



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 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 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (1)

Second: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Claudia and Mildred Szarnicki, Sue and Tom Hunnicutt, Baby Daniel, Jane West, Malcolm Topfer, Jordan Greaves, Peggy Sexton, Jeff King, Patti Highley
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

December

- 30 Family Dinner after 5 pm Mass
- 30 Blessing of the renovated kitchen
- 31 No Mass on Sunday

On December 30 after our 5 pm Mass, our renovated kitchen will be blessed. Thank you to Jeff Hansen and our Building Committee for their hard work and their commitment to this project.

January

- 1 8 am Mass The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- 6 After 5 pm Mass, a birthday celebration for Stella Nagy in our Fellowship Hall. Stella is a devoted and dedication parishioner and we are celebrating God giving her life 100 years ago! Happy Birthday Stella!

Mass intentions:

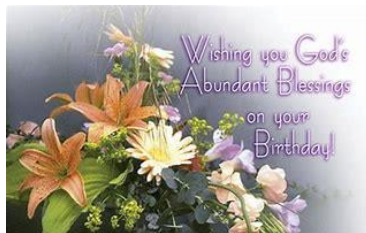
Dec. 30 For the repose of the soul of +Marvin Gilbert req: Marilyn Gilbert
For the repose of the souls of +Bob & +Shirley Kanthack req: Marilyn Gilbert

Collections Report FY 2023-24

	November	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$5,312.07	\$ 27,997.07
Parish Partnership	\$ 204.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$28,291.65
YTD Surplus (Shortfall)		\$ (294.58)

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



January Birthdays

Isaac Cochran	5
Callahan Cochran	5
Stella Nagy	6
Jim Clarke	7
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31

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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