St. Francis *of* Assisi Catholic Church

September 12, 2021

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Parish Office hours: 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
Phone: 515-457-7167
www.sfawdm.org

PRAY WITH US

Weekday Masses
Monday-Friday: 7:15 a.m.
Tuesday: Noon

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation
Wednesday: Noon-1 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

Adoration
2nd & 4th Tuesday each month: 8 a.m.—8 p.m.
Adoration with Benediction: 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m.

OUR CLERGY

Fr. Ray McHenry
Pastor | Ext. 109

Fr. John Kwaku Brobbey
Associate Pastor | Ext. 107

Deacon Bill Richer
Pastoral Associate | Ext. 110

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YouTube

Welcome parishioners, newcomers and to those visiting!

Registration for our fall consecration to St. Joseph is open. We celebrated the first consecration on July 10. We will read the book "Consecration to St. Joseph: the Wonders of our Spiritual Father" by Fr. Donald Calloway in preparation to make the 33-day consecration on November 1. If you would like to do the consecration you may do it as a family, prayer group or individual. We have a free copy of the book available in the parish office. For more information search St. Joseph at www.stfrancischurch.org.

Francisfest is Sunday, October 3. Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners in this annual event to celebrate our parish! We'll begin with lunch after the 11:30 a.m. Mass and then fun activities on the football field beginning at 1:30 p.m. We will have the annual blessing of the pets at 4:30 p.m. rather than after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

South Africa Mission Trip: As of now we are able to return to South Africa in 2022. We are planning to go January 20 - February 1, 2022. We will have an informational meeting Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Room.

We are short of pyxs. If you borrowed a pyx to bring communion home to a sick loved one and you no longer need the pyx, please return it to church. Thank you.

I am going to take a quick vacation September 19 - 27. Fr. Brobbey will be here and I am sure everything will be in good hands.

On this weekend we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The twenty ensuing years have not seemed to bring us peace. The lack of peace might lead us to despair. But we are encouraged not to despair at dire situations because we have faith in Jesus Christ. For James, faith is more than a passive belief in Jesus it is something that changes us and compels into action. If we want peace in our time the Letter of St. James encourages us to put our faith into action by attending to one another's needs and by becoming peacemakers.

"Indeed someone may say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." James 2:18

-Fr. Ray McHenry

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Contacts

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Pre-School ..... 515-223-4577, Ext. 116
Faith Formation Office 515-440-1030

Parish Staff

Director of Operations ..... Paula Courter
Director of Liturgy & Music ..... Emily Schmid
Parish Receptionist ..... Sue Kirkhart
Administrative Assistant ..... Sheila Timmerman
Communications Coordinator ..... Katie Evans
Communications Assistant ..... Becca Bahl
Accountant (incl. ACH, Abundant & tithing) ..... Debbie Muse
Bookkeeper (incl. ACH, Abundant & tithing) ..... Pam Danzer
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Family Faith Formation Coordinator ..... Erica Schieffer
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St. Francis School Assistant Principal ... Gretchen Watznauer
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IT Support ..... Dominic Muse

Parish Representatives

Pastoral Council ..... Robb Manning
Finance Council ..... Mike Brinker
Board of Education ..... Patrick White
Faith Formation Council ..... Kevin MacFerrin

MASS INTENTIONS

9-11	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Dick & Ruth Coppinger
	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
		9:30 a.m.	† Edward & Kathleen Lyons
		11:30 a.m.	† Marietta Ricke
	Mon.	7:15 a.m.	† Mary Furlong
	Tues.	7:15 a.m.	† Frank Rizzi
		Noon	† Vavroch & Weiler deceased family
	Wed.	7:15 a.m.	† Alice Rathbun
		8:45 a.m.	† Linda Tessau
	Thur.	7:15 a.m.	† Elizabeth Ligouri
	Fri.	7:15 a.m.	† Steven Kunz
9-18	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Jerry Ibach
	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Frank Rizzi
		9:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
		11:30 a.m.	† Marilyn Spates
	Mon.	7:15 a.m.	† Nick Fraizer
	Tues.	7:15 a.m.	† Stephen Chukwumah
		Noon	†Aaron Morgan
	Wed.	7:15 a.m.	† Mildred Haen
		8:45 a.m.	† Carol Sweet
	Thur.	7:15 a.m.	† Joe Craven
	Fri.	7:15 a.m.	† Sheryl Cotter
9-25	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Christopher Turnis & Jamuna Alexander
	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Judy Arguello
		9:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
		11:30 a.m.	† Gaston Kabwa

SACRAMENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Baptism

Congratulations on preparing to be baptized into the community of the Church! Baptisms are scheduled on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays of the month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass & the 4th Saturday of the month after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. For more info, please call the Parish Office.
Next pre-baptism class: Oct. 23rd, 8:30 a.m. (Serra Room)

Becoming Catholic

If you or someone you know is thinking about joining the Catholic Church or is inquiring about the faith, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

First Communion

First Communion is celebrated in April. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated once a year for our high school sophomore students. If you have a student who'd like to be part of this, contact Lisa Schmidt at Ext. 156. For info regarding Adult Confirmation, please contact the Faith Formation Office.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! We look forward to helping you prepare for life together. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Homebound Ministry

If you're unable to attend Mass & would like to receive communion, please email homebound@saintfrancischurch.org.

Hospital Visits

As hospital visits start to reopen during COVID-19, Father John will be happy to call and speak with you on the phone!

LIVING OUR FAITH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 11
8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing
8:30 a.m.: Baptism Class
4:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, September 12
7:30 a.m.: Mass
9:30 a.m.: Mass*
11:30 a.m.: Mass

Monday, September 13
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
7 p.m.: Rosary
8 p.m.: Women's Faith Sharing

Tuesday, September 14
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
9 a.m.: SoulCore
9 a.m.: You Are Enough Study
Noon: Mass
6:30 p.m.: SFA Young Adults
8 p.m.: Men's Faith Sharing

Wednesday, September 15
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
8:45 a.m.: School Mass**
9:45 a.m.: Mark Study
5:30 p.m.: EDGE
7:30 p.m.: FISH

Thursday, September 16
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
6:30 p.m.: Pastoral Council
6:30 p.m.: Immerse

Friday, September 17
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass

Saturday, September18
8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing
4:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, September 19
7:30 a.m.: Mass
9:30 a.m.: Mass*
11:30 a.m.: Mass

Monday, September 20
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
7 p.m.: Rosary
8 p.m.: Women's Faith Sharing

Tuesday, September 21
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass
9 a.m. SoulCore
9 a.m. You are Enough Study
Noon: Mass
6:30 p.m.: SFA Young Adults
8 p.m.: Men's Faith Sharing

Wednesday, September 22
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
6:30 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing
7:15 a.m.: Mass
8:45 a.m.: School Mass**
9:45 a.m.: Mark Study
5:30 p.m.: EDGE
7:30 p.m.: FISH

Thursday, September 23
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7 a.m.: Finance Council
7:15 a.m.: Mass

Friday, September 24
6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary
7:15 a.m.: Mass

Saturday, September 25
8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing
4:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, September 26
7:30 a.m.: Mass
9:30 a.m.: Mass*
11:30 a.m.: Mass

**Streamed on YouTube*
***School Mass not open to public*

PARISH OFFICE **UPDATES**

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

***Bishop Joensen has restored the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation** within the diocese. You can read the full text of his announcement on the Safe & Secure Committee page of our parish website.

MASK RECOMMENTATION

***The Diocese of Des Moines is recommending masks** at liturgies and parish events. *Parishioners who are not yet fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask* at Mass and other parish activities.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE BULLETIN

Subscribe to receive email notifications once new bulletins become available online.

- On the homepage of our website, scroll down and click on "View Bulletins" (next to Upcoming Events).
- Once you click "View Bulletins", click on "Subscribe" for St. Francis' bulletins and enter your email address.

LIVESTREAMING MASS

We continue to livestream the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on our **YouTube channel**. (This Mass is also interpreted in American Sign Language.)

