

JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Fr. Jacob Zulu

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

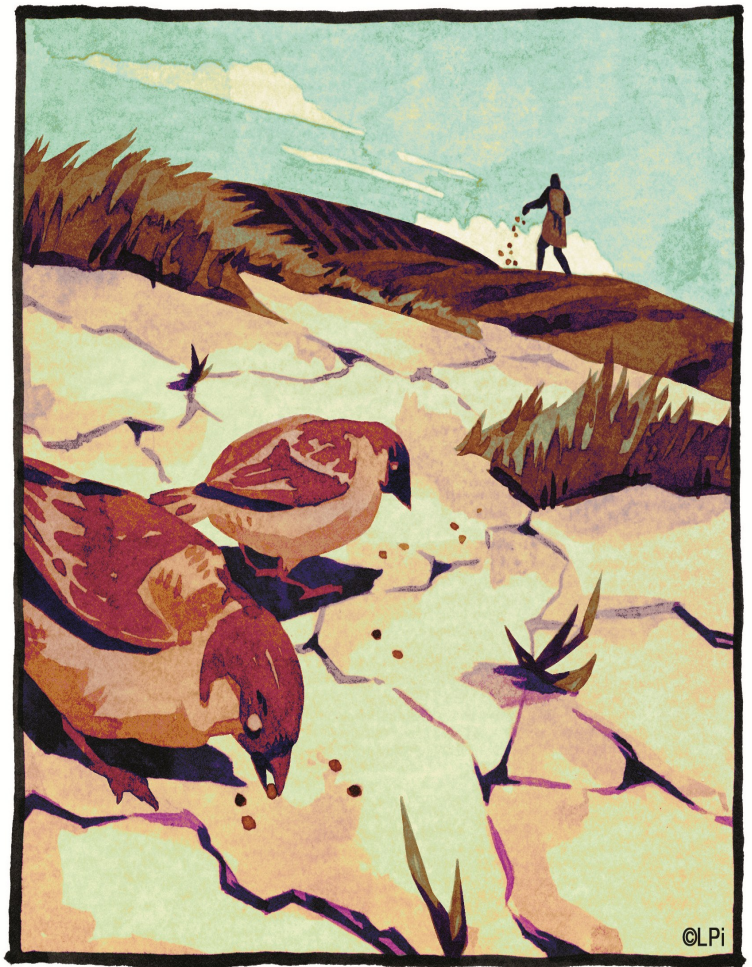
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ROSARY

First Saturday of each month at noon.

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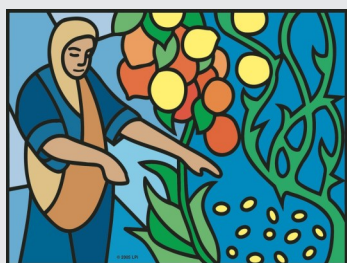




Sunday Offertory

07/05/2026.....\$4,026
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$1,026
 YTD Offertory..... \$4,026
 Budget..... \$3,000
Surplus/Deficit..... \$1,026

Food Pantry\$



ISAIAH 55:10-11
ROMANS 8:18-23
MATTHEW 13:1-23

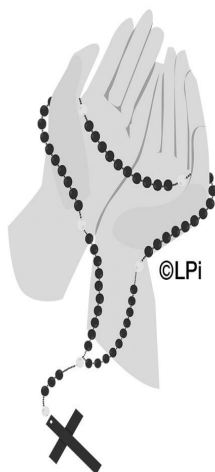
“The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest”. May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 1021

From the Pastor's Desk....

Good morning,

Please continue to keep Fr. Jacob in your prayers, asking for his safe and swift return to the United States.



WEEKLY READINGS - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of July 12, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1
 Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 11	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Nanette Schmidt
Sunday, July 12	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, July 13	No Noon Mass	
Tuesday, July 14	No Noon Mass	
Wednesday, July 15	No Noon Mass	
Thursday, July 16	No Noon Mass	
Friday, July 17	No Noon Mass	
Saturday, July 18	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, July 19	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JULY

07/12/2026

Lector - Mary Jo Ratliff

Lector Fill in Only - Benjamin Cline

Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott

Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Denny Rohrer

07/19/2026

Lector - Steve Misczenski

Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey

Gift Bearer Server - Cherry & Mariano Rivera

Coffee & Donuts - Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Frank Dawahare

07/26/2026

Lector - Fadi AlAkhrass

Lector Fill in Only - MaShawna Jacobs

Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata

Coffee & Donuts - Todd & Sandra May

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Joseph Mata

Please email rgriffith@cdlex.org, call 606-437-6117, or text Becky at 606-213-4892 if you know in advance that you will be unable to serve at Mass on your assigned dates. Please note that the bulletin is submitted each Tuesday at 3:30 pm.

Thank you, each and every one of you, for your faithful service to our parish!

CATECHISM CLASS – We will soon begin a catechism class for Kindergarten and up. Registration forms for students, volunteers, and teachers will be available on the bookshelf in the narthex. Please complete and return the appropriate form so we can determine how many catechism books to order.

The more teachers and volunteers we have, the better we can divide students into age-appropriate groups. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Sheilla Misczenski at (606) 616-8408.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE –

LADIES BIBLE CLASS - The next women's bible study class will begin **September 2 at 6:00 pm**. We will be studying *Touching the Divine* by Lisa Brenninkmeyer. This will be our third study written by Lisa, and we are excited to continue learning about Jesus together.

Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. "The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed "understand the Word." Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen. — Father John Muir ©LPi

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for Abundant Growth

Dear God,

Bless our efforts in Your Name.
Help us to understand Your will.
Allow us to follow the invitation You have provided.
We want to be rich soil — help us respond deeply and abundantly to every place You call.
Amen. ©LPi



Kallum Coleman, infant son of Skylar and Evan Coleman

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

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

+Ada DePoy

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation:

Large votives \$3.00

Small votives \$0.50