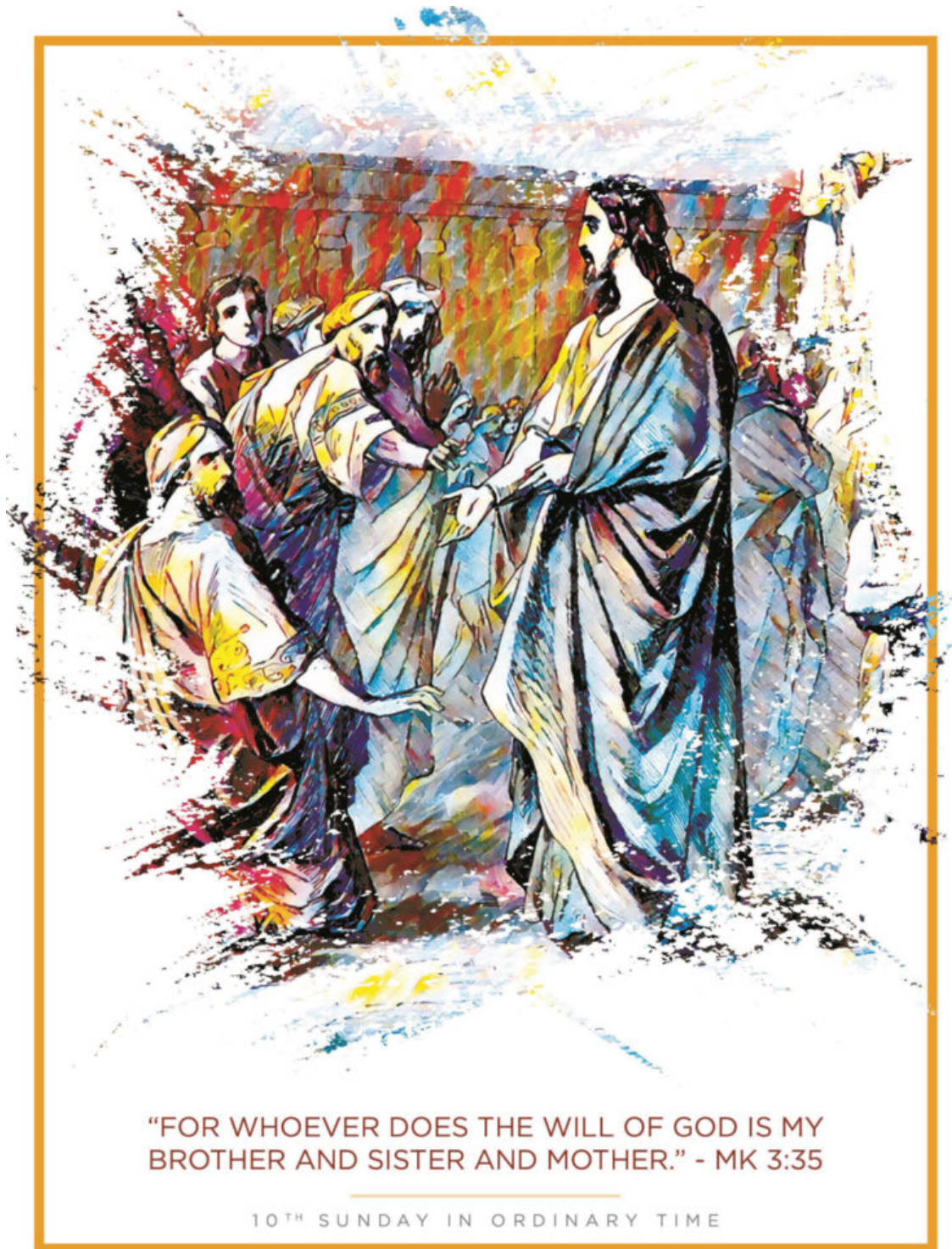


# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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## ***Parish Mission Statement***

St. Francis of Assisi is a welcoming, friendly and culturally diverse Catholic faith community, celebrating and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. & 12:00 P.M.

