

**Christmas and Feast of the Holy Family
December 25th and 26th, 2021**



The Nativity of the Lord

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Castle Rock, CO**



**St. Francis
of Assisi**
Roman Catholic Church



Parish Ministry Leadership

We are a Stewardship parish and many volunteers help run our ministries. For more information contact the person listed:

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This Week's Message From Our Priests

Someone to love, someone to care for. . .

It was this thought that gripped the heart of Saint Francis of Assisi his first Christmas at Greccio.

In his book, "Francis: The Journey and the Dream," Murray Bodo writes that it struck Francis that God came to earth as a baby so that we would have someone to care for. Christmas was the dearest of feasts to Francis because it meant that God was now one of us. We could now approach God without fear; as someone to love. Francis prayed for all the lonely people of the world that they would understand what this meant to them personally... that Jesus would let himself be touched and handled by everyone who would come to Him. That was Christmas for Francis. That is God become flesh.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish this Christmas season. . . And always! You help to further our mission of caring for Jesus in all those we meet here. We see God here among us, as one with us. Our mission is to remove fear and approach God with love, and to approach each other with love. During this Christmas time we are praying for all those who are lonely and suffering the effects of the coronavirus, those who have lost loved ones, and for all of our doctors, nurses, and medical professionals. Jesus still lets himself be touched and handled by everyone who would come to him. Thank you for helping us with that mission. That was Christmas for Francis. That is Christmas for us. That is God become flesh.

May God bless you this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Rev Mark Zacker
Parochial Administrator

Worship - Prayer - Stewardship

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	
	Col 3:12-21	
	Lk 2:41-52	
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2	Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17	Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27	Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6	
	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	
	Mt 2:1-12	



FAMILY PRAYER

God made us a family
 We need one another
 We love one another
 We forgive one another
 We work together
 We play together
 We worship together
 Together we use God's word
 Together we grow in Christ
 Together we love all men
 Together we serve our God
 Together we hope
 for Heaven
 These are our hopes
 and ideals
 Help us to attain them,
 O God, through
 Jesus Christ our Lord

We greatly appreciate the donations that have been mailed or brought into the office, and appreciate your continued support.



December 6-12

Regular Offertory	\$15,802.14
Weekly Budget	\$55,578.50
SVDP Poor Box	\$161.00
Second Collections for:	
Retired Religious	\$7,447.17

Debt Reduction Update:

Current balance on Loan	\$2,557,018.50
5YFF Debt Reduction Donations	\$2,940.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,157.00

Online Tithing is available on the Parish website at
www.stfrancscr.org
 Or by Texting **855-708-2555**

We are a Stewardship Parish.

In gratitude to God for all His gifts, the Faith Community of St. Francis will donate this week's tithe to

Christmas - Divine Redeemer School
December 26 - Ave Maria School

Mass Intentions

Announcements

Monday, 9:00 am	December 27, 2021 + Larry Bates
Tuesday, 9:00 am 6:00 pm	December 28, 2021 + Erik Fischer Elizabeth M. Arndt
Wednesday, 9:00 am	December 29, 2021 + Georgianna Higson
Thursday, 9:00 am 6:00 pm	December 30, 2021 Suzanne Olsen + Martin Hamrogue
Friday, 9:00am 6:00 pm	December 31, 2021 James Higson + Emma Rietsch
Saturday, 9:00 am 5:30 pm	January 1, 2022 Mary Carmen Lopez Mota & Family Briana Sanchez
Sunday, 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 1:30 pm 5:30 pm	January 2, 2022 + Emma Rietsch D'ascoll Familt The Parishioners of St. Francis + Alberto Gonzalez Gardea & + Lilia Almanza Coss The Souls in Purgatory



Please continue to Pray for the Sick, those recovering from surgery and terminally ill:

