

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## JULY 24 & 31, 2022 | ORDINARY TIME



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

## PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

### Parish Contacts

Parish Office.....515-223-4577  
 Parish Fax.....515-223-4768  
 St. Francis School .....515-457-7167  
 Pre-School..... 515-223-4577, Ext. 116  
 Faith Formation Office.....515-440-1030

### Parish Staff

Pastor ..... Fr. Joseph Pins  
 Associate Pastor.....Fr. John Brobbey  
 Deacon.....Bill Richer  
 Business Manager.....Tim Schulte  
 Director of Liturgy & Music ..... Emily Schmid  
 Parish Receptionist.....Sue Kirkhart  
 Executive Assistant..... Sheila Timmerman  
 Communications Coordinator..... (vacant)  
 Accountant ..... Debbie Muse  
 Bookkeeper ..... Pam Danzer  
 HR Coordinator..... Monica Lihs  
 Director of Facilities & Maintenance ..... Mario Lastro  
 Director of Faith Formation ..... (vacant)  
 Director of Adult Faith Formation ..... Vivian Day  
 Faith Formation Administrative Assistant..... Heather Rohe  
 Youth Ministry Coordinator .....Deacon Bill Richer  
 Early Childhood Faith Formation Coord. ....(vacant)  
 Family Faith Formation Coordinator .....Erica Schieffer  
 St. Francis School Principal..... Diane Jones  
 St. Francis School Assistant Principal.....Stephen Frederick  
 St. Francis Pre-School Director..... Heather Gunson  
 Kids Care Director..... (vacant)  
 IT Director..... Diane Nitzel  
 IT Support..... Dominic Muse

### Parish Representatives

Pastoral Council.....Ray Champlin  
 Finance Council ..... Mike Brinker  
 Board of Education .....Katie Champlin  
 Faith Formation Council ..... Jenny Nielsen

Summer hours: 8 a.m.—2 p.m. thru August 12

## LIVING OUR FAITH CALENDAR

### **Sunday, July 24**

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 Mass  
 Fr. Pins' Welcome  
 Reception following  
 7:30 & 9:30 Masses

### **Monday, July 25**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary  
 7 p.m. Rosary

### **Tuesday, July 26**

#### **Parish Adoration**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary  
 6:30 p.m. Acts Study  
 7 p.m. SFA Young Adults  
 8 p.m. Men's Faith Sharing

### **Wednesday, July 27**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary

### **Thursday, July 28**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary

### **Friday, July 29**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary

### **Saturday, July 30**

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

### **Sunday, July 31**

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 Mass  
**Monday, August 1**  
 6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary  
 7:15 a.m. Mass

7 p.m. Rosary

### **Tuesday, August 2**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary  
 6:30 p.m. Acts Study  
 7 p.m. SFA Young Adults  
 8 p.m. Men's Faith Sharing

### **Wednesday, August 3**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary  
 6:30 p.m.: Youth-Bowling

### **Thursday, August 4**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary  
 7 p.m. Becoming Catholic

### **Friday, August 5**

6 a.m. Adoration/Rosary

### **Saturday, August 6**

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

### **Sunday, August 7**

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass & the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 August 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.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 was 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](mailto:homebound@saintfrancischurch.org).

### Hospital Visits

Fr. John will be happy to make a visit or speak with you on the phone!

## MASS INTENTIONS

7-24	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Donald Dirks
		9:30 a.m.	† Donna Johnson
		11:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
7-25	Mon.	7:15 a.m.	† Mary Federhofer
7-26	Tues.	7:15 a.m.	† Mary & Paul Hudak
		Noon	† Vavroch & Weiler Families
7-27	Wed.	7:15 a.m.	† Virginia Kistler
7-28	Thur.	7:15 a.m.	† Val Mannens
7-29	Fri.	7:15 a.m.	† Vicent Vaccaro
7-30	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Victor Munoz
7-31	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Barbara Paul
		9:30 a.m.	† Hans VanLatenstein
		11:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish
8-01	Mon.	7:15 a.m.	† Mary Federhofer
8-02	Tues.	7:15 a.m.	† Judy Arguello
		Noon	† Paul VanTreck
8-03	Wed.	7:15 a.m.	† Patrick Steele
8-04	Thur.	7:15 a.m.	† Rose Sena
8-05	Fri.	7:15 a.m.	† Judy Oliver
8-06	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	† Sophie Chapman
8-07	Sun.	7:30 a.m.	† Dorothy Kennebeck
		9:30 a.m.	† Rev Robert Hoefler
		11:30 a.m.	For the parishioners of the parish

## FROM FR. PINS



My dear good people,

Bishop Joensen with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has sent me here to St. Francis Church and School to be your pastor. It is with great joy and trepidation that I accept this assignment.

