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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 - 4PM

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday - Friday 7AM

School Mass:

Tuesday 9:30AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 4:30PM
Sunday 8AM, 10AM

In Spanish:

Thursday 7PM
Sunday 12PM

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Jueves 7PM
Domingo 12PM

Pastor

Rev. Jim Berning

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Luis Vargas



Jesus said, "My children,
I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- John 13:33a, 34a

A MESSAGE FROM FR JIM BERNING



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. The work of the church's first leaders continues in our day, as we discover in reading the Acts of the Apostles. This work will eventually usher in the new age spoken of in today's second reading from the Book of Revelation, but it begins even now when we live out the new commandment: "Love one another. As I loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" John 13: 34.

JOIN US FOR THE KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Our St. Francis Knights of Columbus will host their Deluxe Pancake Breakfast in McCarthy Hall, today, May 15. Please attend this first breakfast from them, since the beginning of the pandemic. Proceeds will benefit St. Francis of Assisi School. Thanks to our Brother Knights for hosting this event for all of us.

LOURDES BACCALAUREATE MASS. On Wednesday, May 18th, we will host the Lourdes Baccalaureate Mass for the 2022 graduation class here at St. Francis of Assisi. We congratulate them all and pray God's blessings upon them and all who are graduating from High School and all schools of higher education.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022. We are so VERY grateful to the 132 parish families that have pledged and/or given \$55,611 towards our 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$49,661. "Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts" Our parish always exceeds our goal and we are very grateful and thankful for everyone's generosity and faith. Our parish project this year will be the re-finishing of the pews, woodwork and cabinetry.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION. If you are in need of Holy Communion at home, or know of someone, please contact the parish office and let us know. We have volunteers who take Holy Communion every First Friday to those in our parish and are very grateful for those who organize it and take it to our parishioners. Also, if you are interested in helping with this Ministry, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK. If you are in need or know someone who would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office. Thanks.

FAITH FORMATION. Mark Nuehring, Director of Faith Formation, is no longer employed by St. Francis of Assisi. We wish Mark all the best as he pursues other endeavors. During this time of transition, please direct any Faith Formation related questions to the parish center office at 288-7313.

A Blessed Easter Season to all!

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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TIEMPO PASCUAL. El tiempo pascual es el más fuerte de todo el año, que se inaugura en la Vigilia Pascual y se celebra durante siete semanas hasta Pentecostés. El origen de esta cincuentena se remonta a los orígenes del Año litúrgico. Dentro de la Cincuentena se celebra la Ascensión del Señor que pertenece al misterio de la Pascua del Señor. Y concluye todo

con la donación del Espíritu en Pentecostés. La unidad de la Cincuentena que da también subrayada por la presencia del Cirio Pascual encendido en todas las celebraciones, hasta el domingo de Pentecostés.

MAYO MES DE LA VIRGEN MARIA. María es la única mujer de toda la historia de la humanidad a la que Dios permitió nacer sin pecado original, la madre de Cristo y siempre Virgen, que fue asunta al cielo en cuerpo y alma. Tenemos todo este mes de mayo para dedicarlos especialmente a Nuestra Madre. Pero, ¿por qué el mes de mayo es el mes de la Virgen María? Si la Iglesia está celebrando la Resurrección de Jesús, ¿por qué se rinde homenaje también a María en este mes?

Esta tradición lleva dos siglos en vigor y coincide con el comienzo de la primavera y el destierro del invierno. El "triumfo de la vida" que simboliza la primavera es uno de los motivos por los que se sitúa en mayo el mes de la Virgen, Madre de la Vida, de Jesús. Además, la presencia de este homenaje particular a María se corresponde con otorgar un sentido cristiano a este mes y en esta estación. La Grecia y la Roma clásicas también celebraban la llegada de la primavera. Lo hacían con festividades, oraciones y flores para Artemisa y Flora, ambas consideradas diosas de la fertilidad.

Esta tradición dio un vuelco en el siglo XII y cambió de página en el calendario. Nació la fiesta de "La devoción de los treinta días a María", que tenía lugar entre la segunda quincena de agosto y la primera de septiembre. Dedicarle un mes exclusivo a la Virgen es una idea del siglo XVII. En esta época volvió a incluirse un culto especial a María en el mes de mayo, que es el que ha llegado hasta la actualidad. La primavera y el mes de mayo presentan una naturaleza verde, en flor, con buen tiempo. Ese reflejo de la belleza de la naturaleza también hablan de María, de su belleza y de su virtud.