Our YouTube channel is located at:
youtube.com/StFrancisofAssisiCatholicChurchWDM
(Or go to youtube.com and in the search box enter SFAWDM.)
**If you can't watch live on YouTube, the recording will stay posted to our channel after it is over. Make sure you subscribe to our channel to receive notifications when new videos are added and when we go live.*

ADORATION & ROSARY

St. Francis holds Adoration and Rosary Monday—Friday mornings beginning at 6 a.m. **Wednesdays** will be livestreamed on our Facebook page. Additionally, Eucharistic Adoration takes place every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

WELCOME TO **ST. FRANCIS!**

Thank you for joining us at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church! We're glad to have you as part of our family.

We offer various possibilities to grow in faith and love, from education, faith and social ministries, local and international outreach, to celebrating the word of God.

For more information regarding membership and new member activities, please contact the Parish Office. Stop by the Parish Office to pick up a parish registration card or register online!

If renting our Parish Hall, please contact Paula Courter at PCourter@saintfrancischurch.org.
Requests for reserving meeting rooms for parish-sponsored campus events should be sent to Sheila Timmerman at STimmerman@saintfrancischurch.org.

As always, make sure to check out our website at www.saintfrancischurch.org for a wealth of information to assist you.

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

LITURGICAL **MINISTERS**

St. Francis needs ushers to help with our liturgies at all Masses, especially the 4:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Ushers are primarily responsible for welcoming, seating, and directing people during Masses.

Please contact Emily Schmid in the Parish Office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

YOUTH **CHOIR**

We are calling all youth musicians to join our music ministry youth choir. We invite singers and instrumentalists in grades 7th-12th grade to share their gifts through the St. Francis music ministry. The group will meet in the church on **Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting September 15th**. For more information, contact Emily Schmid at eschmid@saintfrancischurch.org

REMEMBERING **OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Please pray for those individuals who have passed away as well as their families.

Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and let them share in your unending glory.

FEATURE **IN THE BULLETIN**

Have something you need announced in the bulletin?
Send an email to Communications@saintfrancischurch.org.

Upcoming deadlines (by 9 a.m.) are as follows:
September 19th bulletin: September 13th
September 26th bulletin: September 20th

It's Picture Time!

30th Anniversary Parish Directory

Our parish directory will not be complete without YOU!
Sessions begin October 6th

Scheduling is easy:

- ★ Use the QR code below
- ★ Visit the "Parish Directory" page of our website
- ★ Stop by a sign-up table after weekend Masses
- ★ Call the Parish Office at (515)223-4577 Mon-Fri

Everyone who participates will receive a session with professional photographers, a complimentary 8x10 portrait, and a directory.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Online Scheduling Available

Scan the QR code

Church Code: **ia145** | Church Password: **photos**

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN **APPEAL**

Your contribution to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes an impact!

A big "Thank You" to everyone who continues to make gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Each and every person's gift is important. Remember, when we reach our parish goal, any additional gifts stay right here for our own use.
Every gift matters. No gift is too small!

We're slowly moving closer to our goal! Help us get there!
Our 2021 Parish Goal is* **$399,532.
To date, we have pledged or paid* **$330,461 (83%)!

We need everyone's participation in order to reach our goal.

Gifts can be made online at: dmdiocese.org/giving.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

ABUNDANT **GIVING**

Now there are even more ways to support all the great things happening at St. Francis!

For the last two years, we've used the online application Abundant Giving to give you an additional way to tithe. We've now added additional categories, including School, Faith Formation, Track-a-thon, and our Campus Project Wish List.

Go to our website and click on Our Parish/Tithing & Donations or go directly to https://abundant.co/stfrancisofassisi/give to see all of the ways you can support St. Francis.

LIVESTREAMING **SUNDAY MASS**

LIVESTREAM OF SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. MASS
While our doors have been open for celebrating Mass for a while now, we are pleased to continue to offer the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass via livestream on YouTube on a permanent basis for those who cannot attend Mass in person.

As we continue to make the livestream option available, we want to offer a reminder that technology will sometimes be imperfect. Though we have staff at the 9:30 a.m. Mass to stream the liturgy online, the video and audio goes through YouTube (a global platform), and sometimes YouTube can have glitches. If you are watching online and notice a problem, feel free to email Communications or call during business hours during the week and we will make sure there wasn't a problem with the technology on our end. As always, we apologize in advance for any disruptions that you may endure.

