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LIVING OUR FAITH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 8

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 Mass 7 p.m.: SoulCore

Monday, May 9

6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary 6 p.m.: KC Officers Meetings 7 p.m.: Rosary

Tuesday, May 10

6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary 9 a.m.: The Veil Removed 6:30 p.m.: Acts Study 6:30 p.m.: KC Council Mtg. 7 p.m.: SFA Young Adults 8 p.m.: Men's Faith Sharing

Wednesday, May 11

6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary 9:45 a.m.: Jesus is the Way

Thursday, May 12

6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary 6:30 p.m.: Brd. of Educ. Mtg.

Friday, May 13

6 a.m.: Adoration/Rosary

Saturday, May 14

8 a.m.: Men's Faith Sharing 8:30 a.m.: Baptism Class

4:30 p.m.: Mass

Sunday, May 15

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 Mass

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. The next baptism class will be held on May 14th at 8:30 a.m.

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. For more information, 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, Fr. John will be happy to call and speak with you on the phone!

REMEMBERING OUR PARISH FAMILY

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

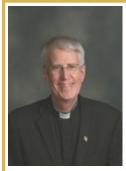
Grace Tucker, sister of Wilfred Maiers and aunt of Karen Garza and Sharon Coulter

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

MASS INTENTIONS

† Pat Day
† Mary Federhofer
† Judy Oliver
† Susanne Grandon
† Mary & Paul Hudak
† Varoch & Weiler families
† Vince & May Murray
† Pat Feldick
† Aurelia J. Bastidas
† Sheryl Cotter
† Camilla Rizzi
For the parishioners of the parish
† Dale Gottschalk
† Tom Federick

FROM FR. RAY



It is the Fourth Sunday of Easter season. This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The risen Christ we proclaim is the Good Shepherd. He speaks to us in a kind, loving and reassuring voice. We recognize his voice and he calls unto himself. If we follow him we will be safe from the evil one for no power can take us out of the hands of the Good Shepherd.

The last two weekends we celebrated First Communion with our second graders during Mass and then Sunday evening we acknowledged 154 of our graduating seniors from ten high schools. We pray that the Eucharist may sustain our second graders throughout their lives and sustain our graduates as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

This weekend we kickoff the Ignite campaign. The Diocese is asking St. Francis of Assisi parishioners to pledge \$3,650,000 of the \$45,000,000 campaign. You will be receiving a letter from me with a suggested contribution to IGNITE and a call from a fellow parishioner to encourage participation and answer any questions. I ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge to this Diocesan campaign.

We have recently made some enhancements to the sound system in the church. We added two more speakers; one on each of the east pillars facing to the east. New microphones were installed on the ambo and cantor's stand and there are new wireless mics for the priests and deacon. We hope this helps with the sound issues.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." John 10:27-28

SENIORS COME HOME MASS



If you graduated from St. Francis School please join us Wednesday, May 25 during our Seniors Come Home School Mass at 8:45 a.m. Please meet in the Gathering Space at 8:30 a.m. We will have seating

reserved for you. There will also be a small reception after Mass.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP Mrs. Timmins at: etimmins@saintfrancisschool.org.

We look forward to welcoming you home!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS







*First Communion photos from April 30 | May 1 will be in the next bulletin.

FR. BOB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Katelyn Theresa Drey | Joseph Kirby Kock

Congratulations on your accomplishments during your High School career, through your academics and service.



Looking for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one?

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Our group is led by caring parishioners who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

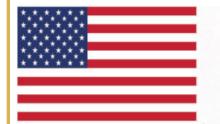
Session Schedule:

Monday evenings | 6-8 p.m. | St. Clare Room June 6, 13, 20, 27 | July 11, 18, 25 | August 1

Suggested donation for workbook/materials \$20

Questions? Contact us today at griefshare@saintfrancischurch.org or call the Parish Office at 515-223-4577.

WORN FLAG COLLECTION





The James G. Jordan 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus is collecting your torn, tattered and faded U.S. flags.

A collection box will be located in the Gathering Space during the month of May.

GARDENING ANGELS

The weather didn't cooperate on May 1...too wet, too windy, too muddy. We do see tiny, green, onion shoots sticking out of the ground already. We still have the rest of the potato starts to get in the ground, beet seeds, cauliflower starts and broccoli starts to get into the ground.

Weather permitting, we will meet every Sunday, 5-6 p.m. through harvest. Come join us and watch Mother Nature in action.





The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and we invite you to join with parishes across the US to pray for the work of Mary's Meals.

Our mission is carried out in Our Lady's name, and as a result we continually see the providence of God in incredible ways.