# Daily Mass & Facility Schedule

## Monday, June 10, 2024

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12  
9:00 AM Manolo Almazar  
(Almazar & Petalcorin Families)

9:30-10:30 AM Adoration—Church

## Tuesday, June 11, 2024

### St. Barnabas

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Mt 5:13-16

9:00 AM Manolo Almazar  
(Almazar & Petalcorin Families)

9:30-10:30 AM Adoration—Church

## Wednesday, June 12, 2024

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/  
Mt 5:17-19

9:00 AM Grace & Bill O'Rourke (Joniak Family)

9:30-10:30 AM Adoration—Church

6:00 PM Music Ministry—Church

6:00 PM Commission/Parish Council Year End

Dinner—Home Runn Inn Pizza

7:00 PM Legion of Mary—Grade 5

## Thursday, June 13, 2024

### St. Anthony of Padua

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

9:00 AM Ericksen-Oomens Families  
(Melodie Ericksen)

9:30-10:30 AM Adoration—Church

6:00 PM Music Ministry Rehearsal—Church

6:30 PM Strategic Planning Meeting—SFR

7:00 PM SVDP—Grade 5

## Friday, June 14, 2024

### Flag Day

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/  
Mt 5:27-32

9:00 AM Special Intention

9:30-10:30 AM Adoration—Church

9:30 AM Scripture Study—Grade 6

6:00 PM Guadalupano Group—Grade 6

## Saturday, June 15, 2024

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37  
9:00 AM Special Intention

5:00 PM Greg Zona (Kevin & Barbara Gibbons)  
Carlos Torres (Torres Family)  
Bob Chamberlain (Jo Ann Chamberlain)  
George VerSchave (June VerSchave)

9:30-10:30 AM Adoration

8:00-1:00 PM KC Blood Drive—SFR

## Sunday, June 16, 2024

### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/  
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

8:00 AM Parishioners

10:00 AM Francisco Manas (Teresita Manas)  
Deacon Mike McGuire  
(KC Council #11092)  
Josef Korta (Korta Family)

12:00 PM Deceased Members of Dizon & Rehor  
Families (Tim Rehor & Family)  
Cleo Armamento (Armamento Family)  
Andres Macias (Francesca Camacho)  
Mario Camacho (Francesca Camacho)  
Pedro Gomez (Gomez Family)

7:00-12:00 PM KC Pancake Breakfast—SFR



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### **BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

Bulletin Date	Deadline Date
June 23	June 12
June 30	June 19
<b>July 7</b>	<b>June 24</b>

## Welcome

If you are a visitor to St. Francis of Assisi we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish in the Diocese of Joliet. The priests and people of the parish extend a warm

## From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners:

June 9th would be the Feast of St. Ephrem, however Sunday takes precedence. Ephrem lived from 306—373. He was a deacon from Syria who is the only Syrian proclaimed as a Doctor of the Church. He would take the popular songs of heretical groups, and using their melodies, comprise beautiful hymns of orthodox doctrine.

Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song in public worship. He earned the title “Harp of the Holy Spirit.”

June 11th we remember St. Barnabas. He is closely associated with St. Paul. Paul and Barnabas were official representative to the Church in Antioch. The word Barnabas means “son of encouragement.” He encouraged others in the Faith.

June 11th we also remember Fr. William Howard Bishop. He lived from December 19, 1885 until June 11, 1953. In March of 1936, Fr. Bishop published a plan for a society of Catholic Home Missions to operate in rural sections where Catholics numbered as few as one tenth of one percent of the population. The following year he was invited by Archbishop John McNicholas of Cincinnati to found such a society. Within two years he acquired six students and a priest. In 1949 he started a theological seminary in Glendale, Ohio. The Glenmary Lay Brothers and Glenmary Home Mission Sisters organized by Fr. Bishop were also approved to work in rural areas where there was no Catholic presence or very small presence. Fr. Bishop said, “There was never a time when missionary activity was more needed in our beloved land than it is today.”

June 12, 1929 is the birthday of Anne Frank. The story of Anne Frank was recorded in her diary. For two years her family survived in a secret annex during the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam. It recorded her hopes and dreams. In her diary she wrote, “I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can’t build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness. I hear the every approaching thunder, which will destroy us too. I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again.” The date of her death is unknown. She died at the age of 15 of typhoid sometime in March, 1945 in a concentration camp.

June 13th is the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua (1195—1231). He joined the Augustinian Order. Later when the Franciscan Martyrs bodies went through the town where he was stationed, he decided to enter the Franciscan Order. After illness prevented him from preaching to the Moors, he was stationed at a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, recalling Scripture, and doing menial tasks. His call came when asked to preach at the last minute at an ordination. His sermon was outstanding, and from then on he attracted great crowds all over Italy. He

was recognized as a man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar. Anthony became the first to teach theology to the other Friars.

On June 14, 1941 the Soviets started to deport from Lithuania over 280,000 people to Siberian gulags after Soviet troops occupied Lithuania.