The awesome responsibility that it is to be a pastor of a parish of this size is a weight too heavy to carry. The Holy Spirit and the great people of God will help me. Over the 16 years of my priestly service, I have learned with more clarity to trust in God. You may hear me say that when we keep our focus on Jesus and not on the storm, we can walk on water. Let us keep our eyes on Christ.

As we begin our journey together, let us first start by thanking God for the previous pastors of St. Francis. The list of previous pastors is a list of the Hall of Fame for the Diocese of Des Moines. Fathers Steve Orr, Ed Hurley, Bob Hoefler and Ray McHenry. We thank God for their service and time of building up this community in Christ.

We are given a great mission by Jesus in Matthew's gospel. "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." This is the mission for all parishes and why we exist as a parish: to make disciples! In the spirit of St. Francis, let us go forth proclaiming the good news of the gospel and inviting others to meet Jesus Christ and become His disciple!

God Bless,  
**Fr. Pins**

## WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS!

**For information regarding becoming a parishioner,** 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.

Pam Danzer...Abundant, ACH, ADA, FACTS, Ignite, Tithing Donations  
Monica Lihs..... IRA Contributions, Matching Gifts, Stock Donations  
Debbie Muse .....ACH, Accounts Payable  
Sheila Timmerman/Sue Kirkhart .....Reserve a Meeting Room

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

## WELCOME RECEPTION FOR FR. PINS

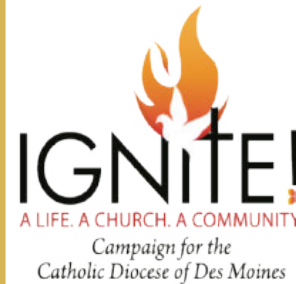
A welcome reception will be held for Fr. Pins on **Sunday, July 24 following the 7:30 & 9:30 a.m. Masses.** Please come and welcome Fr. Pins back to St. Francis as our fifth pastor. He comes from St. Joseph Parish in Des Moines. He previously served our parish as the fourth Associate Pastor from 2006-2008.

## CELEBRATING OUR CLERGY



Fr. Pins  
Deacon Dan  
Deacon Bill  
Deacon Oran  
Fr. John

## IGNITE! CAMPAIGN



**Ignite! Campaign - We need your help to lead the way!**

As of July 15th, we are at \$2,411,654 which is 66% of our goal of \$3,655,000!

Thank you to the volunteers who are working diligently to ensure our *Ignite!* Campaign is successful. We also want to thank parishioners who have donated so generously in the early stages. All of you are a true blessing to our parish!

While there is much to celebrate, there is also much work to be done. Your participation is a chance to invest in a sustainable future for every parish and family, our young people, our priests and those who serve in ministry within the Diocese. All of us here at St. Francis can set the tone for how the Church responds to our needs.

As volunteers continue contacting many of you, please keep in mind that they have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent. Please receive their calls warmly or return their message. Remember that you can also pledge online at:

[dm-diocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now](https://dm-diocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now).

Thank you!

You can also contact the Parish Office at 515-223-4577 for questions or additional details.

## GARDENING ANGELS

Harvest is beginning!

Come out to see what we have growing besides this lovely purple cauliflower.

Help is needed every Sunday 5-6 p.m.



## WEDDING MUSIC INFO MEETING

**Congratulations on your upcoming wedding at St. Francis!** It is required that all couples getting married at St. Francis must meet with Emily Schmid, the Director of Liturgy and Music. Wedding music informational meetings will be offered every other month at St. Francis. Attending this meeting will fulfill the requirement to meet. Future informational meeting dates include September 11, 2022 November 13, 2022 and January 8, 2023. Please RSVP to [eschmid@saintfrancischurch.org](mailto:eschmid@saintfrancischurch.org) if you plan to attend one of these dates.

## CATHOLIC TUITION ORGANIZATION

**Tuition Assistance 22-23**  
**Application Deadline: July 31, 2022**  
 Apply online at [www.fairapp.com](http://www.fairapp.com)  
 School code: 450 | Password: cto450

### Tuition Assistance Available!

The first qualification for families to receive tuition assistance is income. State law requires families to be at or below the following income guidelines. Once a family qualifies, they can receive tuition assistance based on their financial need.