We are now feeding more than two million children with life-changing meals at school in some of the world's poorest communities.

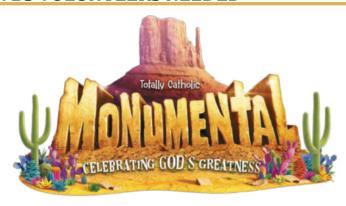


Prayers



Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, knew the joys and sorrows of motherhood. We pray for all expectant mothers, new mothers and those who would like to become mothers but are not able to. We bring before you, Lord, the mothers who are part of Mary's Meals across the globe and ask you to bless each of them as they face daily challenges to ensure their children are fed, educated and safe.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Vacation Bible School June 20-24, 2022 9 a.m. — Noon

We are so excited to once again offer Vacation Bible School for the young members of our parish family. VBS is for children between the ages of Pre-K (3+) and 5th grade as of Fall 2022. Youth in 6th grade and older are invited to join the fun as a volunteer. **We also need a minimum of 20 adult volunteers to be station and crew leaders.** Whatever your gifts are, whether it is organization, singing, dancing, creativity, or just having fun with kids, we need you! We cannot offer this wonderful program without the help of many volunteers! PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 20 ADULT VOLUNTEERS BY MAY 14TH so we can show our youth this summer that God's love is Monumental!

Please contact James Wenman, VBS Coordinator at VBS@saintfrancischurch.org with questions about the various adult volunteer positions.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Volunteer Registration Open. <u>Deadline is May 14th</u>. Youth volunteers must be in 6th grade or older. Please note that youth volunteer spots do fill up fast so register early.

VBS Registration Open. Deadline is May 28th. For children ages 3 through 5th grade.

Both links can be found on the VBS page of the St. Francis website, or by using the QR code below.



FAITH FORMATION HAPPENINGS

FAMILY FORMATION

If you have not done so, please take some time to complete the <u>three question survey</u> on Family Formation that is included in your weekly email.

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE | 7-8th graders FISH | 9-12th graders

June 1 from 6—7:30 p.m. EDGE & FISH together for Relational Ministry Night w/ Food & Fellowship | Youth Room. (rescheduled from May 4)

Mark your calendars for June 8th, July 6th and August 3rd for bowling at Warrior Lanes from 6:30-8:45 p.m. Check your emails for more details and events to come.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

All CGS levels will meet from 5:15-6:45 p.m. on **May 11 & May 18** (No meeting on May 4 or 25) **NOTE:** May 18 is the last CGS session for the year.

SFA SCHOOL JUMPSTART PROGRAM



SFA School would like to extend an invite this summer for our students to participate in Jumpstart. Jumpstart is a Reading, Writing and Math "review and warm up." Jumpstart is a week-long program and will be offered August 8-12

and available on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, please fill out the online google form by June 1, 2022. Your spot will not be held until the google form below is completed. Please mark your student's grade for the current school year (21-22). Ex: If you have a current Kindergartener, they would enroll in Kindergarten Jumpstart.

Cost:

\$120 for M-Th for Growing Learners (NOT Friday). \$130 for the week for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade. \$190 for the week for 2nd-5th Grade. (Prorated rates are not available. Rates are not refundable)

Sign up at: https://tinyurl.com/3vbt2h7p

The deadline for completing the online goggle form is June 1, 2022. This is billed through FACTS.

LITURGICAL CORNER

Greeter

AS YOU enter a Catholic church building, you say hello to those arriving with you. Your parish may have someone at the door to add to this friendly encounter. That person is the greeter.

This role is fairly new. It evolved from the Church's desire to encourage the "full, conscious, and active participation" of the people in harmony with Vatican II's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* (14). Human beings are more apt to pray together, sing together, and observe silences together if they are united in faith and service. This bonding begins at each Mass as soon as we arrive at church. Greeting one another is more than a social convention. It begins to form the Body of Christ assembled for worship on this day.

Our time together at Mass is framed by the formation of community before and after the service. When Mass is over, we go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Having worshiped as one, we leave to serve as one.

A greeter welcomes you to the building and helps you feel at home. If you are unfamiliar with the church you are visiting, the greeter will help you find participation aids, a place to sit, the location of restrooms, and any other useful information.

Even though some people take on the role of greeter at a parish church, everyone shares this responsibility. When you greet others on your way in or out of the building, you are connecting with them in faith, acknowledging the values you share, supporting them with your prayer, and reminding them that none of us is alone. God is with us always, manifest in the simple care of Christian brother and sisters at church.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

St. Francis is always in need of liturgical ministers such as **GREETERS**. If you are interested in serving as a greeter or in any other capacity please reach out to Emily Schmid at eschmid@saintfrancischurch.org or by contacting the Parish Office.