June 15th we remember St. Germaine Cousin (1579—1601). She was born near Toulouse, France. She lost her mother at an early age. She was raised by her father, who was a farmer, and a stepmother who despised the young girl with a paralyzed right arm and other maladies. She was kept from her stepbrothers and stepsisters. She was forced to live on leftover food and table scraps. She slept in a stable or under the stairs. She never learned to read or write. At an early age she was sent to tend the sheep. There she found comfort in talking to God in prayer. Young children gathered around her, drawn by her innate goodness. The sheep never strayed when she went off to daily Mass. Slowly word got around about her holiness. Her stepmother offered her a bed at home but she preferred her humble arrangements. She was found dead on her bed of straw. The people of the village knew a saint had lived among them. She was canonized in 1867.

June 15th we remember Venerable Thomas Choe Yang-eop (1821—1861). He was known as the “St. Paul of Korea” and a “martyr of sweat.” Fr. Thomas who was a native Korean, walked more than 1,500 miles each year ministering to the persecuted Christians scattered throughout the Joseon Kingdom, which is present day North and South Korea. He traveled by day and celebrated the Sacraments and had Mass in people houses at night. He fostered vocations, assisted other missionaries, and translated prayers and catechetical books into the Korean language. Fr. Thomas died June 15, 1861 of typhoid and exhaustion.

May 23, 2024, a second miracle through the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis was recognized. No date has been set for his canonization. From the age of 7 he tried to receive the Eucharist daily, and go to confession regularly. He also said the Rosary daily. He was into computers and devised a Eucharistic Miracles education exhibit. He died in 2006 at the age of 15. His body is incorrupt and is in Assisi.

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange was recently declared Venerable. She founded a free school for Black children since public schools would not accept Black children,. She also founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Pope Francis has asked us to pray for vocations. In Europe, in the space of ten years, they have lost 27,000 priests, 6,000 seminarians, and 80,000 sisters, according to 2023 figures. With the exception of Africa, all continents are experiencing a decline of the number of seminarians

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Herb

### Baptism Schedule:

June 16	<b>No Baptisms</b>
June 23 & 30	Open
July 7	Open

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sunday at 1:30pm. Please call Jo Ann at 630-759-7588 x108, to request a baptismal date. \*Infant” includes all children up to age 7.

If your child is older than 7, and has not been baptized, please contact Liz Wagner, DRE, 630-759-7588 x109.

### Adoration

Please join us for Adoration Monday—Saturday from 9:30—10:30am. Adoration is also available on First Friday evenings 7:00—8:00pm. First Saturday of the month devotions begins at 8:00am, followed by Mass at 9:00am and Eucharistic Adoration until 10:30am. *Reconciliation is available on First Friday at 7:00pm*

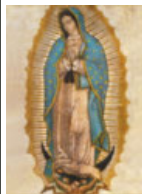
After the Saturday 5:00pm and the Sunday 8:00am Mass, join the Knights of Columbus as they lead the Pro-Life and Vocation Rosary by the Tabernacle.

The Legion of Mary warmly welcomes all to pray the Holy Rosary, Monday - Saturday 8:30am prior to the 9:00am Mass, and every Sunday immediately following the 10:00am Mass by the Tabernacle. Please join us as we pray for the conversion and salvation of all of us, the end of all forms of war and for the peace that only Jesus can give us, as requested by our Blessed Mother. Virtual daily rosary at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Siu8clv8ds4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Siu8clv8ds4)



The Legion of Mary meets on Wednesdays at 7:15pm in grade room 5. Please join us. For more information please call Gayle Moravec at 630-988-5985 or [gaylescats@comcast.net](mailto:gaylescats@comcast.net).

### Guadalupe Ministry



Please join the Guadalupe Ministry on the second Friday of the month as they pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church at 7:00pm. For more information or questions, please call Angelo Pastrana at 630-988-9665.

The **Sanctuary Presence Lamp**, that burns to let us know of Jesus' Presence in the Tabernacle, will be lit for the intentions of any parishioner or in memory of any of our deceased. The offering is \$10.00 for one week, Monday through Sunday.



**The Lamp will burn in Memory of Walter Sendeki the week of June 10th thru June 16th.**

*Requested by: Wolney Family*

### For All Those in Need of Prayer

Prayer is a powerful gift from God. Prayer can be used to give praise, in thanksgiving, for forgiveness, for guidance or when in need. If you would like to add a family member who needs prayer, or yourself, please call the Parish Office at 630-759-7588.