La celebración de este mes de mayo es más que una tradición entre los cristianos, es un homenaje y una acción de gracias hacia quien es Nuestra Madre. Como "regalos" para Ella, se suelen hacer muchas cosas. Entre ellas, el rezo del Rosario, las ofrendas florales o la meditación de sus dogmas son algunas ideas con las que honrar a María en este mes de mayo.

MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of May 16 2022

MON May 16		NO MASS
TUES May 17	7:00 AM	Jerry Goodman †
	* 9:30 AM	Kinsman Family †
WED May 18	7:00 AM	Karen Margotta †
THU May 19	7:00 AM	Mary Shanks †
	7:00 PM	
FRI May 20	7:00 AM	Eva Tieman †
SAT May 21	4:30PM	Ruth Fischer †
SUN May 22	8:00 AM	John Nemes †
	10:00 AM	James Kirchner †
	** 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 MAY 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 15 DE MAYO DE 2022

Domingo: Hch 14, 21-27/Sal 144, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13/Ap 21, 1-5/Jn 13, 31-33. 34-35
 Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18/Sal 114, 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/Jn 14, 21-26
 Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 21/Jn 14, 27-31
 Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/Jn 15, 1-8
 Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 10/Jn 15, 9-11
 Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31/Sal 56, 8-9. 10 y 12/Jn 15, 12-17
 Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 5/Jn 15, 18-21
 Domingo siguiente: Hch 15, 1-2. 22-29/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [4]/Ap 21, 10-14. 22-23/
 Jn 14, 23-29

CATHOLIC EDUCATION



PRESCHOOL OFFERED AT ALL FIVE RCS LOCATIONS THIS FALL: APPLY TODAY! New for the 2022-2023 school year: The Nest Preschool at Rochester Catholic Schools is growing and will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient RCS locations for the fall of 2022! In addition to exciting new offerings among the three current RCS locations, The Nest will also launch programs at the two other campuses, Lourdes High School and the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School. Lourdes High School will offer an innovative nature-based program for Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5). The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School will provide all-day options for Preschool (Age 3) & Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5). New offerings at the current Nest locations will include an Early Preschool program (Age 2) at Holy Spirit Catholic School. Our classrooms are filling fast. Register today: <https://www.rcsmn.org/admissions/newfamilies>

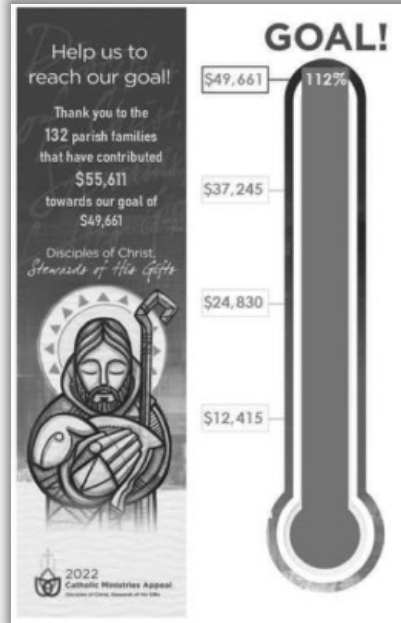


ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKS NEW LAY TRUSTEE MEMBER. Do you have a calling to bring your professional background to serve Rochester Catholic Schools? The Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees is seeking applications for a new lay trustee member. The Board of

Trustees articulates the vision, mission, and overall policy for the five schools that make up the RCS system. A description of the responsibilities of a trustee and application materials are available on the Rochester Catholic Schools website in the "Board of Trustees" section at: [rcsmn.org/boardapplication](https://www.rcsmn.org/boardapplication)

The trustees invite members of the Rochester Catholic community to share the opportunity with qualified applicants in your networks. Rochester Catholic Parishioners who have an affiliation with Rochester Catholic Schools are encouraged to apply, including alumni or parents/grandparents of current and former students. Applications are due Tuesday, May 31.

