



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

**Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano**

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

### **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:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** 72

**Second:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

### **Parishioner Prayers for:**

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

## **ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...**

### **January**

- 1** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, Holy Mass at 1 pm
- 4** Family Dinner following our 5 pm Mass
- 5** No Mass
- 9** Adoration and Benediction – 6 pm
- 26** Pancake Breakfast following our 8 am Mass

### **Mass Intentions**

**Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>:** Repose of the Soul of Bob and Trish Harpring. Requested by Chuck and Carmen Morel.

**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>:** Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney. Requested by Maureen Chesney

### **Announcements:**

“**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.

**Thank you** to all volunteers and children who helped decorate the church and set up the creche outside for Christmas! Your generosity with your time is greatly appreciated! God Bless and Happy New Year!

**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.

## January Birthdays

Isaac Cochran	5
Callahan Cochran	5
Stella Nagy	6
Jim Clarke	7
Eric Baron	9
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Colleen Coleman	19
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31

## Collections Report FY 2024-25

<b>November</b>		<b>Fiscal Year to Date</b>
Weekly totals	\$ 4,729.00	\$ 28,281.60
E- giving	\$ 3,270.00	\$ 4,856.00
Parish Partnership	\$ 198.00	
Military Services	\$ 161.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 29,166.65
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 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:** 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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