Daniel Acchione	Ely Logsdon
Melanie Agustin	Diane Longmire
Donald Agustin	Ron Longino
Noah Arnold	Margarita Macias
Marivic Bista	Stephanie Munoz
Jack Blazeovich	Austin Murphy
Joseph Burandt	Candy Peterson
TJ Carey	Robert Rybka
Antonia Camarillo	Frank Reyes
Vanessa Castillo	Sophia Ramirez
Jo Ann Chamberlain	Marlene Salaam
Lucien Ciaglia	Graciela Sanchez
Bill Dore	Emily Sherman
Marleen Falagan	Maria Slaby
Mary & Brian Groberski	Barbara Stamps
Linda Hardin	Pat Sweeney
Emily Jaramillo	Jim Sylvester
Roger Jesse	Vincent Torsos
Suzette King	Estela Trevino
James Kolbek	Cristina Tsui
Rich Kowalski	Gloria Winter
Lynn Kulhanek	Joseph Yuska
Chloe Labine	Vickie Zulfer

### Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they do for us.



St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest who served both the rich and poor of Rome with a jovial spirit. He founded The Congregation of the Oratory, a secular order which includes priests and brothers and does not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a bond of charity.





Dear Friends,

During the month of June, we celebrate men who are fathers. I'd like to wish all the fathers a very Happy Father's Day!

As Catholics, we are blessed to have an EXTRA set of fathers in our lives — our spiritual fathers, also known as our parish priests. Most of our relationships began with them almost as early as our own parents through the Sacramental life of the Church.

Your parish priests dedicate their lives to serving God, the Church, and their parish families. They pastor and care for us during times of loss, as well as share in our moments of joy. They are a gift, and I feel blessed to be their Bishop.

Just as we give back to our loved ones in their elder years, we can do the same for our diocesan priests, or as many of us fondly refer to them as our "family priests."

The Father's Day Second Collection helps in offsetting costs for our senior priests. Costs that are associated with our fathers who are living in retirement homes, those who have fallen ill, those who require medical attention, and those that need additional help with their daily living.

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how you can support our senior priests to live humbly and comfortably in their golden years. Please scan the QR code below to make a quick and safe online donation to this important cause. Or if you prefer, please give during the Father's Day Second Collection on June 15-16 at your parish.

On behalf of all retired priests in the Diocese of Joliet, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you today and always.

Peace,

*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet



## *Diocese of Joliet Vocation Calendar*

**June 10:** Seminarian Peter Thuong Nguyen

**June 11:** Sr. Agnes Ortiz, Sr. Mary Regina Ouellette, Sr. Bernardine Siebenaler PCC

**June 12:** Mother Dorothy Urschalitz PCC

**June 13:** Fr. Sundar Raj Kocherla

**June 14:** Fr. Ramon Sida, III, Fr. Christopher Lankford

**June 15:** Fr. Jacob T. Kolawole

**June 16:** Sr. Ann Letourneau, Sr. Jeanne Oursler CSJ

For more info on Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life, [vocations@diojoliet.org](mailto:vocations@diojoliet.org) or call 815-834-4004.

### *Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet*



Spiritual Bouquet envelopes for Father's Day are available in the Narthex on a table by the parish office. Please fill out and leave in the basket on the stand.

These envelopes will be presented at the Offertory at all Masses on Father's Day, June 16th.

### *An Invitation from Fr. Herbert G. Essig (Ordained 11/23/1974)*

You are cordially invited to participate in the Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating his

#### **50th Anniversary Ordination to the Priesthood**

Sunday, July 28th, 2024 at 2:00 PM  
St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Reception and Dinner immediately following.  
RSVP to Parish Office no later than **July 1st**.

### *In Sympathy...*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the following individuals whose funeral were celebrated recently:

### *Francisco Macias*

We pray for his wife Maria D; his children Francisco Jr., Alejandro, and Daniel; his grandchildren Alejandro Macias II, Cattaleya M. Macias, and Ethan C. Alday, family and friends

### *Raymond Levesque*

We pray of his wife Jackie children Lisa Carlson and Todd Levesque, his grandchildren Kati Carlson, Jordyn Carlson, and Justin Levesque, family and friends.

### *Joy S. Burkhardt*

We pray for her sons, Jason (Stephanie), Joshua (Tamara); her grandchildren Morgan, Richard, Kennedy, Sloane, Ryleigh and Cooper, family and friends

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### *Project Gabriel Update*

Your Kindness reminds us of the love God has for us through our joys and difficulties. His love is constantly being experienced by our Moms and their families through your generosity by means of this ministry.

One praise report we would like to share is that one of our moms who was living in a hotel is now in a house and so much happier!

