

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 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

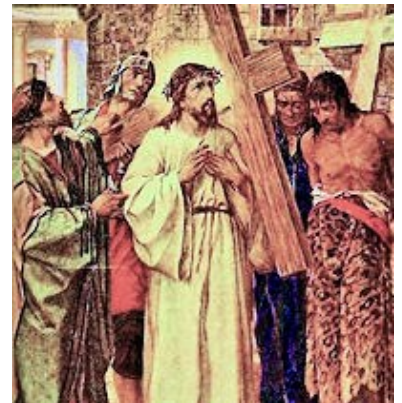
Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b Lector 1: Shirley Kanthack

Psalm: Psalm 90

Response: "In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."

Reading II: Philemon 9-10 Lector 2: Karen Kruse

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



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.**

Gospel

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 14:25-33* and teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. There can be no such person as a half-Christian. "He that is not with me is against me," He said on another occasion. We cannot be for Christ on Sunday and against Him for the remainder of the week. To be His true disciples, His true followers, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must Christianize these other tasks. Even the members of religious orders who "leave the world," that is, who are set free from the family and financial cares of this world by their vows of chastity and poverty, have to busy themselves with other cares like teaching, nursing, tilling the soil perhaps, house-keeping, writing and many such activities. They cannot and do not spend all their day and every day in prayer and meditation. Nor does Christ demand this of them. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

- Volunteers are needed! There's a sign up sheet on the narthex table if you are willing to drive Sweet Briar students to and from Mass Saturday and Sunday. Any questions please call the office. Thank you!
- Rosary continues every Friday at 10 am.
- Saturday, Sept. 3—After our 5 pm Mass we will have our Family Dinner. Please bring a dish to pass and your appetites!
- Gospel reflection for children begins Saturday, Sept. 3. At this time, Gospel reflection will only be on the first Saturday of the month.
- Sunday, Sept. 4—No Sunday Mass
- Wednesday, September 7—Adoration and Benediction after our 1 pm Mass.
- Lost and found: an umbrella, sunglasses and a pair of glasses—located on the narthex table.

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.

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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