



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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**

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<http://stfrancis-church.org>

Parish Center Hours

Mon-Fri: 8AM - 3:30PM

Weekday Mass:

Monday - Friday 7AM

School Mass:

Tuesday 9:30AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 4:30PM
Sunday 8AM, 10AM

In Spanish:

Thursday 7PM
Sunday 12PM

Misa En Español:

Jueves 7PM
Domingo 12PM

Pastor

Rev. Jim Berning

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Luis Vargas



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Matthew 2:10-11



THANK YOU. Thank you very much for the many expressions of love and support for your priests, Father Berning and I, during this Christmas season. We have received many notes and gifts that show your fidelity and love for your priests and the church. Thank you very much!

Christmas is one of the most beautiful times of the year! I hope you had a very good time with your family and friends - and for those who do not have close family - you have been able to receive love and affection from your friends and neighbors.

Although these last two years have been full of challenges and difficulties, we all share the same hope and best wishes for the year 2022. Receive, all of you, greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ in this New Year. Let us thank God for all the blessings we received this past year and we will see the countless blessings for the New Year that He has in store for us. I wish you, dear brothers and sisters, that in this New Year all your projects will be fulfilled, next to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We must not forget that each day is a gift and we must give Him thanks. May the Lord bless you!

VACATION. With the help of God, on Monday, January 3, I will be traveling to Colombia to visit my parents and my family. I will be away for a month. With the help of the parish administration, we have done our best to coordinate so that everything is fine. Below we have provided the itinerary of the days that there will be Holy Mass.

JANUARY 2022 MASS SCHEDULE

2 8:00 AM: MASS: C 10:00 AM MASS (Baptism): C 12:00 PM MISA: C	3 NO Daily Mass: C	4 NO Daily Mass: C	5 7:00 AM Daily Mass: Fr Steve Peterson	6 7:00 AM Daily Mass: Fr Steve Peterson	7 NO Daily Mass: C	8 4:30 PM MASS: Fr Steve Peterson
9 8:00 AM MASS: Fr Innocent Onuh 10:00 AM MASS: Fr Innocent Onuh 12:00 PM MISA: C Fr Will Thompson	10 NO Daily Mass: C	11 NO Daily Mass: C	12 7:00 AM Daily Mass: Fr Steve Peterson	13 7:00 AM Daily Mass: Fr Steve Peterson	14 NO Daily Mass: C	15 4:30 PM MASS: Fr Steve Peterson
16 8:00 AM MASS: Fr Franklin Okoro 10:00 AM MASS: Fr Franklin Okoro 12:00 PM MISA: C Fr Will Thompson	17 NO Daily Mass: C	18 NO Daily Mass: C	19 7:00 AM Daily Mass: Fr Steve Peterson	20 7:00 AM Daily Mass: Fr Steve Peterson	21 NO Daily Mass: C	22 4:30 PM MASS: Fr Steve Peterson
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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.

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A NOTE FROM FR LUIS

Navidad es uno de los tiempos más bonitos del año, espero hayan pasado momentos muy buenos al lado de sus familiares y amigos, espero que quienes no tienen familia cerca hayan podido recibir cariño y afecto de sus amigos y vecinos.

Muchísimas gracias por las muchas muestras de cariño y apoyo para con sus sacerdotes el padre Berning y yo durante este tiempo de navidad, hemos recibido muchas notas y regalos que demuestra su fidelidad y cariño para con sus sacerdotes y con la iglesia, muchas gracias.

Aunque estos dos últimos años han sido llenos de desafíos y dificultades, todos compartimos la misma esperanza y los mejores deseos para el año 2022. Reciban todos ustedes un saludo en nombre de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo en este Nuevo Año que está llegando, dejemos atrás el pasado y no vivamos el ayer, si no nos fue bien, tenemos una nueva oportunidad para poner nuestra fe en Cristo y junto con Él todo será mejor.

Agradecemos a Dios por todas las bendiciones que recibimos este año que termina y veremos que Él tiene reservadas para nosotros infinidad de bendiciones para el Nuevo año que empieza.

Les deseo queridos hermanos que en este Año Nuevo se cumplan todos tus proyectos, al lado de Dios padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu santo. No debemos olvidar que cada día es un regalo y debemos darle gracias. Feliz Año Nuevo, que el Señor los bendiga.

Con la ayuda de Dios, el lunes 3 de enero estaré viajando a Colombia para visitar mis padres y mi familia, estaré fuera durante un mes, con la ayuda de la administración parroquial hemos coordinado para que durante este tiempo todo este bien y no falten las misas en nuestra parroquia, se ha anexado en el boletín el itinerario de los días que habrá la santa misa.

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!

¡BIENVENIDOS! ¡Una BIENVENIDA a todos los que vienen a la Iglesia San Francisco de Asís! Estamos agradecidos con nuestros fieles feligreses y damos la bienvenida a nuestros vecinos e invitados que nos visitan. ¡Queremos que sepan que siempre son bienvenidos aquí!

