

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic church striving to be an instrument of peace and love through the sacramental life of Jesus Christ and service to others.

Reading 1: Acts of the Apostles 2:14

Lector 1: Midge England (Saturday)

Lector 1: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Psalms: Psalm 16

Response: "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Lector 2: Jim Meade (Saturday)

Lector 2: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Tucker (Saturday)

Larry Lamanna (Sunday)



Mass Intentions

April 22: Repose of the soul of +George Winfield req: St. Francis Parishioners

Repose of the soul of +Shirley Kanthack req: Marilyn Gilbert

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Stephanie Gerber family, 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, Sharon Musch, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Laurence Spiaggi, Vinney Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel: There is still one more detail that calls for our attention and raises many questions: why did the eyes of the disciples open to recognize Jesus whilst they were at table with Him? The Eucharistic context is undeniable. The disciples are at table, the Lord is with them; He took the bread and saying the prayer of benediction, broke it. It was during the last action of the breaking of the bread that the companions recognized Jesus. It was not only the action in itself but finally Cleopas and his friends could see, with their own eyes, the hands pierced by the nails of the passion that until that very movement had remained hidden from them during the long journey on the road. It was in that very moment in which they recognized the presence of the Crucified One, that He '*disappeared from their sight*' whilst their eyes remained fixed on the broken bread, that was left to fall 'onto the altar'. Is it not the same experience that every one of us can have every Sunday? —From the [Congregation for the Clergy](#)

St. Francis News and Notes...

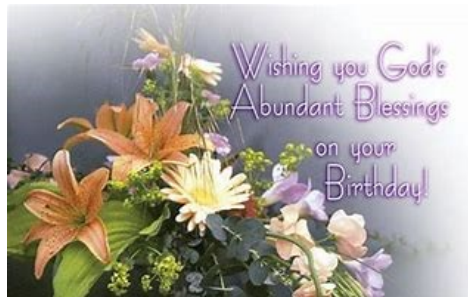
- George Winfield's funeral service will be held April 22 at 11 am. Please join the family as we celebrate George's life. A reception to follow in our fellowship hall.
- Next Family Dinner is Saturday, May 6 after our 5 pm Mass.

Collections Report FY 2022-23

	March	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4804.00	\$ 49,053.89
Catholic Relief	\$209.00	
Parish Partnership	\$439.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 66,250.00
YTD Budget		\$ 49,687.51
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		(\$633.62)

April Birthdays

Faith Dione	1
Patricia Meznarich	6
Pat Gibbons	6
Marlene Swift	7
Phil Greenwood	15
Hannah Cochran	16
Isabel Newcomb	19
Nancy Goulde	20
Marsha Baron	22
Nancy Herr	24
Rose Marie Hieber	25
Amanda Douthat	25



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

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