

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.

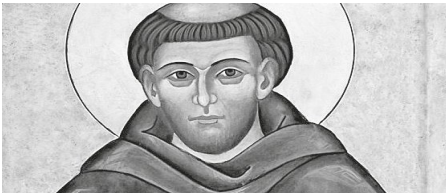
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43



Sunday Offertory

11-16-2025.....\$3,466
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$466

YTD
 Offertory.....\$65,244
 Budget.....\$57,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$8,244
 Food Pantry\$25



2 SAMUEL 5:1-3
 COLOSSIANS 1:12-20
 LUKE 23:35-43

In Hebron, David is hailed as king by all the tribes of Israel,. Jesus is anointed king on the wood of his cross, a sign of paradox, of defeat yet final victory. Through his cross we have passed from darkness into the kingdom of light.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 1080

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone!

I am writing this a few days ahead of time due to early submission deadlines, so I don't have a lot of announcements!

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast is really challenging because it reminds us that Jesus, really is the king. Think about what this means. When someone says "I am the President of the United States", that is a claim that is demonstrably true or false. That person either is what they claim to be or they are not. I cannot mean that someone can be our private president or that we can take it or leave it, depending on our preference. If we believe that Jesus Christ is king, then that is a bold statement. Either Jesus really is the ruler of this world or he isn't. It cannot mean that he is king for us, or that his reign is just something private in our hearts. Take some time to reflect on that and what it means for the way we live as people and as a Church!

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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| Saturday, November 22 | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | +Peggy Anderson |
| Sunday, November 23 | 10:30 am Mass | For the People |
| Monday, November 24 | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday, November 25 | Noon Mass | +Charles Kirk |
| Wednesday, November 26 | Noon Mass | +Link Jo Sowards |
| Thursday, November 27 | NO MASS | |
| Friday, November 28 | NO MASS | |
| Saturday, November 29 | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | +Howard Walls |
| Sunday, November 30 | 10:30 am Mass | For the People |

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LECTOR ROTATION: Below are the names and dates of the lector rotation:

11/23 Joseph Mata
11/30 David Hicks

If you **cannot** make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118.

ROSARY - The first Saturday of each month at noon.

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

ADULT CHRISTMAS/WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE: Be on the lookout for a post from Sandra May on our Facebook page. A week out she will be making a post to see who plans to attend and the food items that you intends to bring. If you plan to participate in the gift exchange, the item shouldn't cost no more than \$10 - \$15.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Luke 23:35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word —

remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today. — Father John Muir ©LPI

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

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 ©LPI



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

Tim Deskins

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Catherine Segraves, Andrea Anderson's aunt

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

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