



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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 4, 2024**

### **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:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7

**Psalm:** 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (3a)

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

### **Parishioner Prayers for:**

Sue and Tom Hunnicutt, Claudia and Mildred Szarnicki

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

### February

- 3** Blessing of Throats- Saint Blaise is the Patron of Throat Illnesses and much of this has to do with a legend that a boy was brought to Saint Blaise who had a fishbone caught in his throat. The boy was going to die, however Blaise was able to heal him. An invocation to St. Blaise and a blessing of the throat remains in practice today. *Catholic Saint Medals*
- 3** Family Dinner after our 5 pm Mass.
- 4** No Sunday Mass
- 8** Adoration and Benediction – 6 pm
- 9** Spaghetti Dinner from 11 am to 7 pm. Call your order in at the St. Francis Spaghetti Hot Line number: 946.2053 and it will be ready for pick up if you can't dine in.
- 13** Mardi Gras Pancake Supper - Tuesday, 5 pm – 7 pm  
Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea and juice will be served. Sign-up sheet is on the narthex table.
- 14** Ash Wednesday Soup, Salad and Bread Pot Luck Dinner. Join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a Lenten Meal of soup, salad and bread. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we can get an estimate of the number attending and whether you will bring salad or bread.
- 17** Wine and Cheese social will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month after the Saturday 5 pm Mass. The wine and cheese will be provided by generous donors.

### Mass intention: February 7

For the repose of the soul of +Marvin Gilbert req: Marilyn

### Collections Report FY 2023-24

|                         | December   | Fiscal Year to Date |                           |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Weekly totals           | \$ 5815.00 |                     | <b>February Birthdays</b> |
| Immaculate Conception   | \$301.00   |                     | Karen Baxter 3            |
| Christmas               | \$1289.58  | \$ 35,402.65        | Sharon Johnsen 9          |
| Parish Partnership      | \$ 222.00  |                     | Emily Seawell 10          |
| Catholic Charities      | \$ 85.00   |                     | Ginger Graffeo 16         |
| Annual Budget           |            | \$ 67,900.00        | Genevieve Plail 18        |
| YTD Budget              |            | \$ 33,949.98        | Paula Davis 23            |
| YTD Surplus/(Shortfall) |            | \$ 1,452.67         | John Morton 25            |
|                         |            |                     | Gene Onestinghel 26       |

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after 1 pm Mass and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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