

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2

Psalm: Psalm 90

Response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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, 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 July 30 For repose of the soul of +Betty Stahl req: Ed Stahl

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Gospel

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:22-23* and deals with the vanity of earthly things. It discusses the problem "What value has this earthly life for man?"

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul to the *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11* in which he urges the converts to keep their eyes on Christ with whom they have been raised up to a new spiritual level or status. They must no longer be mixed up in the sinful things of this earth. They died to all this when they died with Christ in baptism.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 12:13-21*. Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd to whom he was giving his message of salvation. Some men in the crowd asked him to arbitrate in a family dispute over property. This Jesus refused to do. This interest in property gave him the occasion to teach his hearers, and all of us, in a very effective parable, the relative value of this world's goods.

The lesson of this parable is obvious to all, and it is perhaps as difficult to put into practice as it is obvious. To be in this world and not of it, to collect the necessary goods of this world by honest labor and yet remain

detached from them, to possess but not be possessed by worldly riches, is an ideal to which our weak human nature responds very reluctantly.—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M

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



August Birthdays

Dave McGarry	1
Jerry Sanita	2
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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