We have a need for some specific clothing and sizes from one of our new moms: 12 month size for a boy, size 7-8 for a girl, size 14-16 for a boy. Thank you for much for your consideration in helping this family out. And as always, we can use diapers and pull-ups for all sizes and wipes!

Your concern for those in need, especially our families who are struggling to succeed and care for their children is trying inspiring. Please know that you are in our prayers. God bless you! Mother Mary, pray for us!

### *Vision Statement*

Empowering our collective hearts, our faith community becomes the answer to what people are seeking. We envision youthful energy, happiness, belonging and vibrant celebrations.

## DAYBREAK SHELTER UPDATE

### **What is Daybreak?**

Daybreak is a homeless shelter located in downtown Joliet. The evening meals for the residents are provided solely by contributions prepared and served from the congregations of local churches and community organizations. This is the sixth year that the St. Francis Parish family will be supporting the residents of Daybreak. Our ministry has committed to supplying the dinner meal three times a year. **Our second dinner meal for 2024 will be June 19th.**



### **We need you!**

Since this is meant to be a parish ministry, we ask that everyone watch the weekly bulletin and your email for the dates and times for each dinner. Please sign up to donate to the hungry. **We are called to feed His sheep.**

### **Drop off date!**

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024.** Food should be dropped off through the south entrance of the Church between 3:45—4:30pm. We will be serving a beef/turkey taco dinner, including refried beans, vegetable casseroles, fruit salad, and dessert.

**Thank you!** We'd like to take this opportunity to again thank everyone who cooked, donated food, made monetary donations, supplied toiletries, and volunteered to serve meals at Daybreak in March.

**Questions???** Please feel free to contact Kathy Cannon 847-409-6866 / Katherinecannon@comcast.net

## Knights of Columbus Blood Drive



The St. Francis Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday June 15, 2024 between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the St. Francis Room of St. Francis of Assisi Church. Each Donor will be entered into a drawing to win a cruise. The blood supply continues to be low. All blood types are needed to assure an adequate supply.

Each donation can save three lives. For more information or to make an appointment contact Justin Zamirowski at 630-739-3875 or please book an appointment on line using the following QR Code below:

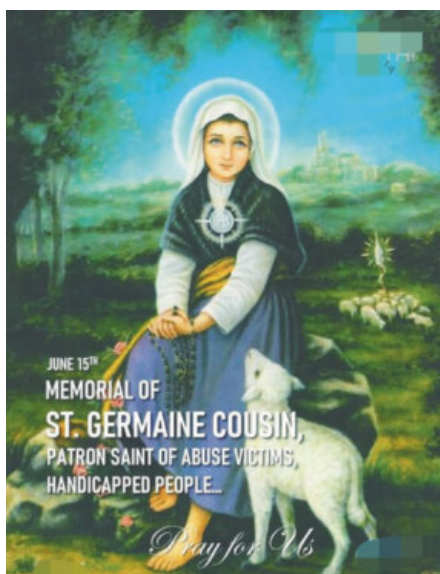
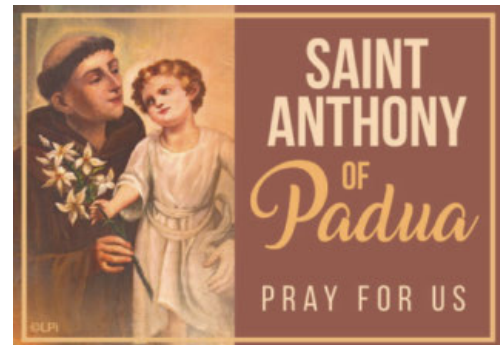


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### **SFA LADY KNIGHTS**

*Invite All Parishioners (age 13+)  
& Friends to:  
A Paint Party FUNdraiser*

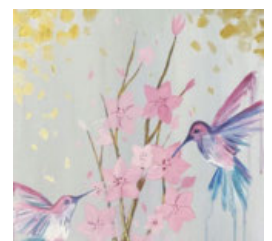
**WHEN: Thursday, June 20, 2024**

**TIME: 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM**

**PLACE: St. Francis Room**

**COST: \$55.00 / person for materials, instructor**

- **Serving snacks, wine, coffee, etc.**
- **Facilitated by Pinot's Palette, Naperville**
- **Partial proceeds to benefit Lady Knights.**



**RSVP to kbsewing@yahoo.com**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION—ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 9, 2024  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: “**How can Satan cast out Satan?**” To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we’re honest, our response to some degree is: “How *else* can we cast him out? Satan is *precisely* how we cast out Satan!” But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here’s what I mean.


