



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 24, 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: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: 93

Second: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Parishioner Prayers for:

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

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

November

- 1** Solemnity of All Saints Day – 5 pm Mass
- 2** Family Dinner after our 5pm Mass
- 3** No Mass
- 6** Adoration and Benediction after our 1 pm Mass
- 13** PPC meeting – 2 pm
- 13** Advent and Christmas Worship committee meeting – 3:30 pm
- 14** Adoration and Benediction – 6pm
- 16** Wine and Cheese after 5 pm Mass
- 24** Pancake breakfast after 8 am Mass
- 27** No Daily Mass
- 28** Thanksgiving Day Mass – 1 pm

Mass Intentions

Wednesday November 13th- Repose of the Soul of Ron Rosul. Requested by Joan Thompson.

Sunday November 24th- Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney. Requested by Maureen Chesney.

Saturday November 30th- Repose of the Soul of Bernie Brandstetter. Requested by Maryann Kline.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes! As we head into November, it is time to provide support to 12 families with students at Central Elementary School. A sample of the chosen contents of food boxes to be given for the Thanksgiving Holiday break is in the Narthex. Either select to purchase 12 of a given item or make a monetary donation using one of the envelopes provided. Please return purchased items by Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Boxes are packed on Nov. 24th and delivered to the school Monday morning, Nov. 25th. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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

November Birthdays	October	Fiscal Year to Date	
Tom Simonetti 2	Weekly totals \$ 4,523.00	\$ 23,522.60	
Rebecca Grey 2	E- giving \$ 1,590.00	\$ 1,590.00	
Regina Rice 8	Parish Partnership \$ 424.00		
Marilyn Gilbert 11	Retired Religious \$ 180.00		
Garold Cockerham 21	Annual Budget	\$ 70,000.00	
Gail Curtin 24	YTD Budget	\$ 23,333.32	
Elizabeth Douthat 28	YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 1,799.28	
John McFadden 29			
Sharon Simonetti 30			

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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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