



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

---

## SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

Committed to living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition, we are blessed to have as our patron saint someone who continues to call us to reach out to others in charity and compassion.

**Church of  
St Francis of Assisi**  
1114 Third Street SE  
Rochester, MN 55904  
507.288.7313  
<http://stfrancis-church.org>

**Parish Center Hours:**  
Mon-Thurs: 8:00AM - 3:30PM  
Friday: 9:00AM - 3:30PM

**Weekday Mass:**  
Monday - Friday 7AM

**School Mass:**  
Tuesday 9:15AM

**Weekend Mass:**  
Saturday 4:30PM  
Sunday 8AM, 10AM

**In Spanish:**  
Sunday 12PM

**Misa En Español:**  
Domingo 12PM

**Pastor**  
Rev. Jim Berning

**Parochial Vicar**  
Rev. Luis Vargas



Jesus answered them,  
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground  
and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies,  
it produces much fruit."  
- John 12:23-24



**HOLY WATER.** We are most grateful to the parishioner who generously purchased a Holy Water dispenser for the parish. You are welcome to fill up your holy water bottles in the dispenser located by the shrine to Our Lady Of Guadalupe.

**SACRAMENTS.** We rejoice in and pray for our Candidates and Elect who are preparing to celebrate the Easter Sacraments and be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday. Also, for our

Confirmation Candidates who will be confirmed on April 17 by Bishop John Quinn and for our First Communicants who will receive First Holy Communion on May 8 and 9.

**SHARE THE LIGHT OF HOPE!** We are so grateful to the 76 parishioners that have already contributed \$32,406 towards our 2021 goal of \$50,145 (58%). If you have yet to make a contribution, please prayerfully consider doing so. It is not how much you contribute - participation is the key to reaching our goal. As always, 100% of the monies reached over our goal will be returned to the parish for designated projects: 1) refinishing pews and woodwork, 2) upgrading our sound system/Wi-Fi capabilities in our church. Let us reach our goal quickly - and exceed it - to help fund these very important projects!

**CONFESSIONS.** Fr. Luis and I will be available for Confessions at 3:30pm on Saturdays during Lent in the Cry Room and old baptistery area. We will also be available by appointment.

**PALM SUNDAY.** Blessed palms will be distributed this year! Before distribution, palms will be blessed as usual at the beginning of Mass. The blessed palm will then be available to take with you at the conclusion of Mass.

**HOLY WEEK.** We look forward with joy to Holy Week and the Easter Triduum with the protocols needed for these celebrations of our faith to occur for us in person. In order to ensure everyone's safety and maximize seating, reservations will be required to attend Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/ Sunday Masses and services. The link to register is posted on our website or call the Parish Office: (507) 288-7313. Also, a livestream option will be available for each special day.

A Blessed Lenten Season to all!

FR JIM BERNING

**WELCOME!** A warm WELCOME is extended to all who come to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi! We are grateful to our faithful parishioners and welcome our neighbors and guests who are visiting us. We want you to know that you are always welcome here!

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE PARISH?** Often people attend Mass at a parish for months or sometimes years, but never officially register. If you have not done so, we invite you to complete the Parish Registration Form on our website: <https://stfrancis-church.org> or contact the parish office at 288-7313. We are looking forward to counting you among the members of our parish family!

## Welcome

Welcome to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Our church has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Rochester since 1937. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the celebration of the Sacraments, catechesis, community life, and personal prayer. Like our patron saint, we strive to rebuild the Church and to console the heart of Jesus by serving our neighbors in need.

## Parish Contacts

### Parish Center Office

(507) 288-7313

### Pastor (x 202)

Rev. Jim Berning

### Parochial Vicar (x 203)

Rev. Luis Vargas

### Parish Administrator (x 204)

Sarah Kinsman

### Office Manager (x 201)

Michelle Ibarra

### Financial Secretary (x 205)

Debbie Worden

### Director of Music/Liturgy (x 301)

Zack Stachowski

### Faith Formation (x 207)

Mark Nuehring

### St. Francis of Assisi School

(507) 288-4816

### Principal

Barb Plenge

### Trustees

Bruce Anderson

Rosemary Bengal

### Knights of Columbus

Dale Frank

### Calvary Cemetery

Steve Flynn, Director

(507) 273-0140

### Catholic Charities

(507) 287-2047



**ESTE AÑO EL PAPA FRANCISCO LO A DECLARADO COMO EL AÑO DE SAN JOSÉ**

El martes 8 de diciembre, el Papa Francisco convocó el Año de San José para conmemorar los 150 años del decreto *Quemadmodum Deus*, con el cual el Beato Pío IX declaró a San José Patrono de la Iglesia universal esto fue el 8 de Diciembre de 1870.

