



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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: Micah 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: 80

Second: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Parishioner Prayers for:

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

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

December

- 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 December 15th- Repose of the Soul of Daniel Burns. Requested by Cindy Burns.

Saturday December 21st- Repose of the Soul of Mary Bauer Shinal. Requested by Tina Murphy.

Sunday December 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.

Announcements:

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.

“Thank You” does not begin to express our gratitude to our parishioners who donated new and gently used warm winter clothing, gloves hats scarves socks blankets, and even a pair of boots, in response to our plea for donations to the migrant camps in late November. These young men who come from a warm climate suffer from our cold weather as they often arrive with inadequate outdoor clothing. Thanks to your generous response every one of them will have what they need to stay warm while working in the orchards of Nelson and Amherst counties this winter. May you be blessed for your kind generosity.

Family Dinner! As always, it’s nice to see everyone come together as a family of God once a month to share a meal. We thank you all for your generosity of bringing delicious entrees and desserts. We have been close to running out of food the past couple of dinners. We would like to ask, if you are able, to please bring a dish to contribute. If bringing a dessert, please consider bringing a side dish as well. We want all parishioners to enjoy a full meal. Beverages, bread and butter will be provided. Thank you!

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

Collections Report FY 2024-25

December Birthdays

Richard Meyer	4
Felicity Cochran	7
Stanley Borowski	7
Bill Barcosky	15
Carol Charles	15
Luke Cockerham	19
Genna Cockerham	23
Cindy Burns	29
Kathryn Cockerham	29

November

Weekly totals	\$ 4,729.00
E- giving	\$ 3,270.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 198.00
Military Services	\$ 161.00
Annual Budget	
YTD Budget	
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)	

Fiscal Year to Date

\$ 28,281.60
\$ 4,856.00
\$ 70,000.00
\$ 29,166.65
\$ 3,970.95

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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