



## **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 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:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

**Second:** Romans 12:1-2

**Psalm:** 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9 (2b)

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

### **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, 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.**

**ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...**

- \* Family dinner September 2 following our 5 pm Saturday Mass. No Mass on Sunday, Sept. 3.
- \* We will be having a birthday party for Mary, our blessed mother, for the younger children, ages 2-5 years old, on September 9 starting at 11 am. This will be in honor of the Blessed Virgin's birthday and we encourage the children to wear blue and white if they have it. Crafts, prayer time, stories and of course cake or cupcakes are on the menu!
- \* Save the Date! 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!

**Collections Report FY 2023-24**

	<b>July</b>	<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>
Weekly totals	\$ 6,291.00	\$ 6,291.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 427.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$ 5,658.33
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 632.67

**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)  
**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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