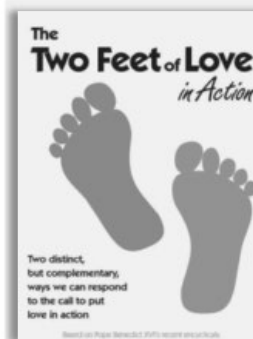
2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL. As Catholics, we are blessed to be strengthened and united by Christ in the Eucharist and sent forth to bring the peace and joy of our Triune God to all those we encounter. As individual members of the Body of Christ, we all possess different gifts and talents for furthering the ministry of Christ and His Church. During this year, may we all strive to be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts throughout

the Catholic community, using our personal gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Please support the 2022 CMA so that we may be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts. Every gift makes a difference! To give: www.catholicismn.org



THE TWO FEET OF LOVE IN ACTION.

The document "The Two Feet of Love in Action" was developed by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. This tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways that we can put the Gospel into action. The first is through charitable works which is described as short-term emergency assistance for individ-

uals. Saint Francis of Assisi parish is very generous in providing charitable works for our neighbors in need. The second is through social justice which is described as addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people. Some ways that you can be more active in social justice is to sign up for emails from the Minnesota Catholic Conference. These emails tell you about Minnesota Legislative bills that affect the disadvantaged in our state. It explains the bills and informs you on how you can let your legislators know how you wish them to vote. The Minnesota Catholic Conference emails can be attained by registering at www.mncatholic.org/join. Another local option is to sign up to receive the Diocese's Social Concerns Newsletter by contacting Isaac Landsteiner, Director of Parish Social Ministry, at ilandsteiner@ccsomn.org. The full document can be found at usccb.org

SUMMER PROGRAMS. Do you have your children signed up for one of the programs provided by Saint Francis?

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP: JUNE 19-25. 22 students and 5 adults are signed up for this Mission Trip. There is still room to register if your high school student would like to join us.

TOTUS TUUS: JULY 10-15. The day program is for elementary students and the evening program is for middle and high school students. You can register on our website under the YOUTH tab.

STEUBENVILLE NORTH CONFERENCE: JULY 15-17. Every summer over 1,500 Catholic high school students attend this event right here in Rochester. We have 6 students currently registered, but are hoping to reach 10.

CAMP SUMMIT: AUGUST 1-4. This Catholic camp for middle school youth is organized by the Diocese of Winona and is held at Eagle Bluff in Lanesboro. We currently have 5 students registered, but are hoping for 5 more.

Scholarships are available to help your children participate in any of these wonderful opportunities. Please call the parish office at 288-7313 if you have a child interested in attending any of these events!



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!

¿ERES UN MIEMBRO DE LA PARROQUIA?

Frecuentemente las personas asisten a misa en una parroquia durante meses o a veces años, pero nunca se registran oficialmente. Si usted no lo ha hecho, le invitamos a completar el Formulario de Registro Parroquial en nuestro sitio web: <https://stfrancis-church.org> o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 288-7313. ¡Esperamos contarte entre los miembros de nuestra familia parroquial!

TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE

St. Augustine

SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SINGING! St. Augustine said that when we sing, we pray twice. If you are interested in sharing your gift by singing at St. Francis, please join us as we start up our choir for the 10am Mass once a month during this Easter season.

"The dignity and lofty purpose of sacred music consist in the fact that its lovely melodies and splendor beautify and embellish the voices of the priest who offers Mass and of the Christian people who praise the Sovereign God. Its special power and excellence should lift up to God the minds of the faithful who are present. It should make the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently and more effectively. The power of sacred music increases the honor given to God by the Church in union with Christ, its Head." - Pope Pius XII

May all our voices join together to proclaim the goodness of the Lord.