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Susan Wain | Tressa Guthrie | Owen Collins, |
| Chuck Wain | Kaye Le May | Robert Cooney, |
| Debbie Griffith | Kimra Dietrich | Brenden Tronick, |
| Karyn Schwarz | Jonathan Dahlem | Harley Rothmeyer, |
| Judy Herrera | Audra Hehr | Janet Kane, |
| Bill Stanek | Gary Dempsey | William Mulcahy, |
| Tracy Schieltz | Steven Chin | Kenneth Osredker, |
| Amanda White | Teenie Modrigal, | Marguerite Purichio, |
| Donna Luckner | Sarah Sloat, | Michael Mulvaney, |
| Bob Luckner | Colleen & Wayne | Gabriel Ryan, |
| Thomas Stacy | Boddicker, | Austin Eddy, |
| Kristine Styers | Everett Hughes, | Addie Flores, |
| Anthony Constantino, | Fr. Dana Christensen, | Helen Wagner, |
| Isabel Mendez Peralta | Darby Kucinski, | Arleen Gillen, |
| Holden Stevenson | Ben Bilder, | Bob Delaney, |
| John Farris | John Maguire, | Lynne Schoefield, |
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| Corey Remington | Shelly Busby, | Jessica Tidball, |
| Chad Stoneking | Marilyn Wandersee, | Ceara Bristol, |
| Nicole Body | Jacob Pekol, | Katlyn Pride, |
| Becky Catterall | Reece Rubino, | Bob Rietsch, |
| Betina Machamer | Alaina Griffith, | Joe Mack, |
| Janice Veresh | Susan Cvikota, | Richard Salome |
| Steven Fixter | Leona Hightower, | Quintana, |
| John McGuire | Rebecca Hightower, | Barbara Skene, |
| John Roscoe | Rosemarie Olmstead, | Denise & Mike |
| Steven Hain | Nancy, | Cortellini, |
| Jim Burke | Michael Klausner, | Sara McKinney, |
| Barb Ridgeway | Jonny Landis, | Connie & Jackie Bilder, |
| Kimberleigh Smith | Zachary Quick, | Teagan Mc Donald |
| Wes Rabens | Ann Hurley, | |
| Kathy Card | Gary McFarlen, | |

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May the healing presence of Christ comfort them.

If your loved one's name has been on this list for more than two years, please call the office to let us know if prayers are still needed.



St. Mary's High School Students for Life and the Diocese of Colorado Springs Respect Life Apostolate invite you to the



Rocky Mountain March and Mass for Life 2022

Monday, January 17th, 2022

in recognition of the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
2318 N. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

- 8:00 – 8:40 am: *Park at Corpus Christi/shuttle to PP sidewalk
- 9:00 – 10:00 am: Rosary, Prayer, and Speakers at the sidewalk
- 10:00 – 10:15 am: Line up for March & Eucharistic Procession
- 10:15 – 11:00 am: *March to Corpus Christi Catholic Church
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm: Mass with Bishop Golka
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm: Pizza Lunch & Fellowship – Parish Hall

* There will be NO shuttles after the lunch back to the sidewalk so please park at Corpus Christi before the march and shuttle TO the sidewalk. Shuttles FROM the sidewalk TO Corpus Christi will be provided after the prayer time and speakers for those unable to march.

Rocky Mountain Adoration for Life 2022

40+ hours of Adoration for Life from Monday, Jan. 17th – Saturday, Jan. 22nd

Information on Adoration times and locations may be found at: diocs.org/Pastoral-Services/Respect-Life.

SAVE THE DATE!



CELEBRATE LIFE RALLY AND MARCH

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Colorado State Capitol
Rally - 1:00 p.m.
March - 2:00 p.m.

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“We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty”.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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Merry Christmas

FR. MARK , FR. HOMERO
AND ALL OF THE STAFF AT
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WOULD LIKE TO WISH OUR
ENTIRE PARISH FAMILY

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!



Pictured: Fr. Mark, Fr. Homero, Mary Ann Ball, Mary Carmen Lopez Mota, Andrea Cihak, Mary Kochivar, Fr. Homero, Tod Masters, Vicki Arndt, Mari Talafuse, Beth Kraner, John Grabowski, Deacon Tom Liotta

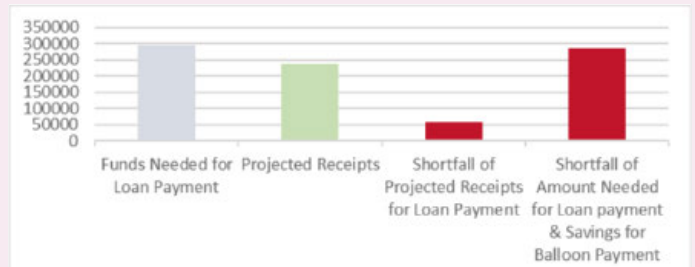
Not Pictured: Maggie Cingoranelli, Deacon Dustin Duncan, Deacon Ed DeMattee , Don Billings.



