



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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 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:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Psalm:** 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)

**Second:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

**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  
**LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

## ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

### January

20 Baptism of Josephine Rose Cochran

### February

- 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.

### Volunteers are needed to make this event successful!

Please sign-up to help by donating desserts for the dinner or helping the day of the dinner with salad and dessert preparations in the morning, serving, clearing, kitchen help and local corporate delivery during the day, and finally, clean-up at the end of the day. Volunteer forms are on the table in the narthex.

11 am until 7 pm      Adults: \$10      Children under 12: \$3.00

Menu: spaghetti with meat sauce or tomato sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert & beverage.

Take out and corporate delivery available. Call the St. Francis Spaghetti Hot Line at: 946.2053 to place your order. The proceeds from this event provide assistance to the needy of Amherst County.

- Free poinsettias! Be sure to take one home!

### Collections Report FY 2023-24

	December	Fiscal Year to Date	January Birthdays
Weekly totals	\$ 5815.00		Isaac Cochran 5
Immaculate Conception	\$301.00		Callahan Cochran 5
Christmas	\$1289.58	\$ 35,402.65	Stella Nagy 6
Parish Partnership	\$ 222.00		Jim Clarke 7
Catholic Charities	\$ 85.00		John Pelissier 19
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00	Pam Gouldthorpe 19
YTD Budget		\$ 33,949.98	Margaret Golightly 30
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 1,452.67	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:** 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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