



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 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: Malachi 3:1-4

Second: Hebrews 2:14-18

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Parishioner Prayers for:

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

ST. FRANCIS NEWS AND NOTES...

February

- 1 Family Dinner
- 2 No Mass
- 5 Adoration and Benediction after 1 pm Mass
- 13 Adoration and Benediction – 6 pm
- 14 Spaghetti Dinner 11am – 7 pm
- 15 Wine and Cheese after 5 pm Mass
- 23 Pancake Breakfast after 8 am Mass

Mass Intentions

Sunday February 23rd: Repose of the Soul of Bill Chesney. Requested by Maureen Chesney

Announcements:

Poinsettias: The poinsettias on the side board and floor in the vestibule can be taken home by anyone who would like one!

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!

Spaghetti Dinner! Mark your calendar! Spaghetti Dinner Time is almost here! The dinner will take place on Friday, February 14, 2025. 11 AM until 7 PM. Volunteer sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. We need help for food preparation, cooking, servings, take-out order packing and of course, clean up. Another sign-up sheet is available for donations of homemade desserts.

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

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

Collections Report FY 2024-25

December		Fiscal Year to Date
Weekly totals	\$ 4,086.00	\$ 33,424.71
E- giving	\$ 4,354.00	\$ 9,210.63
Immaculate Conception	\$ 227.01	
Christmas	\$2198.00	
Parish Partnership	\$ 193.00	
Catholic Relief Serv.	\$ 118.00	
Annual Budget		\$ 70,000.00
YTD Budget		\$ 34,999.98
YTD Surplus/(Shortfall)		\$ 7,634.73

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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