This Week's Intentions and Readings

MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of January 3, 2022

MON Jan 3	7:00 AM	NO MASS
TUES Jan 4	7:00 AM	NO MASS
	* 9:30 AM	Shannon Weick
WED Jan 5	7:00 AM	James Kuennen †
THU Jan 6	7:00 AM	Nicholas Roecker †
FRI Jan 7	7:00 AM	NO MASS
SAT Jan 8	4:30 PM	Helen & Louie Sell †
SUN Jan 9	8:00 AM	For the Parish
	10:00 AM	Dean Lent †
	** 12:00 PM	Germaine Little †

* 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 January 3, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Las lecturas de la semana del 3 de enero de 2022

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr.11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17/Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30

Domingo siguiente: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 [11]/Hch 10, 34-38/

Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22 o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/

Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 [1]/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/

Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

Faith Formation

HAPPY NEW YEAR! A new year often brings a fresh outlook on life, and a profound sense of joy. Whether its joy for surviving the holidays, or joy from all the enjoyment the holidays bring. Joy seems to be a common experience we all have around this time of year.

A number of years ago, I was introduced to an acronym for the word joy that I would like to share with you. I hope you like it as much as I do.

J IS FOR JESUS. If Jesus is the reason for the season, then how are we continuing to share his love with others after the holidays are over? How are we continuing to spread peace and goodwill to all?

O IS FOR OTHERS. Jesus came to serve. His care for the poor and vulnerable is a great example of how we are to serve others. This may be serving those who live with us, or those in our community who have no one else to care for them. Jesus modeled humble service and it is a great way to share our faith with others.

Y IS FOR YOU. We are all human beings and sometimes we just need to "be." We need to be silent in prayer, we need to exercise our bodies and we need to take care to eat well. When we take care of ourselves, we are better able to be compassionate and loving to those we care about the most. You and your overall health; mind, body and spirit, are VERY important. How are YOU working on becoming the best version of yourself this year?

J.O.Y is contagious. Please help me spread some joy!

CALENDAR UPDATE: Confirmation for year 2 students begins on Sunday, January 9. Faith Formation returns on Wednesday, January 12. Confirmation for year 1 students begins on Sunday, January 16.

- Mark (youthminister@stfrancis-church.org)



The St Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 14170 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-8PM in the St Clare Room in the basement of the church. We invite all men of the parish to join us to find out more about the Knights of Columbus and about the men who belong to Council 14170.

Questions? Please contact Bruce Anderson via email (branderson781983@gmail.com) or phone (507-358-5478). We look forward to seeing you!

Music Notes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 8/9

	Reader	Hospitality Minister	Minister of Holy Communion
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Maureen Jones Sahs	David Klinkhammer Natalie Norris	Beth Lamsam
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Steve Baule	Alan Heimer Jean Heimer	John Winkels
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Cris Charlesworth	Becky Cleveland Bill Cleveland	Nancy Hockert

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 15/16

	Reader	Hospitality Minister	Minister of Holy Communion
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Jean Farmer	David Klinkhammer John Sibley	Diane Wagner
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Tim Lawler	Tim Macken Sue Macken	Gwen Cameron
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Mary Sagstetter	Steve Patek Lesa Patek	Lucy Becker



SEEKING GRANT APPLICATIONS. The Rochester Area Knights of Columbus, of which our parish Council is a member, is seeking grant applications to its donor advised fund. Annually, the fund awards monetary grants to local non-profit projects and programs that are consistent with the Knight's mission and values. Grant requests in the following areas are given priority, but all worthy causes are considered: • Catholic Organizations • Youth Programs: At Risk, Physical/Mental Challenges, or Support for Vocations • Sanctity of Life - conception to natural death • Relief from Suffering. Request can be for capital projects or program expense costs. Complete details on the award process and guidelines, along with application forms and deadlines, are available on the Council #1013 website: <http://www.kofc1013.org>



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Your Name:

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 Steve & Kim Beery
 Fred & Bernetta
 Boucsein

In Memory of:

My Parents, My In-Laws
 My Sister, Laurel Quinn
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 Frederick Sr & Alyce Boucsein & family
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 Marlene Bowron

Chris & Katie Bowron
 Therese Bowron

Huyen & King Dang
 Michael & Jayne Desorcie

Allen Desorcie, William Bauer
 Glen F. Dukart, Arnold Kuntz
 Lawrence Hemann, Father of Judy
 John Phelan
 Rita, Vernon & Mike Walter,
 Brent Farmer
 Jackie Fiend
 Tom Fogarty
 Dennis & John Fohrman
 Mr & Mrs Joseph Lynaugh (parents),
 Andrea Thompson (daughter) and
 Joseph Thompson (son)

Dorothy Dukart
 Judy Devorak
 Joe & Maryanne Doyle
 Ronald & Jean Farmer

Paul Fiend
 Madonna Fogarty
 Sharon Fohrman
 Mary Jo Genz

Patty Griffin

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 Michael Syring, Fr Harry Jewison
 Don Wannarka & John Nemes
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 Robert Zabel, Jeff Zabel

(gifts received as of December 22, 2021)



SYNOD ON SYNODALITY 2021-2023. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey,

which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

SYNOD INVITATION. As a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, you are invited to join our Synod Process on the morning of Saturday, February 12 (Saturday, February 19 as a back-up weather day) from 9AM-Noon in the St Clare Room. The Synod is a way for us to all journey together. We hope to discover and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our goal is to promote Communion, participation, and mission in our Church. Your thoughts, spirit, and view of how St. Francis of Assisi should evolve is something this process needs, and we hope you'll consider participating. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in participating in the Synod, please contact the Parish Center Office at (507) 288-7313 to register. Thank you!