End of Year Charitable Giving

Please remember St. Francis
for your end of year Charitable Giving

Your donations in support of our Debt Reduction, are greatly needed. At present time, we are not receiving enough in donations to make our monthly payments. We have a balloon payment of **1.6 million dollars** due in September of 2028. We need your ongoing contributions to save the funds necessary for this payment.



Spiritual ADOPTION PRAYER ADVENTURE

**Your Spiritually adopted Child has been born!
Your prayers do matter!!**



Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government, they are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be contingent on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent

Mother Teresa

**Your baby at
Nine months:**



Congratulations, I am here!
As you know though, my birth was not the beginning of my life. My life began nine months ago when my parents contributed their love to each other to form this unique human being. At that miraculous moment I also received my soul from God making me an immortal being. God's plan for me is to live my life on earth then join Him in my heavenly home forever. Thank you on behalf of all babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring us to birth.

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This Week's Parish Calendar



Thanks to our many volunteers that have helped with our Food Pantries and all of you that have donated food and money this past year. It has been a challenging year, but we are dedicated to providing food and services to the families that need us.

January Food Pantries:

Saturday, January 8
8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Lower Level

Saturday, January 22
8:45am to 10:10am
Parking Lot

In conjunction with Food Bank of the Rockies

We gladly accept all of your donations of non-perishable food, but we are especially in need of the following items:

**Peanut Butter
&
Jelly**



You can leave these items in the Red Wagons outside Assisi Hall and in the Narthex



Cash donations can be left in the Poor Box in the Narthex or mailed to the Parish Office, marked "Attention SVDP"

The church buildings will be locked each day at 5:00pm or after the 6:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 26, 2021

10:45am Adult Faith Formation & Confirmation Prep Library

Monday, December 27, 2021

8:20am Rosary, Confession & 9:00am Mass Sanctuary
10:00am Adoration - 7 hours Chapel/Choir Room

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

8:20am Rosary, Confession & 9:00am Mass Sanctuary
10:00am Adoration - 7 hours Chapel/Choir Room
1:00pm Prayer Shawl & Baptism Blanket Ministry Library
5:30pm Confession Sanctuary
6:00pm Evening Mass Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

8:20am Rosary, Confession & 9:00am Mass Sanctuary
10:00am Adoration - 7 hours Chapel/Choir Room

Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:20am Rosary, Confession & 9:00am Mass Sanctuary
10:00am Adoration - 7 hours Chapel/Choir Roomy
10:00am Spiritual Direction St. Clare Office
5:30pm Confession Sanctuary
6:00pm Evening Mass-Spanish Sanctuary

Friday, December 31, 2021

6:00am Men's Ministry Lower Level East
8:20am Rosary, Confession & 9:00am Mass Sanctuary
10:00am Adoration - 7 hours Chapel/Choir Room
5:30pm Confession Sanctuary
6:00pm Vigil Mass for Mary Mother of God Sanctuary

Saturday, January 1, 2022

8:20am Rosary, Confessions Sanctuary
9:00am Mass for Holy Day: Mary Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation) Sanctuary
4:00pm Confession Sanctuary
5:30pm Mass Sanctuary

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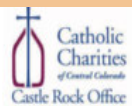
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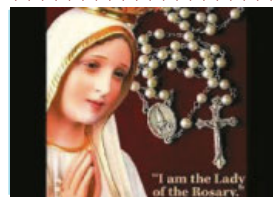
Vocations Ministry

Meeting in January 2022.



For more information or questions, please contact Bob Bucheit at: 303-989-0145 or email him at

VE72RJ@Q.com



Each weekday morning at 8:20am before the 9:00am Mass we pray the Rosary together. Please come join us.

If you would like to have your home blessed-and all who live there-please contact the office 303-688-3025



More Announcements

Woman's Story Presents "The Woman Bent Over" Mini-Retreat

On January 22, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Ministry Center, Parish Hall
2650 Parish View, Colorado Springs, CO 80919



Emma Lee, MS

As women of faith, we know that life brings seasons of heaviness as well as times of happiness. In the Bible we learn of a woman who was crippled for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not stand up straight. (Luke 13:11)

At our gathering, we will explore what has helped us to stand during difficult times. Jesus has promised to be with us through all the experiences this journey of faith brings. "He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble with the same consolation we have received from him." (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Suggested donation \$15.00. Beverage provided. Bring a sack lunch. All CDC guidelines will be followed. Check in: 8:00 am - 8:45 am
RSVP required by January 15, 2022 to msfwomanstory@gmail.com, 808-223-7214.