Thank you for continuing to join us for the celebration of Mass. We want to share the Good News with as many people as possible—Catholics and non-Catholics, in-person and online—and hope you will share our Mass with your family and friends.

GARDENING **ANGELS**

Jerry Roell dug the rest of the potatoes...212 pounds, for a total of 514.8 pounds this summer. So far, we have picked 554.3 pounds of tomatoes, 153 pounds of cucumbers, and 94 pounds of onions....for a running total of 2,603 pounds of vegetables donated to DMARC. Since this coming weekend is Labor Day, we will be picking veggies on Monday 5-6 p.m. Come join us!

NURSERY **OPEN**

The St. Francis Nursery is open for all weekend Masses and for special events as requested.

If you have questions, please visit the Nursery page on our website or email NurseryRoom@saintfrancischurch.org.

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Audio – Year of Faith Rosary
Books – Mary in the Redemption by Adrienne von Speyr
Kid's Choice -- Cat. Chat Episode 1 Celebrating Mary

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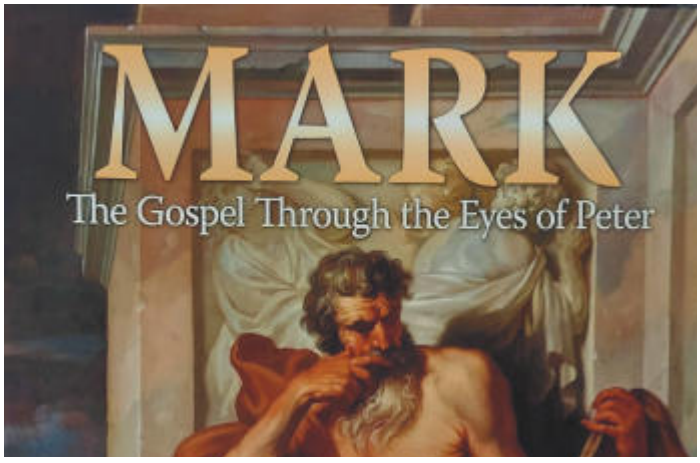
GOSPEL OF MARK STUDY

In this engaging eighteen-week study, join Fr. Patrick Winslow, JCL, and Michael Pakaluk, PhD, as they examine this compelling introduction to the Christ. See Jesus through the eyes of Peter. Experience him first as a "worker of mighty deeds" who expels demons and heals the sick, who teaches that the Kingdom of God has arrived in power. And learn with Peter why it was necessary for the Christ to suffer.

- **Wednesdays, September 8 - February 2**
- **9:45-11:45 a.m.**
- **Serra Room**
- **Suggested donation $45 for materials**
- **Contact the Faith Formation office to register - 515-440-1030**



CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Family Formation program is in need of a few more catechists for the upcoming year: A catechist lead for preschool, kindergarten, and 4th grade, and 10 aides to help in classrooms.
The commitment is 2 nights a month: one evening for catechist training and one evening of classroom teaching. The only prerequisite is a love for Jesus and making him known. For more information, please contact Lisa Schmidt in the Faith Formation office at lschmidt@saintfrancischurch.org or 515-440-1030.

YOU ARE ENOUGH STUDY

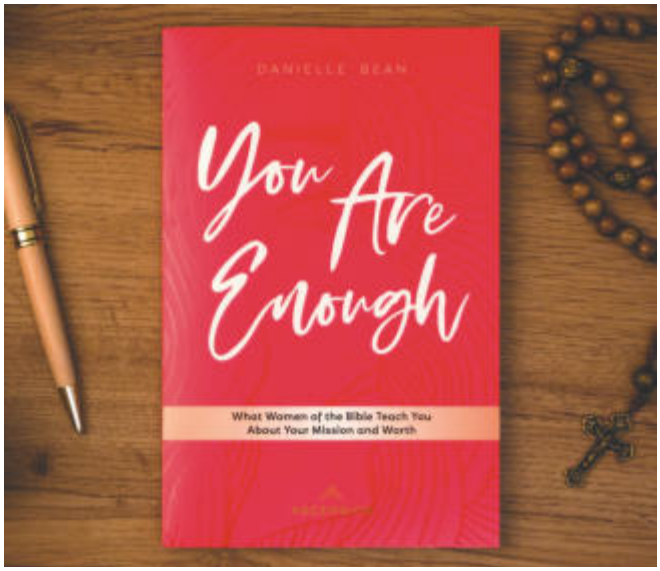
You Are Enough: What Women of the Bible Teach You About Your Mission and Worth

Every one of us is made in the image and likeness of God. We are unique, we are worthy of love, and we are called to greatness.