El Papa Francisco indicó que este año se establece para "que todos los fieles siguiendo el ejemplo (de San José), puedan fortalecer cotidianamente su vida de fe en cumplimiento pleno de la voluntad de Dios".

Conoce algunos datos importantes sobre este año dedicado al custodio de la Sagrada Familia y patrono de los trabajadores:

El Santo Padre señaló que la pandemia de coronavirus ha aumentado su deseo de reflexionar sobre San José, dado que muchas personas durante la pandemia han realizado esfuerzos ocultos para proteger a otros, al igual que San José protegió y cuidó en silencio a María y Jesús.

"Todos pueden encontrar en San José —el hombre que pasa desapercibido, el hombre de la presencia diaria, discreta y oculta— un intercesor, un apoyo y una guía en tiempos de dificultad", escribió el Papa en la carta apostólica *Patris corde*.

El Pontífice indicó que desea resaltar el papel de San José como padre que sirvió a su familia con caridad y humildad, y agregó que "la Iglesia de hoy en día necesita padres".

El año comienza el 8 de diciembre de 2020 y concluye el 8 de diciembre de 2021. Durante el Año de San José, la Iglesia Católica concederá indulgencias según una serie de condiciones establecidas por la Penitenciaría Apostólica.

Para obtener la indulgencia plenaria se deberán cumplir las condiciones prescritas por la Iglesia para tal efecto: confesión sacramental, comunión eucarística y rezar por las intenciones del Santo Padre.

Se pueden recibir indulgencias este año a través de más de una docena de oraciones y acciones diferentes, que incluyen orar por los desempleados, confiar el trabajo diario a San José, realizar una obra de misericordia corporal o espiritual, o meditar por al menos 30 minutos el Padre Nuestro.

Los católicos no adoran a los santos, pero piden su intercesión celestial ante Dios y buscan imitar sus virtudes aquí en la tierra. La Iglesia Católica honra a San José como el padre adoptivo de Jesús y se le invoca como el Santo Patrono de la Iglesia universal. También es el patrono de los trabajadores, los padres y de la buena muerte.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

For the Week of March 22, 2021

MON Mar 22	7:00 AM	Julie Goodman †
TUE Mar 23	* 9:15 AM	Chrissy Morales (Birthday)
WED Mar 24	7:00 AM	Michael Long †
THU Mar 25	7:00 AM	Mary Ann O'Rourke (Birthday)
	** 7:00 PM	Arturo Gonzalez †
FRI Mar 26	7:00 AM	Brian Neisen †
SAT Mar 27	4:30 PM	Helen & Louis Sell †
SUN Mar 28	8:00 AM	Lois Sibley †
	10:00 AM	Helen & Louis Sell †
	** 12:00 PM	For the Parish

\* School Mass \*\* Spanish Mass

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you have a desire to remember someone who has passed away or simply in need of some extra prayers, Mass Intentions are available every day for our weekday Masses and on the weekends. You are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and schedule a Mass intention during normal office hours.

**Readings for the week of March 21, 2021**

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/  
Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/  
Jn 8:1-11  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56  
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Las lecturas de la semana del 21 de marzo de 2021**

Domingo: Jr 31, 31-34/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 14-15 [12]/Heb 5, 7-9/Jn 12, 20-33 o  
Ez 37, 12-14/Rom 8, 8-11/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [7]/Jn 11, 1-45 o  
11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45  
Lunes: Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13, 41-62/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [4]/Jn 8, 1-11  
Martes: Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 101, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21 [2]/Jn 8, 21-30  
Miércoles: Dn 3, 14-20. 91-92. 95/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 [52]/Jn 8, 31-42  
Jueves: Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 11 [8. 9]/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38  
Viernes: Jr 20, 10-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7 [cfr. 7]/Jn 10, 31-42  
Sábado: Ez 37, 21-28/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Jn 11, 45-56  
Domingo siguiente: Mc 11, 1-10 o Jn 12, 12-16/Is 50, 4-7/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24 [2]/Flp 2, 6-11/Mc 14, 1—15, 47 o 15, 1-39

## Faith Formation

Thank you! This seems like a very overused word, but your generosity overwhelmed me. I know we will be creating over 70 "goodie bags" for people in need in our community and your response was inspiring.

