

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

April 30, 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 2:14a

Lector 1: Jim Kirkwood (Saturday)

Lector 1: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

Psalm: Psalm 23

Response: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Reading 2: 1 Peter 2:20b

Lector 2: Jim Clarke (Saturday)

Lector 2: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Hansen (Saturday)

Larry Lamanna (Sunday)



Mass Intentions

April 29: Repose of the soul of +Rose Marie Directo req: Carol Charles

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 are many among us today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are in total ignorance of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. Alas for them, a day of reckoning lies ahead, a day that is much nearer than they would like to believe. What will be their fate when they meet Christ the Judge, whom they had refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth? —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

St. Francis News and Notes...

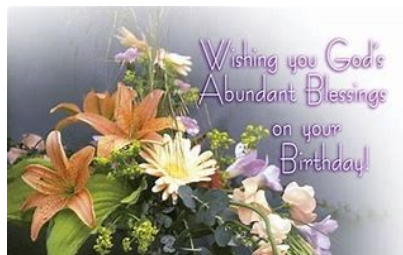
- Coronation of our Blessed Mother will be held on Saturday, May 6.
- Next Family Dinner is Saturday, May 6 after our 5 pm Mass.
- There will be no Mass on Sunday, May 7.

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



May Birthdays

Larry Lamanna	1
John Onestinghel	3
Jane West	6
Julia Cope	11
Kelly Kraft-Meyer	13
Stephen Luther	20
George Stish	21
Tina Dionne	22
Sandra Horwege	23
Teresa Golden	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

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