Woman's Story is a program of Women Partnering; both are sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Colorado Springs.



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Beginning January 10, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.
Join any time during the 11-week course!

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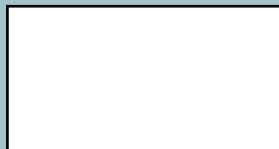
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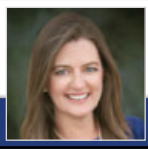
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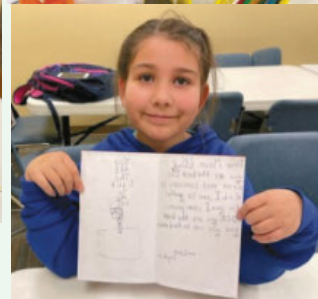
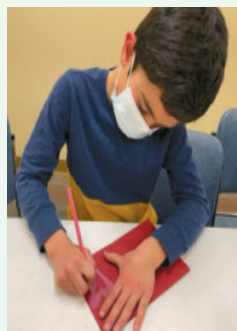
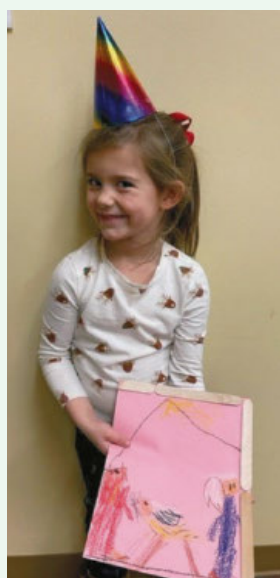
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Our Faith Formation students learned the story of the Candy Cane and made Christmas Cards for their parents



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



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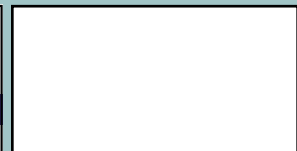
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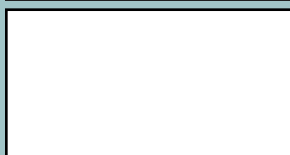
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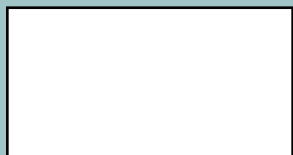
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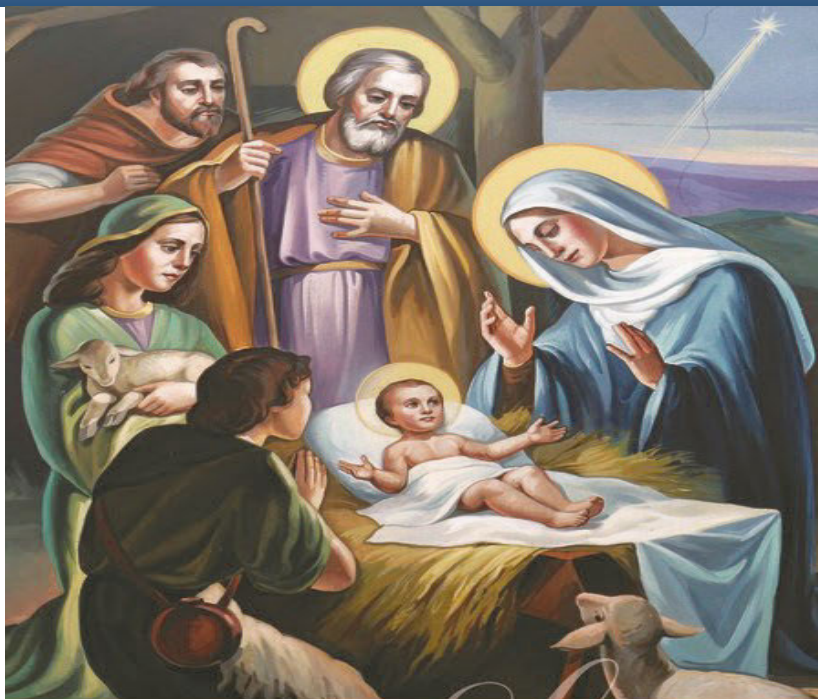
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¡Que Dios les bendiga esta Navidad y durante todo el Año Nuevo!

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