- Hope (liffranc@stfrancis-church.org)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 21/22:

	4:30PM SATURDAY	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY
Altar Servers	Jack Bowron [open]	Lalie Scaccio Victoria Scaccio	William Cleveland Justo Moron
Reader	Maryanne Doyle	Tim Lawler	Mary Sagstetter
Hospitality Minister	John Sibley David Klinkhammer	Alan Heimer Jean Heimer	Bill Cleveland Becky Cleveland
Ministers of Holy Communion	Rose Bengal	John Winkels	Dave Oeth

PARISHIONERS. Please, after Mass, would you make sure the blue book is up with the gold cross showing, and placed on the left and the maroon book down on the right. The reason the maroon book is down - there are two books in it and it saves on the binder. We have had to throw quite a few of the binders way. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

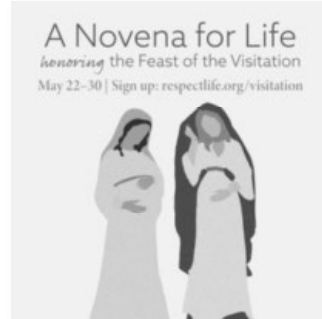


TODAY! THE KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST RETURNS! St. Francis' Knights of Columbus will again host their Deluxe Pancake Breakfast in McCarthy Hall on **SUNDAY, MAY 15** - the first KC Pancake breakfast to be held since the beginning of the pandemic. Proceeds will benefit St. Francis of Assisi School.



COUNCIL MEETING. 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 KC's

and about the men who belong to Council 14170. Questions? Please contact Bruce Anderson at 507-358-5478 or branderson781983@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!



A NOVENA FOR LIFE. On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Join

us in praying "A Novena for Life" from May 22-30. For more information, visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/visitation>

HOLY LAND TRIP WITH FR. LUIS. Join us for a Bilingual Holy Land Trip with Fr. Luis Vargas from August 22 to August 31, 2022. There are still a few spots available! Enrollment is due by May 15th. Interested? Contact Cristina Hennessey at 507-250-5394 for information!

BECKLEY'S "SHRED" EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFITS. Beckley's Office Products is holding a special "SHREDDING" Event on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19 from 8AM to 4PM. Bring your boxes of documents and Beckley's will shred them for \$12/box - and \$6 per box will be donated to our parish. Cash and check only! Beckley's Office Products is located at 125 Woodlake Drive SE, Rochester, MN. Call 507-282-8659 with questions.

THE PRAYING FAMILY. The Praying Family is a new initiative by the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. We provide prayer packages that fit the liturgical season, which include prayer activities that fit a family's schedule, and walk you through setting up a prayer space and creating intentional time to pray together. Our current prayer packs are May Crowning and Divine Mercy bags. More information on ordering or utilizing some of our FREE resources can be found at: theprayingfamily.weebly.com

DIOCESAN RETREAT. Join us August 5-7, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, for The Witness of the Eucharist: A retreat for those seeking renewal in the Eucharist to "go be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Co-leaders will be Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht and Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust. This diocesan retreat is open to all Catholic adults and is one of the ways we are inaugurating the diocesan year of the Eucharistic Revival. Registration opens May 15. Questions? Contact Susan at swindley@dowr.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY. World Youth Day will be held in Portugal in the summer of 2023. If you are interested in attending, please contact Aaron Lofy at 507-858-1258 or alofy@dowr.org



UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND. Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund!

The international K of C community includes more than 1,800 members in Ukraine who, like their fellow citizens, are facing an urgent need for temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing and pastoral support. Inspired by our Order's first principle, Charity,

please join us in praying for peace and consider a donation to our Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.



Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. Your gift of any amount will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>



FAMILY CONNECTION.

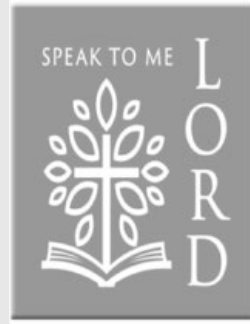
Is love the first word your family members use to describe their interactions? Love is difficult. Jesus' sacrifice for us is an example of this. Yet because of love, the glory of God is fully revealed in Jesus. God's glory is revealed in us when we act as the Body of

Christ, as individuals and as a community. In the love we have for one another—difficult, challenging, sacrificial love—we find Jesus.

Choose one or two occasions when your family was together during the week. Describe the family's interactions from an outsider's perspective. When is it less difficult to show love to family members? When is it more difficult? When love is difficult, what do we do?

Jesus didn't just tell us to love one another. He showed us how to love one another. In what ways did Jesus show us how to love? (in his acts of healing and forgiving; at the Last Supper as he washed his disciples' feet; in the gift of the Eucharist; through his death on the Cross)

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



Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

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Hola! Bienvenue!
welcome!

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!

INVOCATION OF PEACE. God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. . . Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that. . . our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



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