginning the second Sunday of August (14th), we will begin our Sunday Gospel reflection for children. 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 several 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.
- Sweet Briar College is hosting a Community Resource Fair and St. Francis has been invited to participate. The goal is to raise awareness of what our area has to offer especially our churches. We're looking for a volunteer to attend the fair on Sept. 2 from 11-2pm. Patti and I went last year and we enjoyed speaking with the students about our church. If you can help out, please call the office.
- On a personal note, my thanks for the cards, calls, food and prayers during my recent illness. It meant a great deal to me and kept my spirits up. I'm finally better and back in the office! It's a wonderful feeling to know that our church family looks out for each other. *Karen Baxter, Parish Secretary*

August Birthdays

Dave McGarry	1
Jerry Sanita	2
Austin Schmitt	6
Mary Greenwood	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 **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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