



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 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: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)

Second: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Mass intention: September 23 Repose of the soul of +Delores Bauer Murphy req: Tina Murphy

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 Hunnicutt, 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...

- * Learn to Lead campaign (supporting Catholic schools) is Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Envelopes will be on the narthex table if you wish to give to support the next generation of leaders.
- * Beginning October 1, prayer intentions will be in the bulletin for one month and then removed. If you would like continued prayers for an individual, there will be a prayer request book on the narthex table where you may enter your intention name. The rosary group will pray for the people in our book who need our prayers.
- * There is a communion service on Wednesday October 11 and October 25.
- * Adoration and benediction will be held on the second Thursday of each month (Oct. 12) at 6 pm in addition to the first Wednesday of each month.
- * October 16-20 our church will be closed due to painting of the Sanctuary and narthex.
- * There will be no Mass on Saturday, Oct. 21 due to the Pilgrimage. We have Mass on Oct. 22.

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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