

# 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.



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Luke 3:16bc

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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

# JANUARY 9, 2022 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS & BISHOP QUINN



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**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY 2021-2023.** Pope Francis and Bishop Quinn invite you to participate in a 2-year preparation process for the 26th Ordinary Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome in the fall of 2023. The topic of the Synod will be "synodality," a term which Pope Francis uses to describe our Church's "journeying together"... prayerfully listening to the needs and experiences of God's people in order to faithfully discern the best way forward.

Pope Francis has asked the entire Church to take an active part in the synod, inviting people

from all walks of life and from all around the world to gather together for prayer, sharing experiences, listening, and seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. During this diocesan phase of the Synod, these gatherings will include parishioners, consecrated men and women, people of other Christian communities, and those "on the margins" of society and church life. There will be listening sessions held in each parish/cluster in the new year which will include prayer, reflection, and discussion on the life of our Church today, and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to continue our mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ to the world.

The "vital pillars" of the synod process are:

- **COMMUNION:** "God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God's call for his people."
- **PARTICIPATION:** "A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God laity, consecrated and

ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another."

• **MISSION:** "The Church exists to evangelize.... Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family."

The goal of the Synod is for the Church "to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God." Please join us by participating in your local synod listening session! Our parish listening session will be on Saturday, February 12. See page 5 of the bulletin for more parish synodal information.

**WELCOME.** We are excited to announce that we have hired a new Finance Secretary, Paula Oates. Paula lives in Byron and has an Associates Degree in Business Management from RCTC. Paula shared this, "I am a Christian who loves the Lord. He has given me a family whom I love and loves me, friends to care, support and understand me. He also has given me the capacity to help, care and love others, to treat them as I would like to be treated. I have a good understanding and care of other people. I have a son, Thomas, 36, who lives in Connecticut. I have a large family in Rochester, and enjoy getting together to play cribbage, cards, games, birthdays, food, and lots of laughter. I look forward to this new chapter in my life. I am bringing many years of business knowledge and experience to support, maintain and grow with this congregation. The past 4 years, I was the Office Manager for the newspaper in Kasson. I did all the accounting, payroll, subscriptions, etc. I was the first point of contact and answered the phones as well, so I was in touch with customers daily. I look forward to being a part of your community." Please join us in offering a very warm welcome to Paula!

#### 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) Hope Giesen (January, 2022) Faith Formation (x 207) Mark Nuehring St. Francis of Assisi School (507) 288-4816 Principal Andrew Poterucha Trustees Bruce Anderson **Rosemary Bengal Knights of Columbus** Bruce Anderson **Calvary Cemetery** Steve Flynn, Director (507) 273-0140 **Catholic Charities** (507) 287-2047

#### **EL BAUTISMO DE JESUS**

El bautismo de Juan fue el bautismo de arrepentimiento (Mateo 3:11), pero Jesús fue sin pecado y no tenía necesidad de arrepentimiento. Incluso Juan se sorprendió cuando vio a Jesús que venía hacia Él. Juan reconoció su propio pecado: "Yo necesito ser bautizado por ti, ¿y tú vienes a mí?" (Mateo 3:14).

Hay varias razones para el bautizo de Jesús. Era conveniente que Jesús fuera reconocido públicamente por su antecesor. Juan era "la voz que clama en el desierto" (Isaías 40:3). Al bautizar a Jesús, Juan estaba declarando a todos que aquí estaba aquel a quien ellos habían estado esperando, el Hijo de Dios, aquel que Él había profetizado bautizaría "con el Espíritu Santo y fuego" (Mateo 3:11).

También demostró que Él se identificó con los pecadores. Su bautismo simbolizó el bautismo de los pecadores en la justicia de Cristo, muriendo con Él y levantándose libres del pecado y capaces de caminar en vida nueva.

