



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm: 25

Second: Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Parishioner Prayers for:

David Swift, Maria Infante Brabo, Sandy Brown, Jerry Sanita

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

December

- 4** Adoration and Benediction after 1 pm Mass
- 7** Family Dinner after 5 pm Mass
- 8** No Mass
- 9** Immaculate Conception 5 pm Mass
- 12** Adoration and Benediction – 6pm
- 18** Advent Reconciliation 2 – 3 pm
- 21** Wine and Cheese after our 5 pm Mass
- 24** Christmas Eve Mass – 4 pm
- 25** Christmas Day Mass – 8 am
- 29** Pancake Breakfast after our 8 am Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday November 22nd - Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney, Requested by Maureen Chesney.

Tuesday December 24th- Repose of the Soul of Sue Hunnicutt. Requested by Sandra Horwege.

Tuesday December 24th - Repose of the Soul of Thomas Fallon. Requested by Mary Hansen.

Saturday December 28th- Repose of the Soul of Marvin Gilbert. Requested by Marilyn Gilbert.

Saturday December 28th- Repose of the Soul of Shirley and Bob Kanthack. Requested by Marilyn Gilbert.

Christmas Food Boxes! Starting Saturday, November 23rd, we are requesting donations of specified food items or monetary donations to provide 12 families of students at Central Elementary food for the Christmas holiday break. Please have donations in by December 14th and 15th.

Jesse Tree! Gift tag requests are available for selection to provide specified items for eight students at Central Elementary. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please sign up for gifts you choose to provide. Please have donations in by December 14th and 15th.

Prepare for Christmas! On the table in the narthex are various printed materials to use through the Advent Season. Please help yourself. Also, there are Advent Candles for sale for \$5.00 for a set of four candles. Please put your payment in the box.

Migrant camp clothes collection! Some of our local migrant camps are expecting crews to begin arriving in early December this year. Because they come from a warmer climate they often arrive without adequate cold weather clothing. If you have clean, gently used blankets, jackets, sweaters, hats, gloves, socks, or thermal underwear, in men's sizes small or medium you can drop them off in the containers in the Narthex through the month of November and they will be delivered to the workers when they arrive. We thank you for your kind generosity on behalf of these essential workers.

To all St. Francis' ministers that have an announcement be in the bulletin, please give your announcement on or before Wednesday.

Thank you note from Fr. Roger:

On behalf of St. Francis' parishioners, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jeff Hansen for his dedicated service as our Maintenance Coordinator for a long time. We are genuinely grateful for everything you have done for St. Francis. Additionally, let us warmly welcome and support our new Maintenance Coordinator, Jim Clarke, who will be stepping into this role and continuing the work Jeff has done.

Collections Report FY 2024-25

December Birthdays	October	Fiscal Year to Date	
Richard Meyer 4	Weekly totals \$ 4,523.00	\$ 23,522.60	
Felicity Cochran 7	E- giving \$ 1,590.00	\$ 1,590.00	
Stanley Borowski 7	Parish Partnership \$ 424.00		
Bill Barcosky 15	Retired Religious \$ 180.00		
Carol Charles 15	Annual Budget	\$ 70,000.00	
Luke Cockerham 19	YTD Budget	\$ 23,333.32	
Genna Cockerham 23	YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 1,799.28	
Pat Onestinghel 26			
Sue Hunnicutt 29			
Cindy Burns 29			
Kathryn Cockerham 29			

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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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