

# ***SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH***



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## **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.

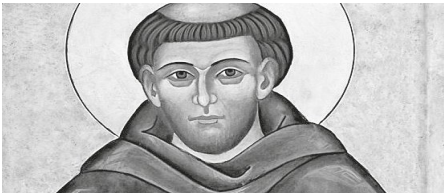
## **MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE**

Please call the office for an appointment.



**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

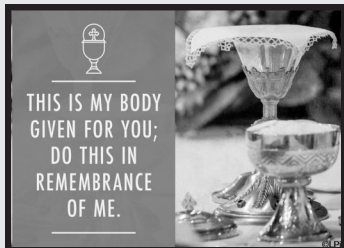
**"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58**



## From the Pastor's Desk....

### Sunday Offertory

05-31-2026.....\$3,063  
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$63  
 YTD Offertory.....\$176,426  
 Budget.....\$141,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$35,426  
 Food Pantry .....\$



**DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3, 14B-16A**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17**  
**JOHN 6:51-58**

The cup we share, is it not the blood of Christ? And the bread we break, is it not his body? Just as God fed the Israelites with manna from heaven, so too do we feed on the best of wheat, the bread of angels food for the pilgrim journey.

Readings may be found in  
 the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 976

Hi everyone,

This week we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Jesus). This is one of the two “dogma” feasts of the Church, where we celebrate a central part of our beliefs on a Sunday. This Sunday, we remember the Catholic belief that the bread and the wine at Mass are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. For us Catholics, Communion is very different from the way that other Christians understand it. We should be proud of our belief because it is rooted in Scripture and in history.

John 6 is very clear that the bread that Jesus will give is his body and blood. He also says “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life in you”. In 1 Corinthians, St. Paul says that those who receive Communion unworthily are “guilty of the body and blood of the Lord”.

It is also important to remember that all the early Fathers of the Church (disciples of the apostles) taught that the bread and the wine are transformed into Jesus’ Body and Blood. St. Justin Martyr (150 AD) said that Christians do not regard Communion as ordinary food, but as the flesh of Christ the Savior. St. Ignatius of Antioch (a disciple of John the Evangelist) taught that communion was no mere symbol. Finally, we should note that no Christian believed that the bread and wine were mere symbols of Jesus’ Body and Blood until the 1500’s.

Fr. Rob

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

#### *Readings for the week of June 7, 2026*

**Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58  
**Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26  
**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

**Next Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36-10:8 ©LPi

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, June 6	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Jun Jun Operario
Sunday, June 7	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, June 8	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, June 9	<b>No Mass/No Adoration 6:00 pm</b>	
Wednesday, June 10	Noon Mass	+Kenny Blackburn
Thursday, June 11	Noon Mass	+Belle Ernst
Friday, June 12	Noon Mass	+Peggy Anderson
Saturday, June 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Gianna Maria Dickson
Sunday, June 14	10:30 am Mass	For the People

## Parish Calendar & Announcements

**FR. ROB'S CELEBRATION** – Please join us today, Sunday, June 7, after the 10:30 Mass as we come together in gratitude and love to celebrate Fr. Rob and the many ways he has blessed our parish.

### LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

06/07/2026

**Lector** - Frank Dawahare

**Lector Fill in Only** - MaShawna Jacobs

**Gift Bearer Server** - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott

**Coffee & Donuts** - Todd & Sandra May

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion** - Joseph Mata

06/14/2026

**Lector** - Jerry Kanney

**Lector Fill in Only** - Benjamin Cline

**Gift Bearer Server** - Joseph & Pia Mata

**Coffee & Donuts** - Zach & Jonnica Bryson

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion** - MaShawna Jacobs

06/21/2026

**Lector** - Joe Collins

**Lector Fill in Only** - Mary Jo Ratliff

**Gift Bearer Server** - Todd & Sandra May

**Coffee & Donuts** - Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion** - Pia Mata

06/28/2026

**Lector** - Joseph Mata

**Lector Fill in Only** - Isabella Ramsey

**Gift Bearer Server** - MaShawna Jacobs

**Coffee & Donuts** - Joseph & Pia Mata

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy**

**Communion** - Sidney Cline

### PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

#### *Corpus Christi Prayer*

O Precious Jesus, The gift of your Body and Blood, shared with us, is unfathomable.

Like manna that satiated our hunger, fill us where we lack.

Like the bread given to Elijah in the desert, sustain us.

Grace us with a glimpse into your love for us, now and forever, present in the Eucharist. Amen. ©LPi

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*John 6:51-58*

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, “Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?” Later, another asked, “Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?” Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today’s Gospel, Jesus declares: “My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.” (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus’ words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it “bread” or “wine.” Nor do we say, “a piece of Jesus” or even “Jesus.” We say: the Eucharist. We say: the Body and Blood of Christ. We say: the Real Presence. We say: the Most Blessed Sacrament. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire. — Father John Muir ©LPi

**ROSARY** - Join us the first Saturday of each month for the Rosary at noon.



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

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

+Ada DePoy

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

#### **VOTIVE CANDLES:**

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