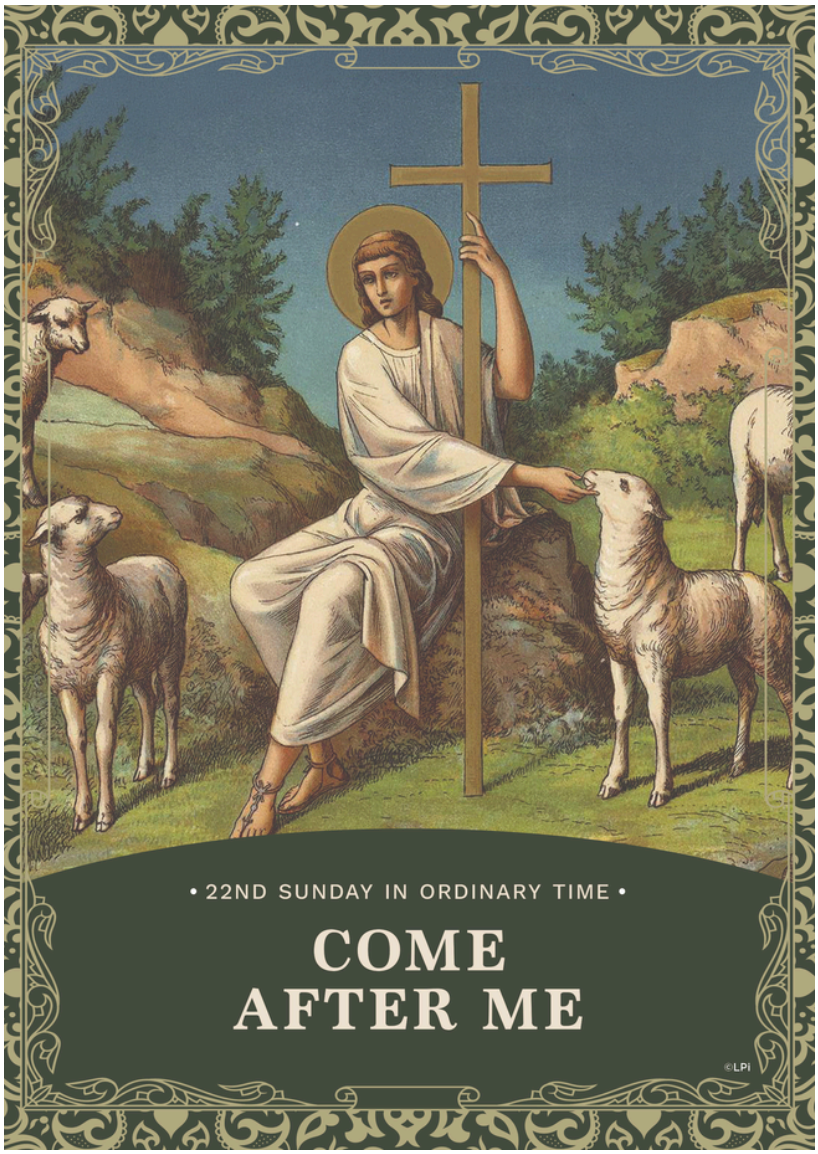
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 30, 2026 **TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS - 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, MASS - 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS
TUESDAY - FRIDAY
NOON MASS
UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

ROSARY
FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON.

ADORATION
TUESDAY - 6:00 PM
UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY: 4:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

PARISH OFFICE STAFF
Administrator: Fr. Jacob Zulu
Deacon: Joe Jacobs
Adm Assistant: Becky Griffith
Custodian: Lisa Scalf

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 3:30 pm

02 WELCOME!

STEWARDSHIP

8/23/2026	
OFFERING	$2,941
WEEKLY BUDGET	$3,000
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	$59
YTD OFFERTORY	$23,952
BUDGET	$24,000
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	$48
FOOD PANTRY	

JEREMIAH 20:7-9
ROMANS 12:1-2
MATTHEW 16:21-27

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross: offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.

READINGS FOR TODAY MAY BE FOUND IN THE SAINT AUGUSTINE HYMNAL NUMBER 1042

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Hi everyone,

Please continue to keep Fr. Prakash in prayer as he pastors St. George (Jenkins) and St. Francis (Pikeville), and pray for Fr. Jacob as he prepares to return to the United States smoothly.

Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Charles Cokley
Sunday, August 30	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, August 31	**NO MASS**	
Tuesday, September 1	Adoration/Benediction 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
Wednesday, September 2	Noon Mass	For the People
Thursday, September 3	**NO MASS**	
Friday, September 4	**NO MASS**	
Saturday, September 5	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Nanette and Covie Schmidt
Sunday, September 6	10:30 am Mass	For the People

03 PARISH CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

08/30/2026

Lector - Sidney Cline
Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff
Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata
Coffee & Donuts - Fadi & Lina AlAkhrass
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Denny Rohrer

09/06/2026
Lector - Steve Misczenski
Lector Fill in Only - Benjamin Cline
Gift Bearer Server - MaShawna Jacobs
Coffee & Donuts - Todd & Sandra May
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Frank Dawahare

09/13/2026
Lector - Fadi AlAkhrass
Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey
Gift Bearer Server - Todd & Sandra May
Coffee & Donuts - Zach & Jonnica Bryson
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Joseph Mata

09/20/2026
Lector - Frank Dawahare
Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff
Gift Bearer Server - Bob & Annice Welch
Coffee & Donuts - Cherry & Mariano Rivera
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - MaShawna Jacobs

09/27/2026
Lector - Jerry Kanney
Lector Fill in Only - MaShawna Jacobs
Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott
Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Pia 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 for print each Tuesday by 3:30 pm.

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

BIBLE STUDY - All are invited to join us for a new Bible study beginning September 9 at 7:00 PM. We will be studying The Lamb's Supper, and we welcome anyone who wishes to grow deeper in faith and fellowship. For more information, please contact Frank Dawahare (tfdawa@outlook.com, text 606-727-5480) or Sidney Cline (sidney.cline@gmail.com, text 606-424-8118).

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear. — Father John Muir ©LPi

CATECHISM CLASS - We will have a family meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 pm to discuss the need for catechism classes. If you are unable to attend, please call or text Sheila Misczenski at (606) 616-8408. Classes will begin Sunday, September 6 before Mass at 9:15 AM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS - Ladies, the date is almost here! Our first class will be September 2 at 6:00 PM. We will gather, spend a few minutes catching up with one another, and then begin our lesson. Everyone will also have the opportunity to choose the date they would like to lead the class or bring a snack. I am excited to get started!

PRAY FOR....

Charlotte Misczenski

Selma Owens, Frank Dawahare's sister

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 Vansant, Lisa Scalf's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffery 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 $3.00
Small $0.50