*Family Size	**Maximum Income	*Family Size	**Maximum Income
2	\$ 73,240	5	\$129,880
3	\$ 92,120	6	\$148,760
4	\$ 111,000	7***	\$167,640

\*\*\* Add \$18,880 for each additional dependent

\* Family size includes parent(s)/guardian(s) and total number of dependents plus others living in household  
 \*\* Families/households are eligible for CTO assistance if their total income is at or below the above listed income level reported on Line 9 of federal income tax form

### Ordinary Time Resources for Your Home

Located on the table across from the St. Clare Room.



Take Time to Grow in Your Faith

## 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.*

# FORMED®

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

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

**Program** – Sacred Art: Sts. Joachim and Anne

**Movie** – The Way of Saint James

**Audio** – The Four Levels of Happiness by Fr. Robert Spitzer

**Books** – The Spiritual Exercise of St. Ignatius by Saint Ignatius of Loyola

**Kid's Choice** -- Lukas Storyteller: Saints Anne and Joachim

Details on our website by clicking on Formation/FORMED.

## SFA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### St. Francis of Assisi Parish

- **Director of Faith Formation** - Provides direction and guidance over adult, youth and children's faith formation in cooperation with pastor and advisory committees.
- **Youth Ministry Coordinator** - Provides vision and coordination for SFA's ministry to youth (6-12 grades).
- **Nursery Coordinator** - Part time position. Provides oversight for nursery needs during Masses, special events and meetings.
- **Adult Nursery Workers** - 8-10 hours monthly.

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](mailto:communications@saintfrancischurch.org)

### St. Francis of Assisi School

**Positions for the 2022-23 school year:**  
**Kids Care Director**

<https://www.sfawdm.org/about-us/job-opportunities/>  
 Contact [sfaschool@saintfrancisschool.org](mailto:sfaschool@saintfrancisschool.org)



## LITURGICAL CORNER

### The Responsorial Psalm

We often call the Responsorial Psalm the “response” to the First Reading. That’s true, but it’s really “responsorial” since it has a responsory—a refrain that occurs with each verse.

The psalm is indeed a response or a comment on the First Reading. In Ordinary Time, the Gospel text we hear falls in the Bible somewhere between last Sunday’s Gospel passage and next Sunday’s Gospel. The first reading leaps from some place in the Old Testament because its theme resembles the Gospel. The psalm echoes the reading we just heard. It’s sort of a grandchild to Sunday’s Gospel.

In the Book of Psalms, very few psalms have a refrain (e.g., Psalms 46 & 67). But on Sundays we treat them all alike. We give them refrains, and we put them in the mouths of our assemblies, often changing them into first person.

The refrains that appear in the lectionary, incidentally, are part of the official texts of the Mass. The verses are drawn from another translation. Refrains do not always match the wording in the verses.

We have quite a bit of freedom with the psalm. Since psalms were written as songs, the church urges us to sing them at every Mass. But because some assemblies struggle with new music, they can learn one or a few psalms for a whole season. Although easier to sing, their rapport with the first reading may suffer.

If we substitute, it’s important to replace the psalm with a psalm. It’s really not supposed to be a popular hymn, or even a song with a refrain that’s drawn from, say, one of the epistles.

The reason has to do with how Christians use psalms. Jesus, a good Jew, surely prayed them daily. Many passages of the New Testament quote the psalms to show their fulfillment in the life of Christ. And they have proven useful for prayer in virtually every culture and age of history.

We also have freedom to change the structure of the psalm. It doesn’t have to be responsorial. We can sing it all together, like a hymn.

Listen carefully to the first reading and figure out its connection to the psalm. Then we can really pray the psalm while we sing.

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### LITURGICAL MINISTER CALL FOR SCHEDULE

**AVAILABILITY:** All liturgical ministers need to update their availability for the September-December 2022 liturgical ministry schedule before August 2, 2022.

Liturgical ministers can update their availability through the Ministry Scheduler Pro website <https://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/sfawdm> or on the MSP App. Questions can be directed to Emily Schmid at the parish office.

## BECOMING CATHOLIC



*Becoming Catholic*

### You’re Invited!

Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. We invite everyone who is not baptized, those who are baptized in another Christian tradition, and those baptized Catholic adults who have not completed their sacraments of initiation, to come learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment.