ST. FRANCIS

WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS!

For information regarding Parish membership, please contact the Parish Office at 515-223-4577. Member Registration Cards may be found in the Gathering Space, Parish Office or online.

For information regarding renting a room, IRA contributions, stock donations, tithing donations, etc., please contact the following staff at 515-223-4577 and they will be more than happy to assist you.

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As always, make sure to check out our website at www.saintfrancischurch.org for all the various possibilities to grow in faith as an individual and family.

SFA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

- Youth Ministry Coordinator Provides vision and coordination for SFA's ministry to youth (7-12 grades).
- Director of Faith Formation Provides direction and guidance over adult, youth and children's faith formation in cooperation with pastor and advisory committees.
- Athletic Director Collaborates with Mr. Hazel, school administration and parish administration.
 Call 515-457-7167 to apply or learn more about this position.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to: Human Resources Coordinator, 7075 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, IA 50266 or by email to: communications@saintfrancischurch.org

St. Francis of Assisi School

Positions for the 2022-23 school year: 5th Grade Teacher K-8 STEM Teacher K-8 Music Teacher Kindergarten Classroom Associate

https://www.sfawdm.org/about-us/job-opportunities/ Contact | Jon Aldrich | <u>jaldrich@saintfrancisschool.org</u>





The **Ignite!** Campaign will begin at St. Francis in May, and we need volunteers!

Many hands make light work!



For more information on the campaign and volunteering, please contact the Parish Office at (515) 223-4577

Ignite! Campaign Kicks Off!

This weekend marks the official start of the *Ignite!* Campaign. In the coming days, you will receive a letter from Father and Bishop Joensen. The letter includes a specific amount for you to prayerfully consider. Please know the request is an invitation, not an expectation.

After receiving the letter, many of you will be contacted by a volunteer to discuss the campaign, answer any questions you may have and secure your decision. Volunteers don't know what is being requested of anyone. They are simply encouraging participation among fellow parishioners. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread the positive message about this important effort!

If you have questions, you can contact Fr. Ray or the Parish Office at 515-223-4577 for additional details.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) makes a difference! The ADA helps us encounter Christ, shepherd the faithful, support our local communities of faith and help people in need.

Our 2022 Parish Goal is \$395,053. *To date, we have pledged or paid \$250,379 (63%).*

Gifts can be made online at www.dmdiocese.org/giving/ annual-diocesan-appeal. **IMPORTANT**: Be sure to select SFA as your parish.

Thank you for helping your parish reach its goal and supporting the Diocese of Des Moines!



ST. FRANCIS COMMUNICATIONS

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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

Livestreaming at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. (ASL interpreted.) Go to: Youtube.com/StFrancisofAssisiCatholicChurchWDM or voutube.com and enter SFAWDM in the search box.

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WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR NEWS

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

Upcoming deadlines (by 9 a.m.) are as follows:

May 15 bulletin: May 9 May 22 bulletin: May 16

*Check out the communications page on our website for all the ways we can share your news & how to submit info. https://saintfrancischurch.org/our-parish/communications/



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We've now added additional categories, including School, Faith Formation, our Campus Project Wish List, Annual Diocesan Appeal, St. Mary's of Hamburg and Church in Ukraine.

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.



THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

These recommendations are based on the Catholic liturgical year, saints and feast days.

Program – Sheen Gems - The Best Of Fulton J. Sheen

Movie – Saint Celestine: The Pope Who Quit

Audio - The Spirit of Father Damien: The Leper Priest—A

Saint for Our Times by Jan de Volder

Books – A Mother's Rule of Life: How to Bring Order to Your Home & Peace to Your Soul by Holly Pierlot

Kid's Choice -- Look Again, Thomas by the Sisters of Life

Details on our website by clicking on Formation/FORMED.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Theology of the Body: Discovering God's Master Plan for Your Life

God made us to love people and use things, yet Satan tries to convince us to use people and love things. The problem with the world today is not that the darkness is too dark, but instead the lack of light.

Join us for this 9-week study that untwists the lies of Satan and shines merciful light on all questions regarding the body.

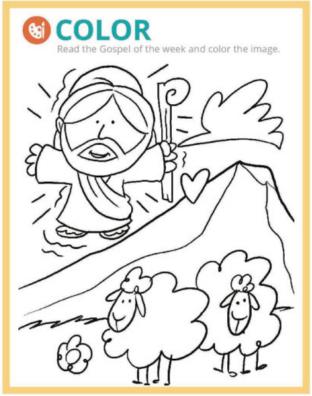
- Wednesdays, June 1-July 27, 7-8:30p.m. (first session will be 7-9p.m.)
- Serra Room

\$25 for materials & facilitator expense Scan the QR code, visit our website, or contact the Faith Formation Office at 515-440-1030 for additional details or to register.

