



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the grace of God, the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Francis of Assisi aspires to be a family-oriented and Christ-centered community.

CORE VALUES

- Spiritual devotion
- Devotion to the family unit and church family
- Charity work
- Respect for and promotion of human dignity
- Offering fellowship and help to our community in God's name

Pastor's Message

I extend a warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors. St. Francis of Assisi is where we work, pray and journey as one united family. Together we create an environment that is Christ-centered and full of spirit. May you always feel welcome and find your place in our parish.

Rev. Fr. Roger Abadano
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi

Readings: First: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Second: Romans 14:7-9

Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Sue & Tom

Hunnicut, Alex Infante, Beverly Infante, Leonardo Infante, Paul Meznarich, Sharon Musch, Gene Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Donald & Rae Pfaff, Lori Ann Pompie, Teri Prince, Marti Sanita, Peggy Sexton, Rick Shoman, Laurence Spiaggi, Vinney Spiaggi, Jim Stella, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Mildred Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Malcolm Topfer, Arlene Vaughan, Jane West, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams and Debbie Wyman. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

- * Mass intention: September 16 Repose of the soul of +Paul Dascer req: Jeff Hansen
Mass intention: September 17 Repose of the soul of +Bill Chesney req: Maureen Chesney
- * Saturday, September 30 is our Parish Family Day. After our 5 pm Mass, we'll have a pot luck dinner, games, dancing and sing-alongs to keep everyone entertained and laughing! Don't forget to sign up or you may call the office.
- * On September 30 there will be a special collection for the *Learn to Lead* campaign sponsored by the Diocese. This campaign is to fund local priorities at 23 Catholic schools, enhance financial aid and help develop outstanding teachers.

Collections Report FY 2023-24

	August	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 5,861.00	\$ 12,152.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 312.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$ 11,316.66
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 835.34

September Birthdays

Marti Sanita	2
Karen Clarke	4
Patti Highley	5
Eileen Furlong	5
Lorri Girling	7
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)

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 1st Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and beginning in Oct. the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

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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