ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano Deacon Robert Kruse 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 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 1:	Amos 6:1a	
	Lector 1: Midge England (Saturday) Lector 1: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)	Eucharistic Minister: Ann Tucker (Saturday) Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)
Psalm:	Psalm 146	
Response:	"Praise the Lord, my soul!"	
Reading 2:	1 Timothy 6:11-16	
	Lector 2: Jim Kirkwood (Saturday) Lector 2: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)	
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Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, George Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 16:19-31.* We have here a story of two men whose states, both in this life and in the next, are dramatically opposed. The rich man had everything a man could desire on this earth and he set his heart on this wealth, to such a degree that he excluded all thought of God or of what followed after death. It was not that he was ignorant of God or of a future life (our Lord was addressing the parable to the Pharisees); he admits that he had Moses and the prophets, but he paid no heed to them. He was too busy trying to squeeze the last ounce of pleasure out of his few years on earth.

All the parables of our Lord are based on everyday happenings. While we hope and pray that the case of the rich man described here is not an everyday occurrence, we cannot doubt but that such cases have happened and will happen again. This rich man is not in eternal torments because he was rich and even very rich. He is in eternal torments because he let his wealth become his master and forgot God and his neighbor and his

own real welfare—eternal life. There are men like him in our world today, men who completely ignore their real future. While they are convinced that their stay on this earth is of very short duration and that they will have to leave it very, very soon, they still act and live as if they had a permanent home here.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Two collections this weekend—one is our regular collection and the second is for our retired religious.
- Rosary continues every Friday at 10 am.
- Saturday, October 1—Family Dinner after our 5 pm Mass in honor of our patron saint St. Francis' Feast Day. Weather permitting ,we're going to eat outside at our pavilion. Please bring a dish to pass.
- Tuesday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day Mass—1 pm Blessing of the Animals– 3 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 5-No Mass

September Birthdays

Marti Sanita	2
Karen Clarke	4
Patti Highley	5
Eileen Furlong	5
Peggy McFadden	9
Donna Baer	10
Jim Meade	13
Bill Meznarich	13
Andrew Schroeder	14
Laura Schroeder	14
Claudia Szarnicki	17
Jackie Lamanna	21
Luc Dionne	23
Bruce Curtin	24
Donna Cockerham	28
Michael Baer	28
Stephanie Gerber	29





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.

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