

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 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: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: Psalm 138

Response: "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."

Reading II: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, 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.**

Gospel

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke, 11:1-13* in which we hear Luke's rendition of the "Our Father" and Jesus' teaching on prayer.

The Our Father is certainly the most sublime formula possible and contains the whole essence of the most elevated mental prayer. However, Jesus gave it as a formula for vocal prayer: "When you pray, say. . . " (ibid. 11:2). This is enough to make us understand the value and importance of vocal prayer, which is within the reach of everyone even children, the uneducated, the sick, the weary.... But we must realize that vocal prayer does not consist only in the repetition of a certain formula. If this were true, we should have a recitation but not a prayer, for prayer always requires a movement, an elevation of the soul toward God. In this sense, Jesus instructed His disciples: "When thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret.... And when you are praying, speak not much as the heathens" (Mt 6:6-7). It is interesting to note that in St. Matthew these prescriptions concerning the exterior and interior dispositions necessary for well-made prayer immediately precede the teaching of the *Our Father*.—*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D

St. Francis News and Notes...

- ◆ Our renovated confessional will be blessed by Father on August 6. In the meantime, Father will hear confessions in his office.
- ◆ Rosary continues every Friday at 10 am.
- ◆ August 6 will be 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.

July Birthdays

Mike Clarke	1
Jim Charles	1
Cindy Palladino	7
Denise Mundy	9
Edie Rider	10
Leeanna Smith	15
Peggy Sexton	16
Sandy Brown	23
Maureen Chesney	28
Frank Palladino	28



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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