

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

June 11, 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: Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Lector 1: Sandy Brown (Saturday)

Lector 1: Bill Meznarich (Sunday)

Psalm: 147

Response: "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!"

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

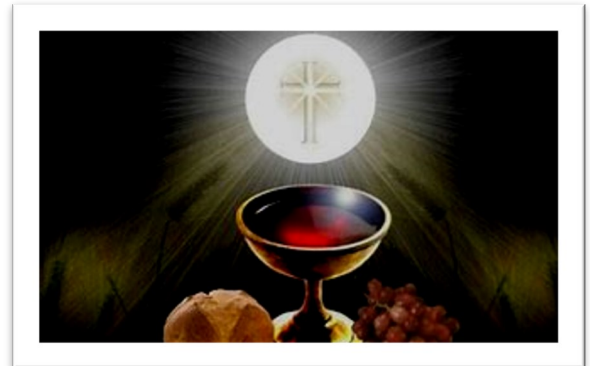
Lector 2: Marilyn Gilbert (Saturday)

Lector 2: Peggy McFadden (Sunday)

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Eucharistic Minister: Jim Kirkwood/Karen Clarke (Saturday)

Larry Lamanna/Maureen Chesney (Sunday)



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, 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, Malcolm Topfer, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, Harry Winfield and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Gospel

The **Gospel** from *John 6:51-58*:, from Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. This section refers directly to the fact that Christ's human body—his "flesh" and "blood"—would be the sacrificial victim that would win eternal life for men and at the same time as a sacrament it would be their heavenly food and drink. Not only the incredulous Jews, but even many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve: Will you too go away? Simon Peter answered him, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." —Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch.

Corpus Christi Sunday

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure.

St. Francis News and Notes...

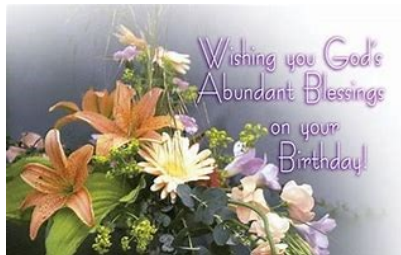
- ⇒ Two collections this week—our regular collection and Peter’s Pence which provides funds for our Holy Father’s ministries.
- ⇒ Sunday, June 18 after our 8 am Mass, pancakes and sausage will be served in the Fellowship Hall (in honor of Father’s Day). Everyone is welcome!
- ⇒ Thank you to everyone for making our church dedication family picnic a success! The rain finally stopped, we had plenty of food and we also had beautiful music!

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)

June Birthdays

Caroline Furlong	7
James Cockerham	7
Janet Hollingsworth	18
Mary Hansen	24
Heath Cockerham	24



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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