*Satanas* names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. “I’ll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She’s already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.” And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind’s sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the “**stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house.**” This week let’s notice the ways we “**cast out Satan by Satan,**” and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir

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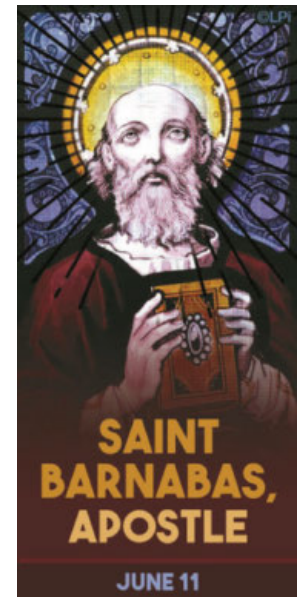
The Parish Council Invites you to join us for  
a family movie night showing  
*The Staircase.*



**Brief Description:**  
The sisters of the legendary Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico have lived for years with an unfinished choir loft, until one day a mysterious drifter arrives in town (just passing through) and is hired by the Reverend Mother to complete the work.

June 29th, 2024 after the 5pm Mass.  
\*We will provide popcorn and drinks\*

Please RSVP to Stephanie Lipscomb (815) 342-4278



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**Join us for bible stories, crafts, music, games and more!!**

**Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28, 9 am – Noon**

**Family Hot Dog Lunch on Friday at Noon.**

**Children entering Kindergarten – 5th grade**

**\$25 / per child**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish, (630) 759-7588**

**Contact: April Johnson (x120) or Liz Wagner (x109)**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade for Fall 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (They are NOT preshrunk): S M L XL

Parent(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church (If any): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name and phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I can volunteer to help with VBS. (Adults must comply with Diocesan Safe Environment requirements:)

**Register by June 14 to ensure we have materials for your child.**

**VIDEOS, PHOTOS and VIRTUAL PLATFORMS**

Video and/or photos may be taken during this year's program. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in video and/or photos, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the Parish and/or Diocese of Joliet website and Facebook accounts. The church and employees will not use individual names of children when posting photos/videos of the children.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment due with this form. Cash or Checks (Payable to St. Francis of Assisi) or Credit Card (below)**

Please charge my Visa, Mastercard, Discover or Amex (Circle one)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## VBS VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

We need volunteers (8th grade and up) to help with Vacation Bible school Monday, June 24—Friday, June 28. Volunteers are needed for various positions. Please indicate your top 3 choices below. Preference is given to volunteers who can be there for all 5 days of VBS, but we welcome all who are willing to help.

All volunteers must be Safe Environment Compliant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult (check if over 18): \_\_\_\_\_ OR School Grade in 2024-2025: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size (Adult sizes, NOT preschool): S M L XL XXL

Days Available: M T W Th F

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Signature/Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your top 3 choices	Volunteer Position	Description
	Bible Story Leader	Use props and costumes to tell the daily Bible story. Adults and teens may volunteer.
	Games Leader	Lead kids in games that connect with the Bible story. Games will be outside, weather permitting. Adults and teens may volunteer.
	Craft Leader	Lead kids in a craft connected to the daily Bible story. Adults and teens may volunteer.
	Sticky Scripture Leader	Lead kids in learning about how to apply their bible lessons to their everyday lives through watching a prepared video and discussion. Adults and teens may volunteer.
	Snacks Leader	Help prepare and distribute the daily snack. Help prepare the Hot Dog lunch on Friday. Adult volunteers only.
	Group Leader	Help lead groups of children from station to station, assisting and helping lead discussions. Teen volunteers only.
	Photographer	Take photos of the kids for our end of the day video as well as for crafts, etc. Adults may volunteer.
	General Volunteer	Help in the weeks leading up to VBS with preparing crafts, ironing t-shirts, making name tags, etc. Daytime and at home work available.

## Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us,  
Mother Earth



*"... we must recognize our  
grave duty to hand the earth  
on to future generations ..."*

—Pope Benedict XVI

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Consider zero-waste options for picnics, BBQ and camping meals. Reusable items add a touch of class, sensibility and significantly reduce waste. Use lightweight reusable plates, utensils, bowls, cups and cloth napkins. Get creative with packaging. Reusable containers? Of course. What about Mason jar desserts? Go heavy on finger foods: cut vegetables and mixed nuts. Wipe off food when finished and use a washable cloth bag to hold used dinnerware for dishwashing later. Reserve a bag for recyclables and a container for compostables. If you must go disposable, use biodegradable paper products instead of plastic. Ditch the straws. Use a large thermos for drinks. Take other beverages in metal or glass containers and recycle. Skipping bottled water saves money and the environment.