Quizás lo más importante, la ocasión del bautismo público dejó testimonio a todas las generaciones futuras, la perfecta encarnación del Dios trino revelado en la gloria del cielo. El testimonio directo desde el cielo por parte del Padre complaciéndose con el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo que descendía sobre Jesús, (Mateo 3:16-17) es una imagen hermosa de la naturaleza trina de Dios. También describe la obra del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu, en la salvación de aquellos que Jesús vino a salvar. El Padre ama a los escogidos desde antes de la fundación del mundo (Efesios 1:4); Él envía a su Hijo para buscar y salvar lo que se había perdido (Lucas 19:10); y el Espíritu convence de pecado (Juan 16:8) y atrae al creyente al Padre a través del Hijo. Toda la verdad gloriosa de la misericordia de Dios a través de Jesucristo está expuesta en el bautismo de Jesús.

**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!



For the Week of January 10, 2022

MON Jan 10		7:00 AM	NO MASS
TUES Jan 11		7:00 AM	NO MASS
	*	9:30 AM	Margi Newkirk
WED Jan 12		7:00 AM	Mark Ryant
THU Jan 13		7:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members
			of Dave & Janela Hubka Fam.
FRI Jan 14		7:00 AM	NO MASS
SAT Jan 15		4:30 PM	Holy Souls
SUN Jan 16		8:00 AM	For the Parish
		10:00 AM	Michael Ryant
	**	12:00 PM	Armando Morales (Birthday)
	* S	chool 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 9, 2022

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 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11

#### Las lecturas de la semana del 9 de enero de 2022

Domingo: 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 Lunes: 1 Sm 1, 1-8/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/Mc 1, 14-20 Martes:8 1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Mc 1, 21-28 Miércoles: 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 39, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/Mc 1, 29 -39

Jueves: 1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mc 1, 40-45 Viernes: 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19/Mc 2, 1-12 Sábado: 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 2, 13-17

Domingo siguiente: ls 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 [3]/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11 Even though it is early January, it is not too early to plan for summer! Please pick at least one thing you would like to register your children for this summer...

**JUNE 19-25: HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP.** The dates are set and we are excited to offer this trip in collaboration with St Pius Church. Last year, 16 youth and 6 adults had a great experience and we fully expect more youth will want to attend this year. All the youth who attended last summer had a great time. Cost is \$500/ scholarships are available.

JULY 15-17: STEUBENVILLE NORTH CONFERENCE. The Steubenville conference is a weekend event for high school youth to deepen their faith. Last summer, over 1700 youth from around the country attended this event right here in Rochester. Cost is \$300/scholarships are available. There is limited availability for this event.

JULY 24-29: TOTUS TUUS. This is a week-long summer program similar to vacation bible school, but with more content. This program is for all incoming 2nd – 12th graders. The day program is for grade school youth and the evening program is for middle school and high school youth. Cost is \$20 per person for the week.

**AUGUST 1-4: CAMP SUMMIT.** Camp Summit is a weeklong event at Eagle Bluff in Lanesboro for middle school youth to have fun in the great outdoors, meet many new friends and deepen their faith. There is limited availability for this event. Cost is around \$300/ scholarships are available.

Please don't let cost prevent you from considering one of this awesome events for your children! For more information on any of these events, please contact Mark at the parish office at 288-7313.

- Mark (youthminister@stfrancis-church.org)

# All Rochester Catholic Parish WINTER CHILL!!!

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 | 7PM-11PM at ST PIUS X CHURCH.

This is a completely FREE event for ALL St Francis of Assisi Middle-School youth. You simply need to tell them when you arrive that you are from Saint Francis. Bring a friend and have some fun! A very warm welcome to Hope Giesen, our new Director of Music and Liturgy! Hope begins her new position here at St Francis of Assisi on January 17, 2022.

#### 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,	Tim Lawler	Tim Macken	Gwen
8:00 AM		Sue Macken	Cameron
Sunday,	Mary	Steve Patek	Lucy Becker
10:00 AM	Sagstetter	Lesa Patek	

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 22/23:

	Reader	Hospitality Minister	Minister of Holy Communion
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Rose Bengal	Natalie Norris John Sibley	Judy Syring
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Ruth Wentz	Tim Macken Sue Macken	Gwen Cameron
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Sarah O'Brien	Becky Cleveland Bill Cleveland	Dave Oeth



**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: <u>http://www.kofc1013.org</u>

#### The Greater Catholic Community



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" pro-

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posed 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: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.** 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!

