



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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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

Misa En Español:

Jueves 7PM
Domingo 12PM

Pastor

Rev. Jim Berning

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Luis Vargas



And another said, "I will follow you, Lord,
but first let me say farewell to my family at home."
To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and
looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."
- Luke 9:61-62

A MESSAGE FROM FR JIM BERNING



THE COUNTED WEEKENDS ... ORDINARY TIME THAT BECOMES EXTRA-ORDINARY FOR US. We have begun Ordinary Time Sundays again - made extra-ordinary for us in this time of the three-year Revival of the Holy Eucharist. During these counted weeks, we pray: Lord, we ask you for the freedom in the Holy Eucharist, every time we receive You, that truly frees us to love as You love, to have the mind that was in Christ Jesus, and to allow us to empty ourselves so you can fill us. Make us fit for the work of the kingdom through

the gift of your Holy Spirit. Let the Revival of the Holy Eucharist begin and bring others to Kingdom Fitness in the receiving and deep belief of the Holy Eucharist. Let us in Kingdom Fitness be committed to all that Jesus wants us to do! Amen.

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FAITH FORMATION: FAMILY PICNIC. Our Faith Formation coordinators are inviting us on Wednesday, June 29 - the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - for a summer family picnic. All are invited to attend under the oak trees of the rectory area. Thanks to them and see everyone there!

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC. Our Annual Parish Picnic under the Oaks will be held on Sunday, August 14. A great time for us to get together as a whole parish community! Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and their families who are helping host this event for us. See you there!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2022. We are OFFICIALLY OVER GOAL! We are so grateful to the 141 parish families that have pledged and/or given \$57,666 towards our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$49,661. NOW, all monies reached over our goal will be returned to the parish for our designated building project - refinishing the pews, woodwork and cabinetry.

PETER'S PENCE. This weekend, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous and continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Please keep God in summer and come to church. Come on in, faith makes you live longer...

Fr. Jim C. Berning

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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CÓMO SE ORGANIZA EL AÑO LITÚRGICO.

El Año Litúrgico se organiza en esta clave de lectura, con la celebración anual de los misterios de Cristo y de los santos. En él hay diversos "tiempos" llamados "fuertes": Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma y Pascua y también un "Tiempo Ordinario" que cubre las treinta y tres o treinta y cuatro semanas restantes del año natural.

El Tiempo Ordinario comienza después del Bautismo del Señor, en los primeros días de enero y se extiende hasta el Miércoles de Ceniza; de nuevo se retoma al acabar el tiempo de Pascua tras el domingo de Pentecostés, y termina en las primeras Vísperas del domingo I de Adviento. Después de la Solemnidad de Pentecostés, retomamos el Tiempo Ordinario.

Ya intuimos como el Año Litúrgico tiene su propuesta particular para vivir el paso del tiempo y la memoria (que es actualización, vivencia) de los misterios de nuestra fe. El comienzo del año natural no coincide – claro está- con el comienzo del año litúrgico, aunque el día 1 de enero tiene también para los cristianos un significado de novedad: empieza un año nuevo y celebramos la solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios.

EL VALOR Y SIGNIFICADO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO.

En el Tiempo Ordinario no se conmemora ningún aspecto particular del misterio de Cristo, sino que se celebra el designio salvífico divino en su plenitud. Este tiempo gira en torno a la celebración del domingo – día del Señor y primer y octavo día de la semana-. Los fieles encuentran, así, un camino para la comprensión gradual del misterio salvífico, siguiendo la vida de Jesús, al hilo de las lecturas evangélicas.

El Tiempo Ordinario recuerda, por tanto, que Cristo, hasta su segunda venida, está siempre presente en el mundo. La vida ordinaria de cada fiel, los días aparentemente siempre iguales de su existencia, no son momentos banales, sino encuentro definitivo con la gracia del Espíritu derramada en Pentecostés, y anticipación del triunfo total de Cristo al final de los tiempos.



MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of June 27, 2022

MON June 27		NO MASS
TUES June 28	7:00 AM	Arleni Soto (Birthday)
WED June 29	7:00 AM	Charles Duryea †
THU June 30	7:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
	** 7:00 PM	
FRI July 1	7:00 AM	Morales Family
SAT July 2	4:30PM	Living & Deceased Members of the Blaul Family
SUN July 3	8:00 AM	Lori Klein †
	10:00 AM	James E. Kirchner †
	** 12:00 PM	For the Parish

* School Mass ** Spanish Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

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 JUNE 26, 2022

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
 Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/
 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 26 DE JUNIO DE 2022

Domingo: 1 Kgs 19, 16. 19-21/Sal 15, 1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/
 Gal 5, 1. 13-18/Lc 9, 51-62
 Lunes: Am 2, 6-10. 13-16/Sal 49, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21. 22-23/
 Mt 8, 18-22
 Martes: Am 3, 1-8; 4, 11-12/Sal 5, 4-6. 6-7. 8/Mt 8, 23-27
 Miércoles: Vigilia: Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Gal 1, 11-20/
 Jn 21, 15-19 Día: Hch 12, 1-11/
 Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/2 Tim 4, 6-8. 17-18/Mt 16, 13-19
 Jueves: Am 7, 10-17/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt 9, 1-8
 Viernes: Am 8, 4-6. 9-12/Sal 118, 2. 10. 20. 30. 40. 131/Mt 9, 9-13
 Sábado: Am 9, 11-15/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Mt 9, 14-17
 Domingo siguiente: Is 66, 10-14/Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16. 20 [1]/Gal 6, 14-18/Lc 10, 1-12. 17-20 o 10, 1-9



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>



NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO EXPLORE ROCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

Space is still available to enroll your child at Rochester Catholic Schools for this fall! Our Admissions Team invites you to schedule a time this summer to visit with us and discover the RCS Difference - EXCELLENCE

encouraged for all, CHARACTER shaped by faith, and COMMUNITY devoted to growth. Call 507-424-1817 today to schedule a meeting or tour!

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL. Extended Care for K-5th Grade. Two positions are available:

✘ 6AM-8AM during the 2022-2023 school year. You would open up in the morning and parents can start dropping off their children at 6:30AM. There will be breakfast items and games/activities until they go outside at 8AM.

✘ 3PM-6PM during the 2022-2023 school year. You would welcome children after the school day ends and have snacks and games/activities for them to enjoy until parents come to pick them up at the end of the day. Please contact Amy Heimer, Principal, at aheimer@rcsmn.org or call 507-288-8818 with any questions.



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Our Annual
Parish Picnic

Under the Oaks

Sunday, August 14

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Domingo, 14 de Agosto,

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Come and enjoy good food,
(provided by the Canadian Honker)
good beverages, good friends, music and fun.
Bring your own blanket or lawn chairs!

Ven y disfruta de Buenos amigos, comida
(brindada por el Canadian Honker)
bebidas y mucha diversión. Trae tú cobija o silla de jardín y prepárate a descañar!

Check out the many ways for your youth to stay active in their faith this summer! Sign up is available on our website under the YOUTH tab.



TOTUS TUUS: July 10-15. Registration is officially open! Register on-line via our website under the YOUTH tab or use a printed form in the Gathering Space and drop it off in the parish office. We are looking for volunteers to provide meals for the team. Lunch (serve 10-15) or supper in your home for team of 4.



STEUBENVILLE: 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 have 5 students registered, but are hoping for 5 more.

St. Francis Faith Formation/Family Event

FAMILY PICNIC

Wednesday, June 29

Family Picnic Under the Oaks

Wednesday, June 29
6 pm - 8 pm

Playground, kickball game, lawn games and more!

Hotdogs/Beverages/plates/utensils provided.
Things to bring: A side dish to share.
Chair or blanket to sit on. All are welcome!

TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE

St. Augustine

SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SINGING!
“A hymn is the praise of God with song; a song is the exultation of the mind dwelling on eternal things, bursting forth in the voice.” – St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Augustine said that when we sing, we pray twice. If you are interested in sharing your gift by singing at St. Francis this summer, please join us as a cantor or in the choir. Our choir sings for the 10am Mass once a month.