In this world, though, it can be easy to be distracted from that truth and begin to doubt God's love is real. It's easy to focus on the ways we fall short of worldly perfection and to forget that we are already made perfect. We are already enough. God has made each of us for a unique purpose, and he calls each of us to know him in unique ways.

In a world where everything feels fleeting and temporary, we are made for everlasting life; we are meant to experience God's abiding love. In You Are Enough, Danielle Bean uses the timeless tales of the women of the Bible to clarify that truth for modern Catholic women.

- **Tuesdays, September 14 - December 7 from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Serra Room**
- Copies of the book will be available at the first session for a suggested donation of $15. It is also available as an audio book or e-book from Ascension Press or Amazon.
- Register at https://sfayouareenough.eventbrite.com



YOU ARE INVITED

Bishop William Joensen invites you to join him for a Holy Hour every Monday at 5 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, or you can join him virtually at facebook.com/dmdiocese.

Bishop is praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we emerge from the pandemic.

KNIGHTS **SOCCER CHALLENGE**

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

St. Francis KC Council 12422 will be holding a Soccer Challenge on Saturday, September 18th, 2021, beginning at Noon at Crossroads Park (50th St. and Ashworth Road in West Des Moines).

The contest will be open to boys and girls who are between the ages of **9 - 14 as of September 1st, 2021**.

Registration forms can be obtained through Mr. Hazel (SFA P.E. teacher) or by contacting Bob Ukena, Council Youth Director. Entrants can also register at Crossroads Park beginning at 11 a.m. on September 18th.

SOULCORE **MOVEMENT**

St. Francis of Assisi Fall SoulCore

Join SoulCore leaders to nourish body, mind, and soul in a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching, and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required.

Two times to choose from!

- **Tuesdays**, Sept. 14 - Nov. 16 at 9-10 a.m., St. Clare Room
- Register at: https://sfatuessoulcore.eventbrite.com
- **Sundays**, Oct. 10 & 31, Nov. 14 & 28 and Dec. 12 at 7-8:30 p.m., Parish Hall
- Register at https://sfasunssoulcore.eventbrite.com
- Please follow the Diocese's direction for health safety protocols.
- All participants are required to sign an Agreement of Release and Waiver of Liability form. This form will be emailed upon registration.

There is no cost to attend. However, a $5 - 10 donation is accepted for those who wish to support this apostolate.

CUB **SCOUTS**

Calling all Kids - Kindergarten thru 5th Grade

The SFA Pack 888 Cub Scouts are beginning the 2021-2022 scouting year. Cub Scouts offers both boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade opportunities for fun and personal growth. Cub Scouts is rooted in enjoying the great outdoors through camping, hiking, fishing, working with their hands, and many more activities as children begin learning to navigate the world. The Cub Scout experience also allows kids to put their faith into action as they learn more about citizenship, service, leadership, and empathy through multiple Adventures with their Pack and Den. Come learn more about the Pack on **Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Serra Room.** For more information, contact Colleen and Eric Beaver at sfapack888@gmail.com or 319-594-4857.

BLESSING OF THE **ANIMALS**

St. Francis loved all of God's creatures. He thought of all creation as his family. In honor of St. Francis, we will have our traditional Blessing of the Animals on…

Sunday, October 3rd at 4:30 p.m.

This will take place around the circle on the north side of the church. You can bring any kind of animal as long as it can co-exist with the other guests, both four-legged and two-legged. We ask that NO pets come into the building for the event & all pets be on a leash or in their "home".

