



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)

Second: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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...

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.
- 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 table in the narthex so we will have an estimate of how many people will attend.
- 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.

Mass intention: Jan. 28

For the repose of the soul of +Bill Chesney req: Maureen

Collections Report FY 2023-24

	December	Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 5815.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$301.00	
Christmas	\$1289.58	\$ 35,402.65
Parish Partnership	\$ 222.00	
Catholic Charities	\$ 85.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 67,900.00
YTD Budget		\$ 33,949.98
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 1,452.67

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

February Birthdays

Karen Baxter	3
Sharon Johnsen	9
Emily Seawell	10
Ginger Graffeo	16
Genevieve Plail	18
Paula Davis	23
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: 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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