#### WE STAND BEFORE YOU, HOLY SPIRIT

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we journey together as a "Church on the Way in this Synodal Process." Bless us with an openness to various voices and a fidelity to the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church. Help us to accept the challenge of ongoing conversion so as not to let sin lead to disorder, but rather teach us to accompany one another as we follow you on the synodal path. "The heart of the church's mission is prayer," and we make this prayer from our hearts so as to be drawn closer to you and to one another. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in communion with the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA.** The sign-up page for the 9 Days for Life Novena is now active! Anyone can sign up to receive the Novena January 19-27 via daily email or text messages at <u>9daysforlife.com</u>. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

**MARCH FOR LIFE (ST. PAUL):** The annual Prayer Service for Life is scheduled for January 22, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul at 10:30AM. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will be the presider. Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will hold the March for Life at 12PM at the Capitol.

**EXODUS 90.** Exodus 90 is a ninety-day spiritual exercise for men based on three pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. All three of these pillars are essential aspects of the Christian life. Consider joining as we embark on this journey, starting on January 17, 90 days before Easter, to grow in faith and brotherhood. If you are interested, contact Peter Flies: 507-696-7437 or <u>flies.pete@gmail.com</u> (www.exodus90.com)

**ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES.** Join us Sundays for a Rosary Rally for our country, conversion, and peace. These rallies continue to be held near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th Street SE and 3rd Avenue SE at 3PM- lasting about 35 minutes. Questions? Janela Hubka daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090.



#### CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Your Name:	]
Steve & Kim Beery	
Hiep and Bach-Tuyet Dao	
Cuc Nguyen	
Nancy Nicholson	
Elaine Stettler	
Lap and Thanh Thuy-Le	
Cuong and Vua Thi Van Le	

In Memory of: My Sister, Laurel Quinn

Edward, Hazel & Gerald Stettler

- Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA, USA

(additional gifts received as of December 29, 2021)

# Rochester Catholic Schools



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
- What our learning environment looks like and how we ensure each child receives individual attention daily
- 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: <u>https://visit.rcsmn.org/or-switch-guide/</u> <u>#lp-pom-box-654</u>

# The Greater Catholic Community

**HEARING GOD'S VOICE.** St. John the Evangelist, 5:30PM. January 11 and January 18. Kate Piderman, a chaplain and researcher at Mayo Clinic and a spiritual director, will present the way she and her team have gathered spiritual stories from those who are ill and invite us to consider how we might adapt this work to those we minister to. The workshop will meet two times to dive into listening to others' stories as well as how God is at work in our own lives. Please RSVP to Michelle Schmid at <u>mschmid@sj.org</u> if you plan on attending.

LANDSCAPES OF THE SACRED. Living Faithfully on God's Beloved Earth. Saturday, February 5, 2022. 8:30AM-12PM by Zoom. Colleen Carpenter, PhD is Professor of Theology at St Catherine's University in St Paul, MN. She has written extensively on theology issues related to the Earth and our Christian relationship to the world around us. Sponsored by the Social Justice committees of Holy Spirit and Pax Christi. Questions or to register: <u>hspaxsocialjustice@gmail.com</u>

**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: <u>www.dowr.org/offices/life-</u> marriage-family/index.html

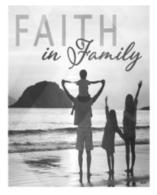
**MERCY MISSION:** February 19-21. Singer/songwriter/ missionary disciple Steve Angrisano will offer workshops, discipleship talks, worship opportunities, and inspirational music. There will also be events specifically for children and youth. For more information or to purchase tickets: <u>www.rescathroch.org/WP/mission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

#### 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 (<u>https://www.dowr.org/about/</u> <u>employment.html</u>) 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: <u>www.ccsomn.org/employment</u>





# FAMILY CONNECTION

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, atti-

tudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son.

In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

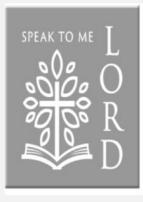
As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life?

Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with

water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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#### FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTON STATEMENTS.

The Church of St. Francis of Assisi will be mailing 2021 Contribution Statements to all parishioners the week of January 17, 2022. If you just recently moved, please notify the Parish Center office at 288-

7313. We are so grateful to all of you who honor your commitment. Thank you!



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