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## Ministry Schedule

### June 15 - June 16: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Lector	EM	Deacon	Presider
Saturday, 5:00 PM	Wayne Kornack Philip Crookham	Heladio Kennedy Cheryl Clare Frank Healey Carol Milhous	John Blumenstein	Fr. Pat Murphy
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Melissa Davis Gracie Joniak	Leonila Desamito Elisa Lovero Bess Rohlsen William Rohlsen	Anthony Osei	Fr. Pat Murphy
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Maryann Jozwiak Ava Monsalud	Roy Pura Gloria Gati Gladys Kessie Michael Zolvinski	Marco Lovero	Fr. Herb Essig
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Christiana Williams-Kanatey Renetta Land	Alvin M. Manuel Nitza Anaya Vincent Hernandez Cecilia Basta Cristina Maria		Fr. Herb Essig

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Anthony of Padua

Born Fernando de Bulhom in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195, St. Anthony was inspired to join the Franciscans after hearing the news of five martyred Franciscans, taking the name "Anthony." At a meeting of the Dominican and Franciscan Orders, St. Anthony was spontaneously asked to preach a sermon. His listeners were so inspired, St. Francis charged him with overseeing the studies of Franciscans. He is known for working miracles and receiving a vision of the Christ Child.



### The face of Christ

How do you show the face of Christ to people around you? Do you bake for others? Can you sing or play music for others' enjoyment? If you have a car can you drive people who need rides to church or their doctors? Whatever you can offer, your community can use it. Call your parish to find out how you can help.

"One loving spirit sets another on fire."  
St. Augustine  
(Confessions)



## Thrive spiritually in today's secular world

One challenge for contemporary Catholics is balancing a faithful, God-centered life with the secular temptations of modern society. Here's how we can constructively engage with the world while staying devout:

**Active participation:** Regularly engage in parish activities. Attend weekly Mass, partake in Sacraments, and support parish outreach programs. These activities strengthen our religious identity and nurture a supportive faith community.

**Grow in knowledge:** Enhance your understanding of Catholic teachings, history, and tradition through formal education if available, personal reading, or online forums such as Formed.org or Wordonfire.org. Consult your priest for additional recommendations.

**Weave faith into daily life:** Incorporate prayer and devotion into

your daily routines. Dedicate at least 15 minutes to prayer each day, observe seasonal devotions, and celebrate Catholic liturgical feasts to connect faith with everyday life.

**Dialogue with others of different faiths:** Engage in discussions with people of differing religious beliefs to deepen your own spiritual understanding and commitment. This not only challenges you to know and critically consider your faith but also helps you articulate your beliefs clearly, fostering a deeper personal connection to Catholicism.

**Community engagement:** Actively participate in service activities that reflect Catholic values. This practical application of your beliefs demonstrates a faith committed to loving your neighbor.

By embracing these practices, we can maintain our Catholic identity and have a positive impact on others.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do we believe the Catholic Church is the "original" one?

Catholics believe the Catholic Church is the "original" church, because it is the only one founded by Jesus Christ. Apostolic Succession means there is an unbroken papal line starting with St. Peter, emphasizing divine continuity. Early Church

Tradition is the foundation of what has become widespread practices in Christianity. The role of the Roman See, with the Pope as Peter's successor, centralized Church authority. Doctrinal continuity means that teachings and practices align closely with early Christian doctrines, asserting spiritual and historical continuity.



## June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of His passionate love for us and a reminder of the cost of our salvation. Consider these simple ways to honor His heart this month:

**Make the morning offering daily:** Begin each day with a prayer of dedication to the Sacred Heart, "O Jesus, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings today, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for the intentions of Your Sacred Heart." This daily offering reinforces our connection to His divine love.



**Display the image of the Sacred Heart:** Jesus promised to bless every place where the image of His Heart is exposed and honored. Display the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your workspace, car, or home as a reminder of God's promised blessing.

**Return love for Love:** Each Friday, imitate Jesus' love by acknowledging His ultimate act of love on Good Friday. Choose a sacrifice to make every Friday this June, as a gesture of love, gratitude, humility, and reparation.

### from Scripture

### Mark 5:21-43, Faith in action

This passage tells of two miracles Jesus worked to demonstrate the crucial importance of faith. It recounts the story of a woman who, despite suffering from continuous bleeding, demonstrated her faith by touching Jesus' cloak, and Jairus, who pleaded for his dying daughter even after learning of her death. These examples teach us the importance of a proactive and trusting faith.