After we assemble all the goodie bags next Wednesday, I will give you a final report on their number and how they were used. All of the Wednesday night faith formation students, and one of the Confirmation groups, will be asked to give out a "goodie bag" to a person in our community holding up a sign in need of assistance. This is a very tangible way for them to understand "almsgiving" in a better way and make a positive difference in our community.

This reminds me of the story of a boy walking along the beach throwing star fish back into the ocean. After noticing this young man doing this for a few minutes, a retired guy walked up to the boy and said, "Young man, don't you see all the starfish on this beach... you could be here all day, and not make much of a difference." The young man simply picked up another starfish, then said, "I know, but at least I am making a difference for this starfish," and threw it back in the water.

We are all called to make a positive difference in our community however we can. With your help, these students will forever remember almsgiving and helping people in need. Thank you!

- **Mark** ([youthminister@stfrancis-church.org](mailto:youthminister@stfrancis-church.org))

## Music and Liturgy

### MusicNotes

It has been great these last few weeks seeing our Mass attendance begin to grow! As things slowly begin to return to "normal", I am looking forward to providing formation opportunities for our liturgical ministries and building our parish music program. If you are interested in serving in any of our liturgical or music ministries, please reach out. Even if you're not ready just yet, do let me know of your interest as it will help with formulating plans for the future. Thank you!

**HELP NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK!** If you are a trained Eucharistic Minister or Minister of Hospitality, please consider serving at our Triduum services (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil). Check your e-mail for a link to sign up. Thank you!

**CANTORS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!** The music ministry is looking for more people to serve as cantors and instrumentalists at Mass. If you have experience, or would like to learn, please contact Zack for more info!

### UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE: MARCH 27-28

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Minister of Hospitality
Saturday 4:30PM	Mary Sagsletter	Beln Larnsom	Natalie Norris [empty]
Sunday 8AM	Paula Wick	Joe Wick	Jean Heimer Alan Heimer
Sunday 10AM	Pat Woodcock	Dave Oetrn [open]	Lesa Patek Steve Patek

- **Zack** ([litfranc@stfrancis-church.org](mailto:litfranc@stfrancis-church.org))

## School News

### SPRING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

All classes meet from 6PM-7:30PM in the Parish Center.  
We are using the Library entrance.

~~Wed, February 17~~    ~~Wed, February 24~~  
~~Wed, March 3~~        ~~Wed, March 10~~  
~~Wed, March 17~~      ~~Wed, March 24~~

First Communion classes meet on Sunday morning from 10:55AM – 11:55AM in the Saint Clare Room.

Confirmation classes for 9th and 10th graders are on Sunday nights from 6:30PM – 8PM at Saint James Coffeehouse. This Sunday, Year 2 Confirmation students start back on an every other week rotation with Year 1.

- ✳ Weekly School Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 23rd at 9:15 am with grades 5 and 7 attending.
- ✳ Our last Rice Bowl collection will be gathered on Tuesday, March 23rd by the Student Council.
- ✳ Our monthly HERO/Virtue assembly will be Tuesday, March 23rd at 1:20 pm. Our Student Council will present virtually, along with our 3rd graders.
- ✳ Thursday, March 25th is the end of third quarter and will be a Student Council sponsored theme day.
- ✳ There is NO school Friday, March 26th. It is a Professional Development Day for Staff.
- ✳ Spring break is March 29th-April 5th. School resumes on April 6th.



**RESOURCE ROOM REQUEST.** Since cleaning sprays and bottles of bleach are highly requested items at the Resource Room, we are asking your assistance in acquiring these products. Next time you shop, please pick up an extra bottle of all purpose cleaning spray and a bottle of

bleach. You can drop off both products in the Resource Room box located in the Gathering Space or the Parish Center office. Thank you for your generosity!