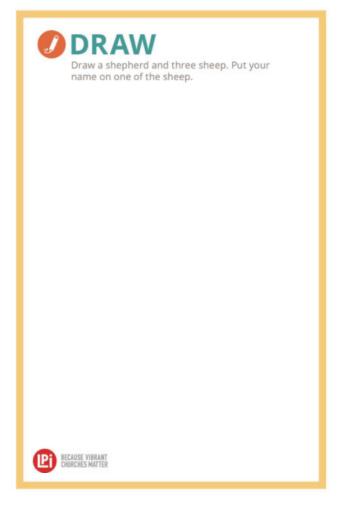












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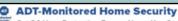
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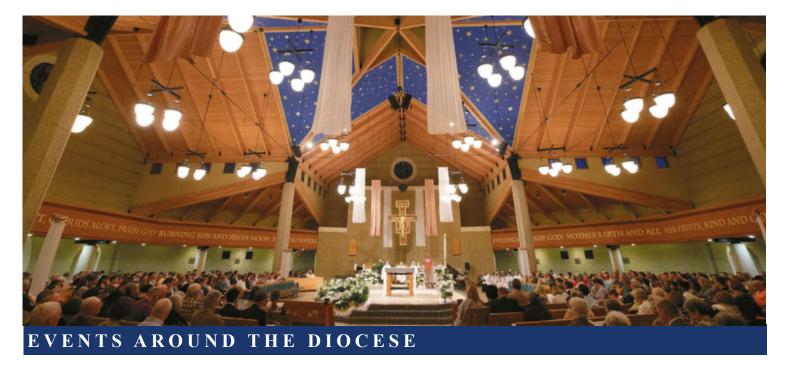


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MAN-UP WEST | MAY 2022

Friday, May 13th, Noon | St. Francis of Assisi Parish A Journey Through the Foundations of the Mass. Join us for a special presentation with Jesse Weiler, the Director of the Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, IL. Chick-fil-A is back! And will be available for a free-will offering. (You are welcome to bring your own lunch or skip lunch if you wish.) Register for this event at https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/

BENEDICTINE OBLATES

Would you like to learn more about Benedictine spirituality for the laity? Oblates of Conception Abbey meet monthly in Des Moines to study the Rule of St. Benedict as a means of fostering their own spiritual growth. We are inviting anyone interested to join us for our May meeting, when Fr. Daniel Petsche, OSB, our oblate director, will be with us from the Abbey. We will be meeting 2:30-5 p.m., May 22, in the Parish Hall of the Basilica of St. John (1915 University Ave.) for a potluck, discussion, and Vespers. Come join us! The well of wisdom in the Rule is very deep, and you may discover it adds a wonderful dimension to your spiritual life. If you have questions about this meeting, please email Pamela Meis at pamelam@basilicaofstjohn.org.

JOB OPENINGS

Dowling Catholic High School is seeking the following full-time positions: Accounts Payable Clerk, Accounts Receivable Specialist, Admissions Coordinator. More information can be found on Dowling's website: www.dowlingcatholic.org. Applications can be submitted on Teach Iowa. Please contact Jesse Proehl, Human Resources Specialist with questions. iproehl@dowlingcatholic.org

For more job openings around the diocese, visit https://www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment. Job opportunities listed are from the various parishes, schools and central offices of the Diocese of Des Moines.

BISHOP DRUMM GARAGE SALE

The Bishop Drumm Retirement Garage Sale will be held every Thursday from May 5th until September 29th at the garage located at the rear of the property, 5737 Winwood Dr., Johnston, Iowa from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Donated clothing, shoes, household goods and furniture may be dropped off each Thursday during the sale. Please no computers, printers, old TV sets or baby car seats.

A SENSORY FRIENDLY FAMILY INCLUSION MASS

will be held at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. An ice cream social will follow Mass. All are welcome and voice noise and physical movement are welcome. For more information, please email Patty Origer at poriger@dmdiocese.org

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Friday: 7:15 a.m.

Tuesday: Noon Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Youth Mass: 4:30 p.m. | 3rd Sunday of month

*9:30 a.m. Mass is livestreamed

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

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 w/ Benediction: 2nd Tuesday at 8 p.m. **ROSARY:** Monday: 7—8 p.m. in the Assisi Room