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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

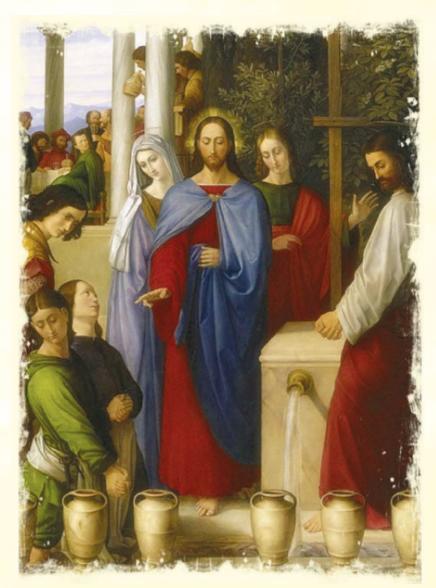
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CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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.



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - John 2:3-5



PATHS TO PEACE FOR 2022. In his message for the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis considers three practical paths we must walk.

1. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace." (Is 52:7)

The words of the prophet Isaiah speak of consolation; they voice the sigh of relief of a people in exile, weary of violence and oppression, exposed to indignity and death. The prophet Baruch had wondered: "Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among

those in Hades?" (3:10-11). For the people of Israel, the coming of the messenger of peace meant the promise of a rebirth from the rubble of history, the beginning of a bright future.

Today the path of peace, which Saint Paul VI called by the new name of integral development, [1] remains sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women and thus from our human family, which is now entirely interconnected. Despite numerous efforts aimed at constructive dialogue between nations, the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying. While diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidary sharing continues to prevail. As in the days of the prophets of old, so in our own day the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth [2] constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace.

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an "architecture" of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an "art" of peace that directly involves each one of us. [3] All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

Here I wish to propose three paths for building a lasting peace. First, dialogue between generations as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, education as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, labour as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for "making possible the creation of a social covenant", [4] without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.

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DIOCESAN SYNOD. PLEASE READ THE UPDATE ON THE PARISH DOCESAN SYNOD ON PAGE 5 OF THE BULLETIN!

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

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EMPIEZA EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO.

Todo buen católico sabe que durante el año tenemos varios "tiempos" en los cuales distribuimos la lectura de la Palabra de Dios, meditamos sobre un aspecto de la vida de Jesús, y profundizamos en un misterio de la vida de Jesús. Tenemos el tiempo de Adviento, de Navidad, de Pascua, etc. Y hay un tiempo bastante peculiar, que probablemente sabemos poco de él, es el llamado Tiempo Ordinario.

¿POR QUÉ SE LLAMA ASÍ? La respuesta es sencilla: se llama "tiempo ordinario", porque en dicho tiempo se medita sobre la "vida ordinaria" de Jesús, es decir, qué hizo con sus discípulos, los lugares que visitó, los milagros que realizó. Pero, a diferencia de otros tiempos, en el tiempo ordinario se profundiza en la vida cotidiana Jesús.

Por ejemplo, en el tiempo de Navidad se profundiza sobre el nacimiento de Jesús, en el tiempo de Pascua se profundiza en la Resurrección de Jesús, mientras que en el tiempo ordinario no hay un misterio específico que se profundice, sino más bien se acompaña a Jesús en sus "actividades" de día a día.

Este tiempo es peculiar, es el más largo del año, dura entre 33 a 34 semanas, el color que se utiliza es el verde, comienza después de la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor y concluye con la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo. Y ahora ya sabemos, se llama **ordinario** porque acompañamos a Jesús en su vida ordinaria.



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 17, 2022

MON Jan 17 TUES Jan 18	•	2:00 AM 2:00 AM	NO MASS NO MASS
	* 9	2:30 AM	Karen Sheehan
WED Jan 19	7	:00 AM	Judy (Lent) Aubrecht +
THU Jan 20	7	:00 AM	James Kuennen †
FRI Jan 21	7	:00 AM	NO MASS
SAT Jan 22	4	:30 PM	Patricia Pedretti †
SUN Jan 23	8	:00 AM	Jenny Helms
	10	:00 AM	Zachary Svendson
*	* 12	2:00 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 January 16, 2022

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 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Las lecturas de la semana del 16 de enero de 2022

Domingo: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 [3]/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11

Lunes: 1 Sm 15, 16-23/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mc 2, 18-22 Martes: 1 Sm 16, 1-13/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28 Miércoles: 1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/Mc 3, 1-6

Jueves: 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7/Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 10-11. 12-13/ Mc 3, 7-12

Viernes: 1 Sm 24, 3-21/Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/Mc 3, 13-19 Sábado: 2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27/Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/Mc 3, 20-21

Domingo siguiente: Neh 8, 2-4. 5-6. 8-10/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/1 Co 12, 12-30 o 12, 12-14. 27/Lc 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Faith Formation

Peace and non-violence were themes of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. He was a minister who did his best to live by the Scripture passage, "love your neighbor as yourself." He was also trying to be a voice for those who were not seen as equal in the eyes of the majority. We have people in this country right now who are not seen as equals. I am sure you could name a few. The homeless in our community, those people who are on the opposite side of the Covid issue from you, or the refugees who are coming to our country from Afghanistan right now in search of a better life?

