

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**May 21, 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.

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**Reading 1:** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Lector 1: Ann Tucker (Saturday)

Lector 1: Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

**Psalm:** Psalm 47

**Response:** "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

**Reading 2:** Ephesians 1:17-23

Lector 2: Jim Clarke (Saturday)

Lector 2: Genna Cockerham (Sunday)

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

**Eucharistic Minister:** Jim Kirkwood (Saturday)

Maureen Chesney (Sunday)

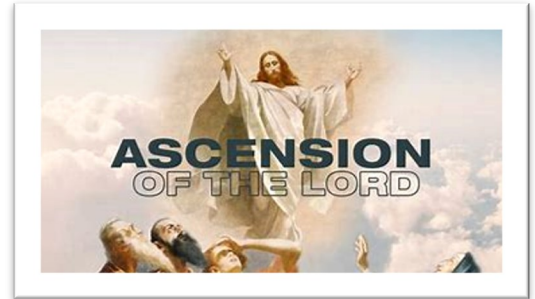
**Mass Intention: Saturday, May 27**

Repose of the soul of +Richard Albert Hiser req: Regina Rice

**WE PRAY TO THE LORD...**Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Vanessa Cooper, Stephanie Gerber family, Dr. George Gray, Brandon Greaves, Carolyn Greaves, Gary Greaves, Gary Greaves, Sr., Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Rick Higgins, 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**

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



## St. Francis News and Notes...

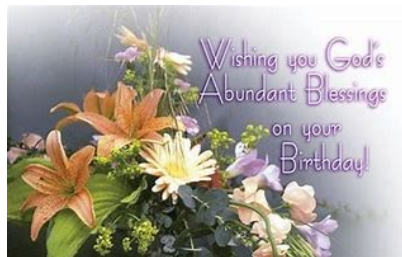
- ⇒ Our new altar kneelers have arrived! Many thanks to Ruth Morton for her fund raising efforts with her beautiful cards.
- ⇒ Our parishioners Bruce and Gail Curtin are going to a function at the D Day Memorial on Sunday, May 21 and they are asking for donations to send to our deployed troops. Please bring your donated items to church by Mass next Sunday. Some needed items are health and beauty aids (male and female) and snacks. There is a complete list of needed items on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for your support of our service men and women.
- ⇒ Do you enjoy working outside? Don't mind to get your hands dirty? Hate weeds? Looking for folks to help clean up our church gardens. No experience necessary! Thank you
- ⇒ Mass intention requests may be emailed to the office as a convenience.
- ⇒ The office will be closed May 25-May 30. If you have an emergency and need to contact Father, please call the rectory at 434.361.6007.

## 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)

## 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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