**FAITH JUSTICE COMMITTEE.** As Catholics, we are called to stay informed about local, state, and federal issues. We need to advocate (contact our legislators) for policies that promote and uphold our Catholic Christian values. The variety and breath of issues can be overwhelming, but there are ways to simplify this mission. You can subscribe to the Minnesota Catholic Conference ([www.mncatholic.org](http://www.mncatholic.org)) to keep informed of issues and bills being proposed and debated by our state legislators. At the federal level, you can follow the US Council of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)). Another resource is the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRCL). JRCL is an interfaith advocacy group in Minnesota for social justice issues. The website (<https://jrcl.org>) provides information about bill numbers to watch. You can sign up for emails to receive legislative updates and action alerts.

**CRS RICE BOWLS.** We are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in 93 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we help change the lives of those in need around the world by our monetary donations. Please take a rice bowl with you after Mass, fill it with change or write a check, and return it to church by April 1.



**ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES.** Fervent prayers continue to be needed for our country, conversion, and peace. Please join us as we continue to publicly pray the Patriotic Rosary on all the upcoming Sundays until further notice. These rallies will all be held near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th Street SE and 3rd Avenue SE at 3pm, the Divine Mercy Hour, lasting about 35 minutes. May our united prayers through Mary find the heart of Jesus. Questions: Contact Mary Amiot at [mamiot@hotmail.com](mailto:mamiot@hotmail.com) or 507-287-6481 OR Janela Hubka at [daveandjanela@gmail.com](mailto:daveandjanela@gmail.com) or 507-282-6090.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL PRAYER.**

Heavenly Father, may we grow closer to Christ through our support of the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank you, Lord, for your many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We cherish the gifts of time, talent and treasure that each member of our universal Church family makes to build up Christ's Church in love. We ask you, Lord, to send us forth in this spirit of love to serve our communities and our world with open hearts.

### *Easter Flowers*

If you would like to donate Easter flowers or decorations for our church, either as a gift or in memory of a loved one, please complete and return this form with your donation either in the collection or to the Parish Center. Thank you!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: TRANSFORMATION THROUGH SOLIDARITY

*[Unless] a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*" - John 12: 24-25

In this week's Gospel, as we approach Palm Sunday, Jesus is increasingly clear about the demands of Christian discipleship. "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be."

Throughout his teachings, Jesus makes it clear that we will find him among those who are rejected, suffering, unvalued or oppressed. If we are to follow him, we must go with him there.

Solidarity is the word the Church uses to describe what it means to follow Jesus into relationship with those who are suffering or downtrodden. In Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis explains, "Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community (116)" He continues, explaining what the principle of solidarity means for social systems: "[Solidarity] means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labor rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money... Solidarity, understood in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history..."

Living out solidarity can be hard at the individual level, and perhaps even harder to realize as a society. It is made possible through God's grace and the encounters we have with those on the margins which teach us to recognize them as our brothers and sisters and undertake the hard work of learning to treat their burdens and joys as our own.

Once we have experienced these encounters, we learn that we cannot be wholly happy or satisfied while our brothers and sisters suffer. That is why we work for the Kingdom – so that all our joy might be complete. In the Gospel Jesus reminds us, "And when I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself." Sister Antoinette Gutzler, MM, President of the Maryknoll Sisters, reflects, "[Solidarity]...calls us to acknowledge our own suffering and then to shift our perspective into one that encompasses all the suffering peoples throughout the world. In a world where God is in charge – where Jesus Christ is King of the Uni-

verse, we realize that we are not alone – we are all connected. The recognition of that connection gives birth to empathy, compassion and a call to action for the life of the world."

Pope Francis reminds us, "We achieve fulfilment when we break down walls and our hearts are filled with faces and names! The great goals of our dreams and plans may only be achieved in part...No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted. All of these encircle our world like a vital force (195)."

**Questions for Reflection:** Where have you seen the power of solidarity or encounter? How do you feel the call of Jesus to draw near to someone in your midst who may be suffering or rejected?

### PRAY

O Creator, our world is large, and yet the global community is so fragile.

