

OCTOBER 19, 2025

TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# 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

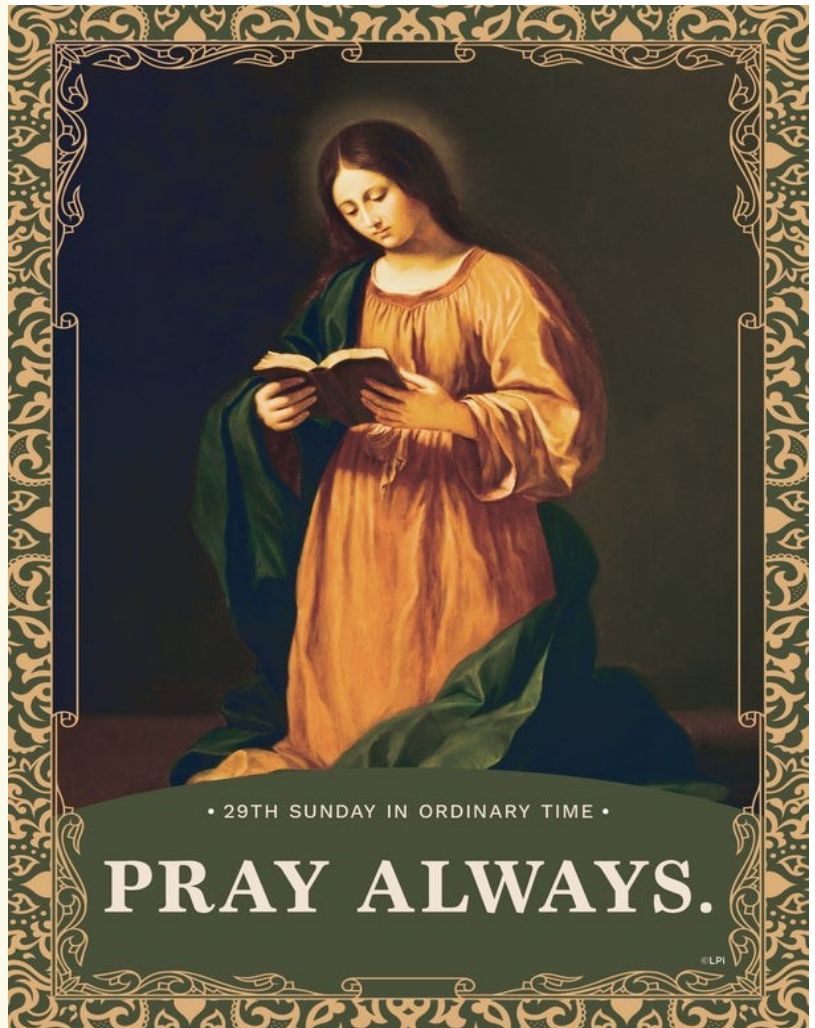
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

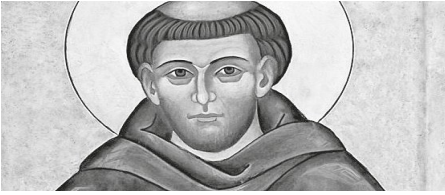
## BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

## MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.





### Sunday Offertory

10-12-2025.....\$3,006  
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$6

YTD  
 Offertory.....\$47,989  
 Budget.....\$42,000  
**Surplus/Deficit**.....\$5,989

Food Pantry .....\$25



EXODUS 17:8-13  
 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2  
 LUKE 18:1-8

Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer, we experience God's love and assistance. Our Christian life is nourished by the scriptures we read and by our received tradition.

Readings may be found in  
 the Saint Augustine  
 Hymnal Number 1065

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

Hi everyone!

As you can see from the Mass schedule for next week, I will not be around very much due to the Priest Assembly at St. Meinrad. We will have daily Mass on Friday, though!

Our readings this weekend focus on the theme of perseverance in faith and prayer. I am not an optimist by disposition. As a result, I find it tough to think that things will get better just by waiting. But I also like to remember that God can work unexpectedly in wonderful ways. JRR Tolkein coined a word to describe this. He called it a "eucatastrophe" which means a crazy, unexpected good thing that changes everything, I think Jesus is calling us to think that this is possible. If we stay faithful, God can bring about great things.

Fr. Rob

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, October 18	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Robert So
Sunday, October 19	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Anne Sykes Hinkebein
Monday, October 20	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, October 21	<b>No Mass/No Adoration</b>	
Wednesday, October 22	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday, October 23	<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday, October 24	Noon Mass	+Fredrick Ewer
Saturday, October 25	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Ralph Santiago
Sunday, October 26	10:30 am Mass	For the People

## Parish Calendar & Announcements

**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.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Luke 18:1-8

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done. — Father John Muir ©LPi

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

#### Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

### PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

#### Prayer for Life of Mission

Dear God,

You are the one who finds a way in the darkness, and clears the path for those You love. Help us to trust in Your call, and to answer generously to the unknowns we face, knowing You will never leave us alone. Amen. ©LPi



*Pray For...*

Patty Craig, Linda Cokley's sister

Theresa Curry, Linda Cokley's sister

John Baird

Ray Buchanan

Catherine Segraves, Andrea Anderson's aunt

Dr. William C. Ratliff, Stroke

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

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

#### VOTIVE CANDLES:

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