These sessions also are great opportunities to ask those perplexing and difficult questions about the Church.

Sessions are held on **Thursday evenings, 7 – 8:30 p.m.** beginning **August 18** in the **St. Clare room**.

If you’ve been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you!

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Mike Shojaat was baptized, confirmed, and received his first Holy Eucharist on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Celebrating this joyous moment with him were his wife, Carolyn, their daughters, Shereen and Shayla, and godparents, Mike and Blythe Stanfel.



Congratulations, Mike!  
Your family of faith welcomes you.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY



### Ladder Safety—3 Ladder Safety Tips for Avoiding Falls

Here are three simple tips for working more safely with ladders. Follow each of them every time you work with a ladder.

#### 1. Inspect the Ladder Before You Use It—Each Time You Use It

Begin by checking the ladder's duty rating to see if it can support the weight of your body and your tool belt. Then, inspect the ladder's rails, rungs, feet, and spreaders or rung locks for any signs of damage or defects. Never use a damaged ladder, and always remove a defective or damaged ladder from use and tag it "not safe for use." Be sure the damaged ladder is repaired or removed from service.

#### 2. Position Your Ladder Properly

It's very important to position your ladder properly before using it. For all ladders, always make sure the ladder is on level, solid footing, and be sure to position the ladder near your work so that you're not over-reaching. For extension ladders, always obey the 4-1 rule, meaning set the base of the ladder one foot away from the base of the building for every four feet of height. In addition, tie off the ladder at the top and (when possible) at the bottom.

#### 3. Use Your Ladder Safely

Seems sensible enough, but sometimes people forget, neglect, or don't know how to use a ladder safely to avoid injuries or deaths. Using your ladder safely includes things like:

- Maintaining three points of contact with the ladder at all times
- Never standing on either of the top two rungs of a stepladder
- Never stepping on any of the top four rungs of an extension ladder
- Having a partner hold and steady a ladder as you use the ladder to climb up and down. Never carrying tools and materials while climbing a ladder (instead, use a rope to haul or hoist materials).

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. For information or to register, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Upcoming dates are September 9-11, 2022 in Dubuque and November 18-20, 2022 in Holstein, Iowa.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Please bring new school supply items (paper, folders, notebooks, markers, crayons, glue, scissors, pencils, pens, etc.) to St Francis from July 30-August 14. Collection bins will be located in the Parish Hall. Supplies will be donated to school children in the Des Moines area where there is need.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**EDGE | 7-8<sup>th</sup> FISH | 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders**

Join Deacon Bill for Bowling at Warrior Lanes in Waukee this summer.

Date: **August 3**  
Time: **6:30-8:45 pm**

**Cost:** \$10 for 2 games and shoe rental (\$8 if you bring your own shoes). We also have a room reserved at the bowling alley for games and social time.



LET'S BOWL

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Catholic Charities has Opportunities for Everyone.**

If you are looking for ways to help others in the community, Catholic Charities has put together a list with many ways you can make a difference. From small donations to full-time volunteers, there is something everyone can do on this list!

To find out more about immediate needs and collection drives, contact Emily Klisares at

[eklisares@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:eklisares@catholiccharitiesdm.org) or call 515-237-5027.

To donate funds, go to [catholiccharitiesdm.org/contribute/donate-2/](http://catholiccharitiesdm.org/contribute/donate-2/). To donate online, contact Debra Powers at [dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org) or call 515-237-5064.

Mail checks to Catholic Charities, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309. To see the needs list, go to

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/2022/05/2022-spring-list-of-program-needs/>

2022-2023

# Youth Faith Formation Registration

**WE NEED YOU!** ★  
Prayerfully consider how  
your gifts can help our  
Youth Faith Formation  
programming for the  
2022-23 year. For more  
info contact Erica.

**Now Open!**

Youth Ministry (6th - 12th Grade)

Family Formation (Preschool - 5th Grade)

Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Preparation for Confirmation

[www.saintfrancischurch.org/formation](http://www.saintfrancischurch.org/formation)

## **Family Formation (Grades Preschool - Grade 5)**

Family Formation is a family-based catechetical program that helps families grow in the transforming love of God by understanding and living the Catholic Faith. Families gather together in the parish once a month. Using the lessons provided, trained catechists teach the children in grade-level classrooms while parents attend an adult teaching on the same topic. Parents are then provided all the Home Lesson materials needed for the rest of the month to teach the Faith to their family.