We glimpse the needs of our sisters and brothers, and those needs are great. We want to turn away, but you call us back.

We want simple solutions, but you want us to help solve the complex problems. Through your Church, you call us to listen, to learn, to reflect and to act.

Give us a deep sense of our place in this web of Creation.

Give us the wisdom of mind and generosity of heart to seek your will in the world today.

Inspire us to respond to the call to live in solidarity with impoverished countries of the world, so that all children of God might live in dignity and peace. Amen.

- Catholic Relief Services, Education for Justice staff

### FAST

Fast from one habit of distraction this week, whether it is social media, watching TV, etc. Ask God how you might make more time in your life for encounters of solidarity.

### ACT

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters in impoverished countries without access to a COVID-19 vaccine, take action to urge our leaders to prioritize vaccine equity around the world: <https://bit.ly/2YBG8bj>

<https://maryknollogc.org/article/fifth-week-lent-transformation-through-solidarity>

**CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL: APRIL 15.** Join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year's Catholics at the Capitol, a special day of prayer, education, and advocacy in St. Paul. Be formed in the faith, beginning the day with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Be informed on the issues, as we hear from inspiring speakers like international pro-life advocate Obianuju Ekeocha and Archbishop José Gomez, president of the USCCB and the archbishop of Los Angeles. Be sent on mission, joining a Eucharistic procession from the Cathedral to the Capitol before sharing your Catholic convictions with your elected officials. Visit [catholicsatthecapitol.org](http://catholicsatthecapitol.org) to learn more and secure your spot!

**ST. JAMES COFFEE** is looking for an Activity Director. If you are interested in creating opportunities for people to encounter Christ, need to renew your own relationship with Christ, or are simply feeling restless and want to expand your horizon, this is a position that will do that and more. St. James Coffee has an ever growing network of speakers, activities, and events. We need someone to help coordinate and plan them. It's a role that can be molded to fit into your schedule, and will introduce you to many amazing people in the community. For more information: E-mail Kat Letellier, Board President, at [kletellier@stjamescoff](mailto:kletellier@stjamescoff) or leave contact information with Melissa, Manager, at the coffee shop.

**ASSISI HEIGHTS JOB OPENINGS.** Join our great staff in Rochester's most unique facility. Assisi Heights is a private residence, home to the Sisters of Saint Francis.

- 1) Temporary job to come in and sand and varnish woodwork - and there is a lot of it!
- 2) Gardening position that runs from May through Oct and involves planting and maintaining flower beds, weeding, likes to garden, and assists with lawn care.

If interested, contact Michael Speltz at 507-282-7441 or [michael.speltz@rochesterfranciscan.org](mailto:michael.speltz@rochesterfranciscan.org)

*Prayer for the  
Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Father of mercy,  
bring us face to face  
with our own weakness  
when we are tempted  
to judge others.  
May we find peace and life  
in simply stepping back  
and allowing you  
to be the merciful Judge of us all.  
Amen.



**THE "HOUR" COMES: SCOTT HAHN REFLECTS ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that

God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus - in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women. The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father - to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross - as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9).

Where He has gone we can follow - if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience - confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

**MIKE BUSCH AGENCY**  
  
  
**281-1210**  
 493 37th St NE, Ste 1  
 Rochester  
 www.mikebusch.org

**MACKEN FUNERAL HOME**  
*Since 1909*  
**282-1075**

**CANADIAN HONKER**  
 Restaurant & Catering  
  
 Across from St. Marys Hospital  
 Serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner  
 www.canadianhonker.com

**Prime Time Health Advisors**  
 YOUR MEDICARE PLAN EXPERTS  
 Serving All of Minnesota  
  
 Your Prime Source for Plans That Work with Medicare  
**Mike Salscheider, RHU, CLU**  
 2048 Superior Dr NW, Suite 100  
 Rochester, MN 55901  
 (507) 280-8232  
 msalt@pthealth.com

**Winkels Electric**  
 Electrical Contracting & Repair  
 Sign Installation & Repair  
  
**Ph 288-4515**  
 www.winkelselectric.com

**Simplify your financial life.**  
 (507) 289-3601  
  
  
**G. Mark Williamson**  
 Vice President, Financial Advisor  
  
 Wealth Enhancement Group®  
Securities offered through LPL Financial, member FINRA/SIPC.