My great-grandparents migrated to the USA from Germany in search of a better life. It was not easy, but eventually they settled on a farm in northern lowa, and that farm has now been in our family for over 110 years. My grandfather tilled that soil, and my father tilled that soil. What is your family's story about migrating to the USA? We all have a story!

As we think about and reflect on Martin Luther King Jr's life and legacy, perhaps we also think about how our great-grandparents laid the foundation for our good life. WE are all blessed and one of the ways of expressing that is to share our time and talent with those who have less.

I was so impressed with the Confirmation students who rang bells with me for Salvation Army. Service to others is one way of living out Martin Luther King Jr's legacy and it's a wonderful way to live out our faith.

God Bless!

- Mark (youthminister@stfrancis-church.org)

All Rochester Catholic Parish
WINTER CHILL!!!

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

The Annual Winter Chill is for students in grades 6-8 on Saturday evening, January 29. Prayer, service projects, games, dancing, inflatable obstacle course. Experience prayer in a new way! Bring a friend! 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 Monday, January 17.

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 29/30:

	Reader	Hospitality Minister	Minister of Holy Communion
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Maureen Jones Sah	John Sibley David Klinkhammer	Robin Erickson
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Mary Sagstetter	Pat Stern [OPEN]	Ruth Wentz
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Bill Klein	Lori Paukert Mark Paukert	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: <u>http://www.kofc1013.org</u>

MusicNotes



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: DUE TO ONGOING CONCERNS IN REGARD TO COVID TRANSMISSION, THE IN-PERSON EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED. WE WILL BE DOING A WRITTEN SURVEY INSTEAD. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN!

As a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, you are invited to join our Synod Process. 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. 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

- Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA, USA

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.

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 <u>daveandjanela@gmail.com</u> or 507-282-6090.

RITE OF ELECTION. The diocesan Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, at 3PM. We are planning for it to be held in-person at Queen of Angels Parish in Austin. At this liturgical rite, Bishop Quinn gathers in prayer with the catechumens and candidates of our diocese to acknowledge that God has called them to full communion with the Catholic Church. All of the faithful of our diocese are invited to this liturgy, and especially all of those who have been part of the RCIA process with these catechumens and candidates – i.e., their family members, pastors, RCIA coordinators and team members, sponsors, etc.



OUR GIFT TO YOU! We are excited to offer **FORMED®** to your entire parish for free this Christmas! Check out award-winning studies, inspiring audio content, movies, e-books and family-friendly kids' programming. There's something for everyone! Registering is very easy! Go to: <u>signup.formed.org</u> and enter 55904 or St Francis of Assisi. We are an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place!

Rochester Catholic Schools

The Greater Catholic Community



SHOWCASE OF SCHOOLS: JANUARY 24-27 AND PRIORI-TY APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 4. The RCS Winter Showcase of Schools is right around the corner! Prospective families with rising preschool-grade 12 students are invited to explore the five campuses and exceptional learning communities of RCS on January 24, 25, and 27 between 4:30-7PM. Priority application deadline for the 2022-2023 school year is Friday, February 4. Tell your friends and family! Register for the showcase or apply for the fall of 2022 at rcsmn.org/ admissions.

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: JANUARY 30-

FEBRUARY 5! There's a lot to celebrate at Rochester Catholic Schools! Join us during National Catholic Schools Week from January 30-February 5, 2022, as we rejoice together. To begin our celebration, families are invited to attend Mass at our RCS parishes on January 30. School and system events will follow throughout the week, including the President's Reception on February 4 - where we will honor five members of the RCS community. Also watch for prize giveaways throughout the week! We look forward to celebrating our schools, faith, mission, and YOU - our community! Learn more about Catholic Schools Week and RSVP for the President's Reception at rcsmn.org/catholicschoolsweek

THINKING ABOUT SWITCHING SCHOOLS THIS YEAR OR NEXT?

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/#lp-pom-box-654</u>



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022: January 18 to 25. We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him. (Mt 2:2) This is the theme and scriptural reference for the 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - a worldwide movement among Christians to heal the divisions within the Church; to promote dialogues

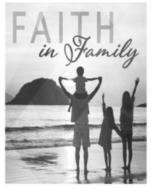
among churches and Christian communities; and to encourage Christians everywhere to better understand and reflect the implications of 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism.' Each year from January 18 to 25, Christians are encouraged to pray together as a sign of the unity that is already theirs in Christ and that that unity will become complete."

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/lifemarriage-family/index.html</u>

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>

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

Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary. People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in

our attentiveness to one another's needs.

If your family has attended a wedding celebration together, talk about the experience and the planning and cooperation that made the celebration memorable. Talk about how weddings and feasts are images in Scripture for the Kingdom of God. Consider how these festive occasions are images of God's tremendous love for us and examples of how we can show our love for one another. Then read together today's Gospel, John 2:1-11. Talk about Mary's attentiveness to the needs of the hosts and about Jesus' response. What could your family learn from this story? Consider ways that you might show these values in your family's daily life. Pray together <u>Saint Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity.</u>

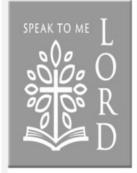
Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God, Teach me true generosity. Teach me to serve you as you deserve. To give without counting the cost, To fight heedless of wounds, To labor without seeking rest, To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward Save the knowledge that I have done your will. Amen.

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



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!



In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him. Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

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