In these accounts, Jesus' actions underscore His compassion and willingness to assist those marginalized by society, such as the woman deemed unclean. He provided hope and healing through

acts of kindness, urging us to emulate His example.

The text illustrates how Jesus instills hope, even in dire circumstances like the death of Jairus' daughter. It reassures us that no situation is too desperate, and that we can rely on Jesus' aid, for even death is within His domain.

Ultimately, our joy in life and our eternal salvation hinge on

possessing an active faith. This faith should not only trust in Jesus' help but also extend compassion and maintain hope during challenging times.



### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 2 – Corpus Christi Sunday.** On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Pope Urban IV ordered a Church-wide celebration for Corpus Christi in 1264.

**June 6 – St. Norbert (1134).** St. Norbert lived in twelfth century Prémontré, France. He is known for founding the Norbertines to combat heresies and religious indifference. The Norbertines successfully converted heretics, reconciled enemies, and

rekindled the faith in indifferent believers.

**June 11 – St. Barnabas (First Century).** A contemporary of the Apostles, his name means "son of encouragement." He was also a sponsor for St. Paul and accompanied him on his first evangelical journey.

**June 26 – St. Josemaría Escrivá (1975).** Born in Barbastro, Spain in 1902, St. Josemaría was ordained a priest in 1925. He ministered secretly during the religious persecution of the Spanish Civil War. In 1928, he founded the Opus Dei organization for those living in the world to become holy by dedicating their daily duties to God.



### Q & A What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is a profound encounter with Jesus Christ outside the liturgy of the Mass. Before the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance, we engage in a deep act of worship and honor towards God's tangible presence. This practice enriches our spirituality with:



**Deepened awareness:** In the silence, amidst distractions, we realize God listens, cherishes, and watches over us intimately, enhancing our awareness of His presence

in all life's facets.

**Strengthened faith:** What appears to be mere bread is, in fact, the divine — Jesus Christ in His entirety: Body, Blood, soul, and divinity. Spending time in Adoration is a profound declaration of belief, reinforcing our faith and deepening our understanding.

**Enhanced longing for the Mass:** Love compels us to give fully of ourselves. Just as Jesus offers His whole self during Mass, He invites us to reciprocate with our entire being, deepening our relationship with Him through this sacred exchange.

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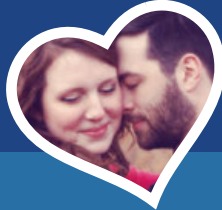
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Anyone who has reasonable cause to suspect the sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy or other Church personnel is urged to report the matter immediately. To inform the Diocese of Joliet, call Leah McCluskey Heffernan, MSW,LSW, Director of Child and Youth Protection of 815-221-6116 or write the Diocese of Joliet, 16555 Weber Road., Crest Hill, IL. Contact DCSF at 1-800-252-2873 or call the local County States Attorney.

### Gluten Free Hosts Procedures

Please purchase your gluten free hosts and pyx. For Communion place the pyx with the host inside in the ciborium which is on the credence table in the back of Church. At Communion time, proceed up to the altar along with the other Eucharist Ministers and retrieve your pyx which will have been placed on the altar.

Please remember St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
in your estate planning.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30 PM—4:30 PM, after weekday Mass, or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made with Father Herb or Father Pat at least six months in advance.

### New Parishioners

Welcome to our Parish Family! Please register at St. Francis of Assisi Parish by: stopping at the parish office to pick up a form, registering at the parish website, or calling (630) 759-7588 to request a registration form. Thank you!

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please call Fr. Herb or Fr. Pat if you want anointing at home or after Mass. Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish without family consent. When you are in the hospital and want someone from St. Francis to visit you or would like your name added to the Prayers of the Faithful, your family should notify the Parish Office.

### Communion for the Homebound

We are pleased to resume Sunday In-Home Communion Calls! We ask to be assured that anyone coming in contact with the visiting Pastoral Care Minister have no recent COVID infection. Anyone in the household who comes in contact with the Pastoral Care Minister must wear a mask. Holy Communion will be given only in the hand, not in the mouth.

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#### (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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### Prayer Connection

If you have a serious Prayer request or if you need some extra prayers said for your Special Intention, contact Lourdes Singson at 630-853-5894.

### Mass for the Shut-Ins

The St. Francis of Assisi televised Mass can be seen live on Saturdays at 5:00pm via the St. Francis Live Facebook page.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference supports both St. Francis and St. Dominic Parishes. We provide limited financial assistance to those in need. If you are in need of help, please contact the church for more information.

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