**Catholic United Financial**  
  
**Susan Stenzel, CHFC, LUTCF, RIC**  
**507-282-1793**  
 sstenzel@catholicunited.org  
 Life Insurance • Annuities • IRAs

**CALL GARY DRUGG AT 507-226-8300**  
 SERVICE  PARTS  
**APPLIANCE SERVICE**  
*Get your stuff fixed by the old guy!*  
**GarysApplianceService.com**

**RESTOVICH BRAUN & ASSOCIATES**  
 Attorneys At Law  
 117 E. Center St., Rochester  
**288-4840**  
 George F. Restovich – 1946-2008  
 Anna Restovich Braun • Thomas R. Braun

 **WHITETAIL PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE**  
 BUYING | SELLING | LEASING | TIMBER  
**BOB STALBERGER**  
 Parishioner, Agent, Land Specialist  
**(507) 884-4717**  
 WHITETAILPROPERTIES.COM

**SENIOR LIVING**  
  
**MADONNA LIVING COMMUNITY OF ROCHESTER**  
 Revolutionary Health System  
**3 LOCATIONS!**  
**507-288-3911**  
 madonnalivingcommunity.org

**Adamson**  
 Hyundai • Lincoln • Dodge  
 Chrysler • Jeep • Ram  
 www.adamsonmotors.com  
**289-4004**  
 4800 Highway 52 N

**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME** **ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**  
 Contact **Gary Stang** to place an ad today!  
 gstang@4LPi.com or (800) 950-9952 x5838

**PIB Premier Bank Rochester**  
 FDIC  
 A bank that shares your values.  
**(507) 285-3700**  
 www.premierbanks.com

**Thronsdon Oil & LP Gas Co.**  
 THE QUALITY PEOPLE OF ROCHESTER  
 L.P. Gas & Tanks & Diesel & Heating Oils  
 Kerosenes & Solvents • Gasoline & Lube Oils  
**RELIABLE**  
 Rochester **289-2519** Byron **775-2246**  
 for Safety, Savings, Service & Honesty  
 Agricultural•Commercial•Industrial•Recreational•Residential

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
 A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters  
  
**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**4LPi WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES**  
  
 • Full Time Position with Benefits  
 • Sales Experience Preferred  
 • Paid Training  
 • Overnight Travel Required  
 • Expense Reimbursement  
 CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com  
 www.4LPi.com/careers

**BREMER BANK**  
 ROCHESTER  
 North • 285-3318  
 South • 529-1515  
 Downtown • 424-8282  
 800-908-BANK (2265)  
 Bremer.com  
 Member FDIC

**GARY KLINE ROOFING**  
**507-289-6686**  
 Service After The Sale  
  
 Visit our showroom at  
 3021 43rd St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901  
 31 Years of Experience  
 Roofing Lic# 20001508 • Bonded-Insured  
 • Free Estimates • New Roofs • Flat Roofs  
 • Repairs • Tear Offs  
 Ask About Our Written Workmanship Warranty

  
**Ted W. Smith**  
 3228 6th Ave NE #A  
 Rochester MN 55906  
 BUS: 507-252-4640  
 ted@twsagency.com  
 www.twsagency.com

**ONLINE GIVING By WeShare**  
  
**Church of St. Francis of Assisi**  
 stfrancis-church.weshareonline.org  


**Too Sick for Mass?**  
 SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!  
 Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!  
 www.parishesonline.com  


*Cleaning Supplies, Equipment & Service*  
**Arnold's Supply and Kleenit Company**  
**TOM DEVINNY, Owner**  
 835 38th St. N.W. • Rochester, MN 55901  
 Bus. 507/289-2393 • Fax 507/289-2318  
 1-800-201-2392 • VOICEMAIL #206

  
**ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
 Now Enrolling  
**Preschool - Grade 12**  
 rcsmn.org/admissions  
**507-424-1817**

**Calvary Cemetery**  
  
**(507) 273-0140**

**RANFRANZ & VINE FUNERAL HOMES**  
 Corner of 18th Avenue & 55th Street N.W.  
 5421 Royal Place N.W.  
**289-3600**