

**November 22, 2020**  
***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***  
**THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

*Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping community, dedicated to ministering to our members and to the greater community in the image given to us by Jesus. This ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.*



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**Parish Council President – Gary Woodruff – 248-1776**

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**Director of Religious Education – Carol Pisula 539-1632**

**Men's Club – Gregory Solomon**

**Rosary Society – Cecilia Neiderer**

*ALL ARE REMINDED TO DRESS WITH REVERENCE AND RESPECT AS THEY COME TO LITURGY ALL YEAR LONG*

**Baptism** – Parents are expected to be registered members of the Parish and to attend a class for new parents in preparation for the Baptism of their child. It is encouraged that this be done prior to the birth of the child. Please call the Rectory to make early arrangements.

**Reconciliation** – The Sacrament of God's merciful love and compassion is celebrated Tues at 5:45 PM and Sat 3:15 PM at St. Francis of Assisi. Communal Penance Services - Advent and Lent.

**Anointing of the Sick Communal Celebration** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent.

**Marriage** in accordance with Diocesan directives, arrangements must be made at least 9 months before the marriage date. All couples are required to attend Diocesan sponsored Pre-Cana sessions and to participate in the FOCCUS inventory. Call the Rectory for information and schedules.

**Christian Initiation (RCIA)** – Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who are interested in learning more about their Catholic Faith, may call the Parish office for more information.

**Parish Membership** – We are always happy to welcome new parishioners. You may register at the Parish Office. Registration, the practice of stewardship (the regular use of envelopes) and regular participation in the Eucharist indicates active membership and eligibility to act as a Godparent or Sponsor. Your stewardship of time, treasure and talent is essential for the common good and provides a stable income for the Parish, enabling us to prepare a budget.

**Ministry to the Sick - If** you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or Holy Eucharist please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

**First Friday** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30AM – 5:30PM.

**Rosary Society** – First Monday of the Month – 6:00PM in the Church

**Men's Club** – First Thursday of the Month – 7:00PM in the Activity Center

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Thomas Pavic for his years of service and dedication to St. Francis of Assisi Parish as our Maintenance person. May God Bless you in your retirement!

**PARISH OFFICE** will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 25 and will reopen on Monday, November 30. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**THANKSGIVING DAY** Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM. The usual distribution of fruit will take place, however, the pieces of fruit will be individually wrapped as a safety precaution.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4** is the First Friday of the month. Adoration will begin after the 9:00AM Mass and continue until 5:30PM. Signup sheets are in the Main Vestibule. There should be at least two adorers present for each time slot. (This is also a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament – adorers adore and protect).

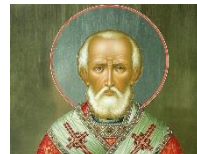
**MEN'S CLUB** will meet on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00PM at the Activity Center. New members are always welcome.

**ROSARY SOCIETY** will meet on **Monday, December 14** at 6:00PM. Please join us for Rosary, Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please note the date change due to the Holy Day.**

**MISSALETTES 2020-2021** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29, 2020) – The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has truly upset the apple cart in so many ways! Since at the present time we are not allowed to put Missalettes or hymnals in the Church, the Parish Council suggested that the new Missalettes be made available to parishioners for a donation of \$5.00 and the green covers for \$1.00. If you are interested in obtaining 1 or several (1 per member of a family or household) Missalettes, **please contact the Parish Office (M-Thurs 9AM-3PM) to place your request.** The weekend of Nov. 21-22 the Missalettes will be available before and after all Masses in the MAIN VESTIBULE ONLY. In the past 6 offertory envelopes were designated for Missalette donations. This year there will be only 2 envelopes available for those who did not acquire a Missalette or for those who did acquire a Missalette(s) but still would like to make a donation. **PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (November 29) music sheets will no longer be provided.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021** are now available for pick up at the rear of the Church. Please – if you know of someone who is unable to pick up their envelopes and you can do so for them – do not hesitate to help by delivering the envelopes to them. Thank you!

