

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Rob Adams, STL

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf

MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

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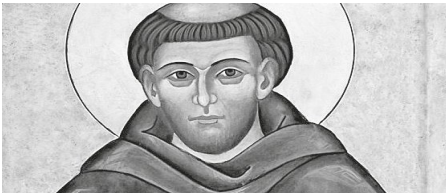
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THE HOLY FAMILY

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." - Mt 2:14



Sunday Offertory

12-14-2025.....\$3,693
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$693
 YTD Offertory.....\$78,380
 Budget.....\$69,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$9,380
 Food Pantry\$25



SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14
COLOSSIANS 3:12-21
MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

Family life is rooted in the
 unconditional love of God as witnessed
 by the Holy Family.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 923

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone,

I'm writing this a bit early, so I don't have a ton to say, but today is the feast of the Holy Family. I think we haven't focused enough on the importance of the family. The Church (and Natural Law!) have always said that the family is the bedrock of society. In our society, the family is the brunt of every joke and mockery. It is our duty as Christians to speak up!

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 27	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Celine Din
Sunday, December 28	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, December 29	No Mass	
Tuesday, December 30	Noon Mass	+Kenny Blackburn
Wednesday, December 31	7:00 pm Vigil Mass McNamee	+Mary Anne
Thursday, January 1	Noon Mass - (Holy Day) 7:00 pm (Holy Day)	+Sidney Tackett For the People
Friday, January 2	Noon Mass	+Cristeta Villostas
Saturday, January 3	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Robert So
Sunday, January 4	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Dr. Max Tan

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY - 12/28/2025

Lector - Sidney Cline

Lector Fill in Only - Paylin Meade

Gift Bearer Server - Bob & Annice Lee Welch

Coffee & Donuts - Zach & Jonnica Bryson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Frank Dawahare

LAY MINISTRY - 01/04/2026

Lector - Steve Mischenski

Lector Fill in Only - Fadi Abdallah

Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsey Elliott

Coffee & Donuts - Joseph & Pia Mata

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Pia Mata

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.— Father John Muir ©LPi

THEOLOGY ON TAP - The first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Bank 253.

ROSARY - The first Saturday of each month at noon.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen. ©LPi

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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Pray For...

Skylar Coleman and her unborn baby,
Kallum

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon
cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Dana Cantrell, Anna Gomez's friend and
co-worker

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives
\$3.00 and small votives \$0.50