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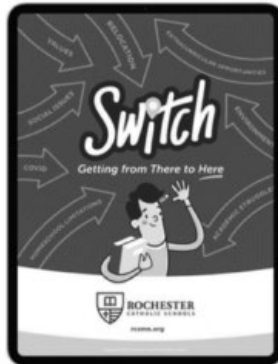
WINTER SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS. Welcome! Join us at our Preschool - Grade 12 Winter Showcase of Schools! We welcome families to explore Rochester Catholic Schools during our showcase week - January 25, 25 and 27.

Meet with our building principals, educators, and admissions team as you walk and talk. If you would like to schedule a different tour time, or set up a shadow day, please call our admissions office at 507-424-1817 and we would be happy to meet with you on a different date.

THINKING ABOUT SWITCHING SCHOOLS THIS YEAR OR NEXT?

Discover why families choose Rochester Catholic Schools. Download your Switch e-book! Inside the Switch e-book, you'll read about:

1. The range of activities available to students including athletics, fine arts, and interest-based clubs
2. What our learning environment looks like and how we ensure each child receives individual attention daily
3. How to fit a Rochester Catholic Schools education into your family's budget through tuition assistance options
4. Steps you need to take for switching from your current school to RCS.



WHY SWITCH TO ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?

Students are known well by their teachers and given opportunities to collaborate with peers. A wide array of student activities, clubs, and organizations help each child develop his or her unique skills. If something's not working at your current school, don't wait. Visit: <https://visit.rcsmn.org/or-switch-guide/#lp-pom-box-654>

COR JESU. The Cathedral invites you to Cor Jesu on Friday, January 7 from 7PM-8:30PM. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more details, call Olivia Gadiant at (507) 951-7063 or go to cascwinona.org/prayer-opportunities

MERCY MISSION: February 19-21. Singer/songwriter/missionary disciple Steve Angrisano will offer workshops, discipleship talks, worship opportunities, and inspirational music. There will also be events specifically for children and youth. For more information or to purchase tickets: www.rescathroch.org/WP/mission

7TH ANNUAL MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT: February 18-19, 2022. "Merciful Love" Couples will reflect on the importance of Divine Mercy in marriage, enjoy a wine and cheese social Friday night, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and the beautiful scenery of the Lanesboro countryside. Lodging is not included - but Lanesboro is the Bed & Breakfast Capitol of MN. Sponsored by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Office of Life, Marriage & Family. Register now: www.dowr.org/offices/life-marriage-family/index.html

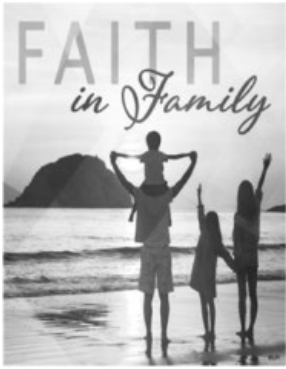
JOB OPENING AT WINONA PASTORAL CENTER.

The Diocesan Pastoral Center in Winona is currently accepting applications for an Information Technology/Communications Specialist. Interested applicants are encouraged to go to the Diocese of Winona/Rochester website (<https://www.dowr.org/about/employment.html>) for more information.

CONFIDENT PREGNANCIES AND STABLE BEGINNINGS.

Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings. Our social workers travel to new and expectant parents all across the Diocese to bring help and hope through financial assistance, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, free baby items, and helping women throughout the entire process of placing a child for adoption. We are honored to work with those who are pregnant or have a child under 12 months old. We work with teens and adults, women who are single or married, those who are financially secure or living in poverty. Reach our social workers at 800-222-5859 for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Catholic Charities of Southern MN seeks a full-time 2nd shift Support Services Supervisor in Rochester. Primarily responsible for the day-to-day operations of 2 transitional housing buildings; implementing a plan for recruiting, screening, training and scheduling staff; and building supervision to ensure safety. Develops and implements housing advocate plans with staff and tenants to support tenant housing stabilization services. For more information, go to: www.ccsomn.org/employment



FAMILY CONNECTION.

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift

giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

REFRAIN: O Star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. **(Refrain)**

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high. **(Refrain)**

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **(Refrain)**

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to heav'n replies. **(Refrain)**

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/>



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but

we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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