“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.” – Pope Pius XII

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for July 2/3:

	4:30PM SATURDAY	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY
Altar Servers	Jack Bowron	Piper Macken Olivia Scaccio	Justo Moron
Reader	Maryanne Doyle	Ruth Wentz	Ruth Wentz
Hospitality Minister	David Klinkhammer John Sibley	Jean Heimer Alan Heimer	Becky Cleveland Bill Cleveland
Ministers of Holy Communion	Rose Bengal	Beth Lamsam	Sherri Kirk

“I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him; I will rejoice in the Lord... Bless the Lord, my soul! Alleluia!” - Psalm 104

- Hope (liffranc@stfrancis-church.org)

PARISH NOTES



COUNCIL MEETING. The St Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 14170 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September thru May, 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 branderson781983@gmail.com or 507-358-5478. We look forward to seeing you!



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

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.

- Pope Francis

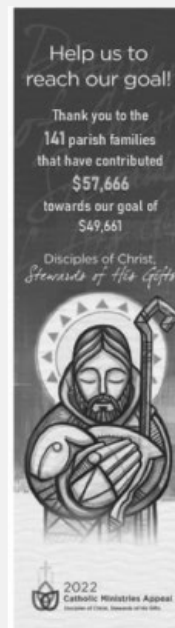


THE GREATER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT. The "Witness of the Eucharist" is open to all Catholic adults and will be held August 5-7 at IHM Seminary in Winona. It will focus on how the Lord "witnesses" to us in the Eucharist, and how the Eucharist is a source for our own witness. Fr. Jonathan Fasnacht and Dr. Susan Windley-Daoust are co-leaders. Registration is open and space is limited! \$110 for the weekend (room and board), or \$60 for commuters. Please register by July 25. More information and registration are available at dowr.org

SISTERS of ST FRANCIS. The Sisters of St. Francis are currently seeking an Executive Assistant to provide efficient and effective clerical and administrative support for the Community President and Congregational Leadership with behavior that reflects the mission and values of the Rochester Franciscans. For more information, go to rochesterfranciscan.org

THE LANDING MN. Are you looking to make a change in your community and serve those in need? Join The Landing MN team to provide a soft place to land for those facing homelessness. We are seeking a responsible and passionate individual with excellent communication skills and impeccable judgement to join our Day Center Staff. For more information and a full job description, go to: www.thelandingmn.org/now-hiring



GOAL!

WE ARE OFFICIALLY OVER GOAL! We are so grateful to the 141 parish families that have pledged and/or given \$57,666 towards our 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$49,661.

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



FAMILY CONNECTION.

Parents are always striving to help their children to set priorities. Children need to learn to finish homework before watching TV or going out to play. They need to know that they have to finish their chores before they can go out with their friends. They need to know that paying attention to curfews for their safety is more important than being popular.

As a family, talk about these examples of setting priorities. Share examples of how you learned to prioritize as you were maturing. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about the importance of making him the number-one priority in our lives.

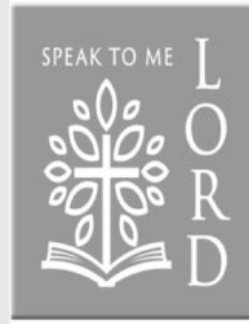
Read aloud Luke 9:51-62. Talk about how going to Sunday Mass as a family is an important way of keeping God at the center of our lives. Talk about other ways that the family can make Jesus a priority.

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



ONLINE GIVING. Are you able to honor your commitment during the summer months? Online Giving is an easy way to keep up with your commitment to our parish while on vacation. Our Online Giving program allows you to make regular Sunday and Holy Day contributions. It is a safe, secure, and convenient program that allows you to manage your giving anytime - even if the Parish Office is closed or if you are out of town. The WeShare link can be found on our website - <https://stfrancis-church.org> !

MASS TIMES. It can be difficult for Catholics to find a Mass when traveling or when it is not practical to attend their home parishes. Check out [masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org) Mass Times makes it easier to search for a Mass by presenting all the possibilities in a geographical area with Mass times, church locations, contact information, website links and maps.



Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem.

For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God. Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

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