**GRAB N' GO CHRISTMAS BAG** – Due to the COVID-19 situation and the limitations to host a Children's Christmas Party this year – we will have available a Grab n' Go Treat bag for the children of the parish up to age 12. In order for us to prepare please use the signup sheet in the Main vestibule. Bags will be distributed the weekend of December 5 & 6 (December 6 is the Feast of St. Nicholas) in the vestibule. **DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.**



**SANCTUARY CANDLE** will burn this week for +Albert & Elizabeth Dadey and +Stephen J. & Delores Prebehalla by Sue Ellen & Jim Dadey.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEK:** Adults - \$2,631.27; Children - \$8.00; Loose - \$113.00; Monthly - \$190.00; Thanksgiving - \$5.00; Candles - \$33.00; St. Vincent de Paul - \$15.00; Priest Medical - \$20.00; Catholic Charities - \$35.00; Missalettes - \$5.00; Cemetery - \$30.00; Catholic University - \$20.00; Mission - \$20.00. Total Collection - \$3,125.27.

We have a maintenance person. Thanks be to God! We have a snow removal person. Thanks be to God!

**GIVING TREES** are now located at the rear of the Church. We encourage each of you to consider taking an ornament from one (or all) of the trees. The first tree contains names of children submitted by the Cambria City Mission. Gifts should be wrapped with the ornament attached and returned to the Church or Parish Office no later than Sunday, December 13, 2020.

The ornaments on the second tree are for Giant Eagle gift cards that will be distributed to those who need to purchase food items for the holiday season. The gift cards should be placed in the collection basket (please do not place them under the tree!) or brought to the Parish Office.

The Gabriel Project Tree has tags with suggestions for gifts for the babies and families being served by the Gabriel Project. Gifts should be returned no later than Sunday, December 13, 2020.

**THANK YOU** to St. Francis Men's Club for your donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. The kitchen's clients have doubled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also a big thank you to your members for individual donations. It is deeply appreciated. *St. Francis Parish Council*

*Background on the Gospel Reading*

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with His Disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the Final Judgment. We hear this description of the Final Judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to His Disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before Him, and He will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones – the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, Who suffered on the Cross, identifies Himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ Himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the Cross, Jesus shows Himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept Him Who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

*Stewardship Reflection...* When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who feed the hungry, nourish the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visits and cares for the ill and imprisoned. By sharing our gifts through the practice of good stewardship, Jesus tells us that we will receive God's blessing.

You will find a glimpse of the Kingdom whenever you use God-given resources to help the lost, strayed, injured and sick. What are you planning to do this Advent as we look to the beginning of a new Church year? Think about what you and your family can do to serve the needs of "*the least of God's children.*"

*Families and the Gospel...* Matthew 25:31-46 – Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams; Rose Blaschak, Odessa Bobak, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Jean Drop, Verne Esposito, LeAnn Golby, Caleb Herdman, Alicia Junghans, Kathryn Legat, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Margaret Murray, Carl Pavlosky, Cecilia Pribish, Rowen Ream, Kathy Reddy, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, James Schuster, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobczyk, Leona Sutt, Agnes Swarney, Jeanne Toth, Sheila Weppner, Rebecca Woodruff.

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**SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS**

**May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.**

**Ensign Adam Guarino**, USCG; **Master at Arms 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Izeke W. Pinkas**, Fallon, NV; **Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins**, US Army; **Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Rambish**, US Navy, Coronado Naval Base, San Diego; Major **Melinda Rován Corallo**, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV; **HMC David Bakos**, US Navy; **PFC Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor**, USMC; **Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Zack Taylor**, US Army; **Trista L. Urban**, PFC, Army National Guard; **Jared N. Dull**, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; **Stefanie Kollar**, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; **Fr. Don Fullerton**, USS Enterprise, **Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath**, **Captain Aaron Donahey**, US Army, South Korea; **Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Heather L. Dovala**, Great Lakes, IL.; **Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik**, Army National Guard; **LCDR Kara Yingling**, San Diego; **LCDR Shannon Yingling**; **S/SSgt Devon Gilbert**, Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa; **Senior Airman Daniel Christner**, USAF, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; **Lt. Col Steven Thomas**,

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**A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY:** Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, Who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in Your Holy Church. Teach them that to serve You is to reign: to possess You is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our young people the fire of zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread Your Kingdom on earth. Grant them courage to follow You, Who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

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