



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

First Sunday of Advent

December 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: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 **Psalm:** 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19(4)

Second: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Claudia and Mildred Szarnicki, Sue and Tom Hunnicutt, Baby Daniel
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

For a new intention please email or call the office. For intentions that have already been in the bulletin, please use the prayer intention book on the narthex table. Individuals are prayed for in the rosary group on Saturday and Sunday.

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

December

- 4-11 Office is closed – I'm on vacation and I will be back in the office on Dec. 12. I will be unable to answer emails until I return.
- 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Mass at 5 pm
- 9/10 Jesse Tree gifts are due
- 10 Regular Weekend Masses
- 13 Mass and Advent Reconciliation after our 1 pm Mass
- 16 Advent Retreat 1:30-4:30 pm Mass at 5 pm
- 17 Regular Weekend Masses
- 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass at 5 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass – 4 pm
- 25 The Nativity of the Lord Mass – 8 am
- 27 No Wed. Mass – possible Communion Service
- 30 Family Dinner after 5 pm Mass
- 31 No Mass on Sunday

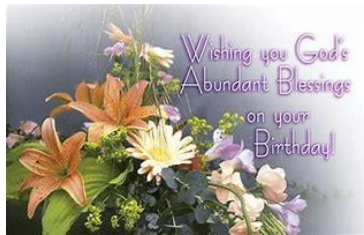
Mass intention: Dec. 2 For the repose of the soul of +Mary Bauer Shinal req: Tina Murphy

Collections Report FY 2023-24

	October	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$6,437.00	\$ 22,685.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 343.00	
Retired Religious	\$ 140.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$22,633.32
YTD Surplus (Shortfall)		\$ 51.68

December Birthdays

Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Stanley Borowski	7
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Pat Onestinghel	26
Sue Hunnicutt	29
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	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 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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