## **Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (Typically 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)**

The sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are typically celebrated the first time during the child's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade school year. Children prepare to receive the sacraments as registered students in the Family Formation program or through attendance at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.

## **Preparation for Confirmation (Typically 9<sup>th</sup> grade)**

The sacrament of Confirmation is one of the sacraments of initiation, along with Baptism and Eucharist. At St. Francis, preparation for Confirmation typically occurs during the student's 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and the sacrament is received during the fall of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students will attend seven small group sessions in preparation and meeting times will be set by each small group with most starting in the fall. Students will attend a retreat and receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of 2023.

## **Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12) Now includes 6<sup>th</sup> grade!**

Youth Ministry is comprised of EDGE for 6-8th grade students and FISH for 9-12th grade students. Both programs are open to the youth of our parish who attend public, private, and home schools. In Youth Ministry, our youth can learn about their faith, find a Catholic community, and experience Jesus all while having fun and serving others.

## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd\***

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based faith formation program for children ages 3-12. CGS takes place in specially prepared space called the Atrium. During Atrium time, the children are presented works of the atrium, after which they are invited to work with that presentation or any other presentation they have been presented. Prayer is essential to children, by working in concentration with these works of the atrium, children are able to enter into prayer more freely, unique to their individual needs. \*Space is limited.

Check out <https://saintfrancischurch.org/formation> for additional details about each program, registration links and volunteer needs or call the Faith Formation Office at 515-440-1030.

## 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 \$345,450 (87%).**

Gifts can be made online at [www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal](http://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

### 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

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

### CONNECT ONLINE

Facebook: @sfawdm | @stfrancisassischool  
Instagram: @sfawdm | @sfawdmschool  
Twitter: @sfawdm | @SFASchool\_WDM  
YouTube: @sfawdm or St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

### WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR NEWS

Have something you need announced in the bulletin?  
Send an email to [Communications@saintfrancischurch.org](mailto:Communications@saintfrancischurch.org).

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

**August 7 & 14 bulletin: August 1**

**August 21 & 28 bulletin: August 15**

\*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/>



A big "Thank You" to one of this month's featured St. Francis advertisers:

### **DS Realty**

Please consider reciprocating our advertisers' generosity by supporting their business. If you are interested in advertising, please call our bulletin provider at 1-800-950-9952.

## ABUNDANT GIVING

**You can give online as another option to support all the great things happening at St. Francis!**

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

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.

## BISHOP JOENSEN INVITES YOU!

In honor of Bishop Joensen's passion for education, we invite you to join us for the inaugural **Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools** on August 27, 2022, St. Thomas Aquinas in Indianola, Iowa | 4:30 p.m. Mass, 5:30 p.m. Social Hour, and 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Learn more and purchase your tickets today at: [dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools/support](http://dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools/support) or call 515-237-5079.



## SFA PRAYER CHAIN

**Our prayer chain involves hundreds of parishioners praying for the needs of others.**

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our prayer chain or be a prayer warrior please contact Sheila Timmerman.

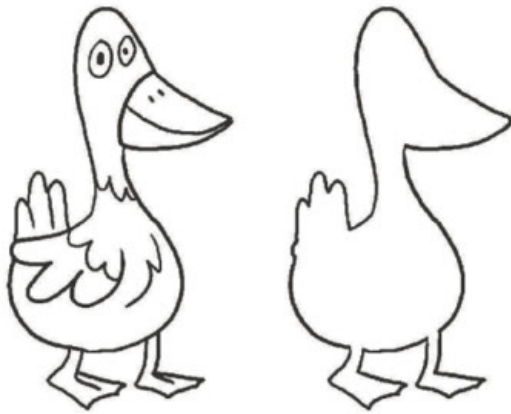
**Email:** [prayerchain@saintfrancischurch.org](mailto:prayerchain@saintfrancischurch.org)  
Please indicate if you would like your name linked to the prayer request.





## PUZZLE

Draw the second duck identical to the first duck.



## MISSION

I will share my toys and books with others this week.

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## GOSPEL

Farmer Brown gave bushels of green beans to the homeless shelter. When he died, God said, "I remember you. You gave me green beans when I was hungry. Come on in." Farmer Smith never shared any green beans with the hungry. When he died God said, "I do not know you. You never shared." God wanted Farmer Smith to learn to share so that God would know him at heaven's gate.

## PRAYER

Give me the will to share what I have with others.

## DRAW

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