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The St. Francis bulletin serves as the primary publication tool to the parishioners each week. The cost covers the cost of the bulletin and even serves as a fundraiser for the parish once the bulletin has been paid for**. If you are interested in advertising, please call our bulletin provider at: 1-800-950-9952.**

IMMERSE. PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Empowering people to experience the love of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son through an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

3rd Thursday, September 16, 2021
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
6:30 p.m.: Mass at 6:30 with Adoration, Praise/Worship, Reconciliation, Witness, and Prayer Teams to follow

1st Friday, October 1, 2021
St. Pius Catholic Church
7 p.m.: Adoration, Praise/Worship, Reconciliation, Witness, Prayer Teams

Our passion is to make God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit known and loved. Our team is excited to highlight our Catholic identity, through prayer and worship, strengthening our relationship with Jesus, while encountering the Holy Spirit with a renewal of the mind in scripture. We have changed our name from Come Holy Spirit to Immerse. Immerse is the umbrella name for the 1st Friday and 3rd Thursdays events.

Team Members: Msgr. Bognanno, Fr. Mark McGreary, Julie Nelson, Emily Schmid, Oran and Marilyn Struecker.

SEPTEMBER ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Amen.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Register Today for the 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph: September 30 -November 1, 2021

We are excited to offer a fall 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph using the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway. In December, Pope Francis declared this the Year of St. Joseph so please prayerfully consider taking some time to get to know this silent Saint. Over 200 parishioners participated this summer and now it's your turn. **Free copies of the book are available in the Parish Office.**

Participation is very simple:
- **Decide** how you want to participate: individually, as a family, or as part of a small group
- **Register** on the parish website http://saintfrancischurch.org/formation/year-of-st-joseph/
- **Follow** the 20-30 minute daily readings and prayer as outlined in the book, beginning Sept. 30th
- *Meet* once per week if you are part of a small group
- **Ask** questions and give yourself grace
- **Attend** Consecration Celebration the evening of Nov. 1st or pray an act of consecration on your own that day

Here are what your fellow parishioners are saying about their experience in doing the consecration this summer:
"Yes, this book provides such wonderful insights about St. Joseph that makes him come alive. He is more than a silent figure in a manger scene."

"Yes, they ought to know more about their spiritual father. Even if they don't do the consecration, the {book} is a wonderful read."

SEMINARIAN APPEAL

Today is the diocesan-wide Special Collection for Seminarians.
Formation of a priestly vocation is a commitment of deep prayer and financial support on the part of the entire faith community and each seminarian. Our priests are called by God to be men of communion. As men of communion, Christ is the sustaining force for these men along with the people to whom they minister. Our support as a community will help with tuition, room and board, healthcare and other needs related to inviting men to consider priesthood. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital and we thank you for your generosity. Gifts may also be made online at dmdiocese.org/giving or returned directly to the diocese.

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PUZZLE

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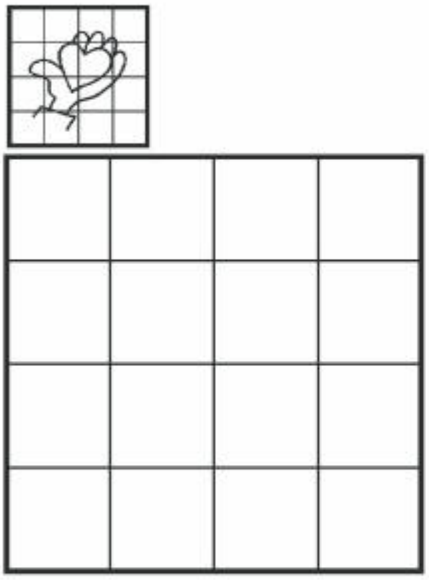

MISSION

With your family, talk about what you would enjoy if you were a king or queen. Tell how Jesus was different from other kings.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

GOSPEL

Jesus was the king, the Messiah that God's people had been waiting for. In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were confused. If Jesus was the king, why was he saying he would die soon? Jesus' friends did not understand yet that by dying on the cross, Jesus would save them from their sins.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for coming to save me from my sins.

DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus carrying his cross.

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- 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Augustin School, St. Monica's Chapel & playground
  (meeting every other week at 6 p.m. at St. Augustin School)
- Meet at St. Monica (school) chapel for 15 minutes of silence & Benediction, outdoor activities, reading the Sunday Gospel, saying a Decade of the Rosary, and snack

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