

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

• TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Rob Adams

Deacon: Dcn. Joe Jacobs

Administrative Assistant: Becky Griffith

Custodian: Lisa Scalf



"WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."

- MK 8:34

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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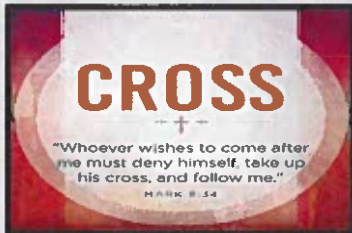


From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

9-05-2021.....	\$2,645
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....	\$55
YTD Offertory.....	\$27,737
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Surplus/Deficit.....	\$737
9-05-2021 Building Fund.....	\$405

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe **\$68,941** on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Isaiah 50:5-9a
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Isaiah would suffer and call upon the Lord for help. Jesus speaks of his own suffering and death and of the demands of discipleship. What use is faith, to confess that Jesus is the Christ without works of love?

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1049

Hi everyone!

I wanted to remind everyone that the Diocesan Annual Appeal has started for 2021. It's hard to believe that it's that time again! I've posted the diocese's video on the St. Francis website, and you can make a contribution online. Please be generous!

Fr. Rob

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a Eucharistic family of Catholic Christians. Nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation. Following the spirit of the Gospel, St. Francis parish provides continuous religious education and spiritual growth for all parishioners, varied opportunities for social enrichment, and support for the needs of families in Pike County, our nation and the world.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, September 11	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Tedric Evangelista
Sunday, September 12	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, September 13	No Mass	
Tuesday, September 14	Noon Mass	+Tedric Evangelista
Wednesday, September	Noon Mass	+Matthies Family
Thursday, September 16	Noon Mass	For the Healing of Nanette Schmidt
Friday, September 17	Noon Mass @ St. George Church	
Saturday, September 18	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Ed Love
Sunday, September 19	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements



INSTALLATION: Fr. Rob was officially installed as pastor Sunday, September 5, 2021, by Bishop John Stowe. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and celebrating.

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POOR BOX: During the month of August, we collected \$245 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands. Thank you for your continued support!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER - An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle - We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them. ©LPi



GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING

God of our ancestors,
we thank you for our children
and our children's children.
They are reminders from you about how
precious life can be.
We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we
take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.
Those of us who now pray to you
also seek your blessing upon these men and
women who are our grandparents or who act in
place of grandparents.
Bless all the children and their parents and
grandparents with your abundant grace. We
ask all this through the intercession of Saints
Joachim and Anne,
parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
patron saints of grandparents,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST



Tim Deskins, cancer

Nanette Schmidt, cancer

Tina Dawahare Fields, cousin of Frank Dawahare, cancer

Nancy Goss

Vanessa and Rick Jarvis, covid

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Bryce Wolfe, friend of Lisa Scalf

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Steve McCoy, stroke, Lisa Scalf's Cousin

Ron Saros

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

Peggy Brown, Jennifer Brown Day's grandmother

VOTIVE CANDLES:

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

Faith or Works?

Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law.

Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Which works of mercy does your faith inspire?
- ★ How are these works fortified by faith?

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

JAMES 2:18

Dear Padre,

I'm having trouble finding a good place to pray. I can't get to church every day. I have a noisy household, and I can't pray at work. Any ideas?

The best place to pray is in solitude. But solitude in this case doesn't mean an isolated place; it is, rather, a state of the heart. Many Christians can enter into a state of solitude on a crowded train. I've talked with others



who find solitude while sitting on a bench in a crowded shopping mall.

However, to cultivate this interior state that opens a Christian to heartfelt conversation with God, many of us need to physically shut out distractions. As Jesus advised, go into your room—your secret place—close the door, and pray there. For some people, this “secret place” is a church or chapel. Many people pray before

or after Mass. Some churches have a special oratory or chapel for the Blessed Sacrament.

But like you, many people find it difficult to go to a church or chapel every day, so some of them devote a special corner of their home to prayer. This prayer corner usually has a Bible, a crucifix, a statue, a sacred picture, a candle, or a plant.

We can find solitude in the car, in a favorite nature spot, in the garden, or on a morning jog. Once you start looking for it, solitude isn't as difficult to find as you'd expect because God is present in every place and in every moment—so wherever we can find solitude, he will be there.

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

HOMILY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14–16
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12–16
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c–12
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:13–16
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 19
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37

