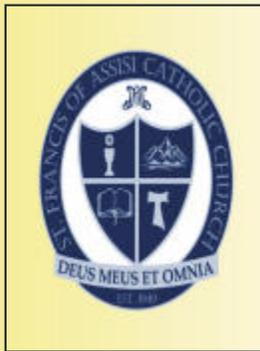


FEBRUARY 14, 2021

• SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.  
Text to Give: (833) 938-2034

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

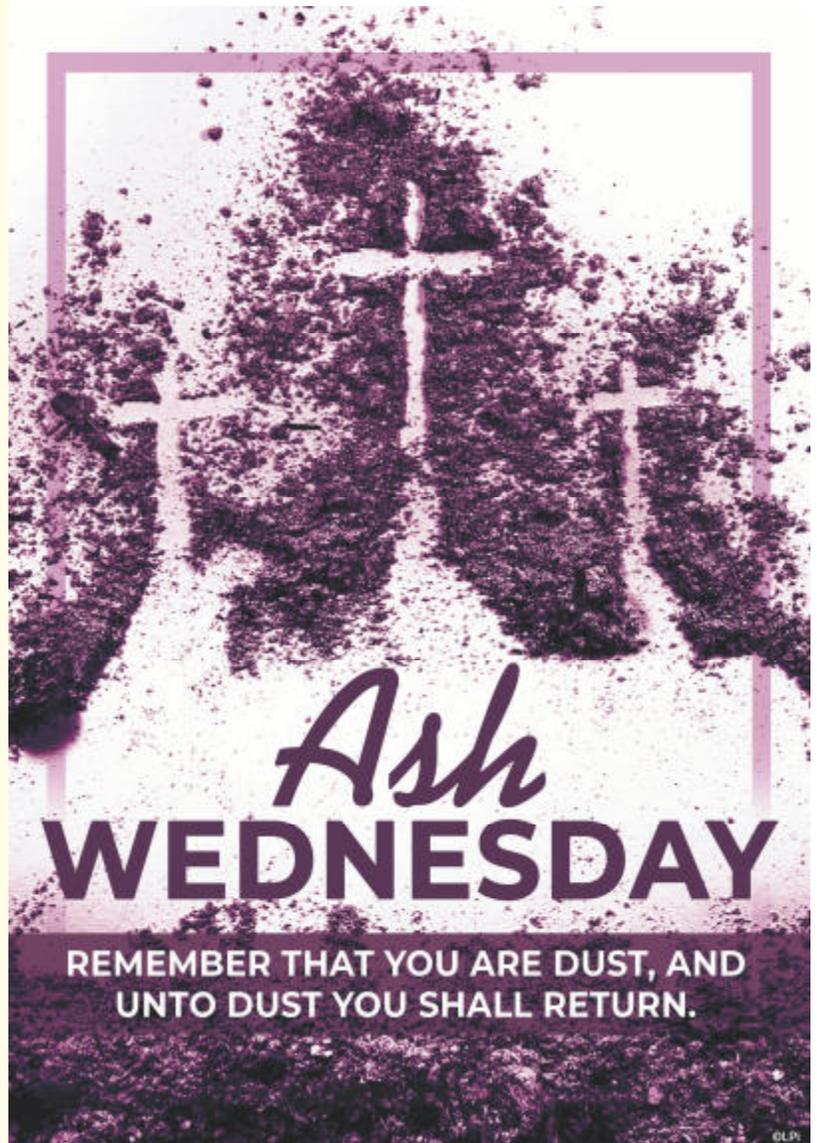
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

## PARISH STAFF

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## From the Pastor's Desk....

### Sunday Offertory

2-7-2021.....	\$2,538
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> .....	\$162
YTD Offertory.....	\$90,118
YTD Budget.....	\$86,400
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b> .....	\$3,718
2-7-2021 Building Fund .....	\$465

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** We currently owe \$87,140 on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



**Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**  
**1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**  
**Mark 1:40-45**

Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation. He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy. We are called to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus.

**Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 995**

Happy Sunday everyone!

There are only a few days left until Lent begins this Wednesday! I would like to remind everyone about the rules for fasting and abstinence during Lent.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Days of Fasting and Abstinence  
 Friday's in Lent: Days of Abstinence

The Church defines fasting as only eating one full meal with two smaller snacks throughout the day. The snacks combined should not equal a full meal. Abstinence means not eating meat. Days of Fasting and Abstinence are serious moral obligations for all baptized Catholics. Breaking the fast or eating meat on a day of abstinence are grave sins. This is not because there's something particularly evil about food, but because the Church asks us to observe these practices as a sign of unity with the Catholics throughout the world. By choosing to act otherwise, we are separating ourselves from all other Catholics and this is the definition of sin!

RCIA classes will begin in-person this Friday after the Stations of the Cross. Class should begin around 6:00 pm. We will meet in the school building.

Let's make this a great Lent!

Fr. Rob

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a Eucharistic family of Catholic Christians. Nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim Jesus Christ and the Good News of salvation. Following the spirit of the Gospel, St. Francis parish provides continuous religious education and spiritual growth for all parishioners, varied opportunities for social enrichment, and support for the needs of families in Pike County, our nation and the world.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 13	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Sunday, February 14	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, February 15	No Mass	
Tuesday, February 16	Noon Mass	+Anne Sykes Hinkebein
Wednesday, February 17	Noon Mass 7:00 pm	+Evelyn Dawahare CES Donors
Thursday, February 18	Noon Mass	Intentions of Jim Goss
Friday, February 19	Noon Mass	+Justin Chafin
Saturday, February 20	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For the People
Sunday, February 21	10:30 am Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors

# Parish Calendar & Announcements

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE**

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes

askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision. ©LPi

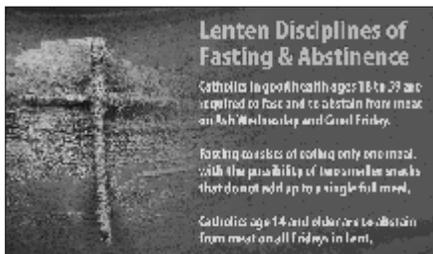
**AN ASH WEDNESDAY PRAYER**

"Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust."  
You remind us today, oh Lord, of our origin and end.  
In the beginning, You fashioned us in the Garden.  
You dignified dust with the Breath of Life. You made us in Your image and likeness. You led Your people through the dust of the Sinai wilderness to the Promised Land. You overcame temptation in the dry desert. You healed the blind with dirt and clay. Three times Your body stirred the dust as you fell on the road to Calvary. Hear the cry of Your people!  
One day we will return to dust.  
This Lenten season, stir our minds to contemplate You, our hearts to love You, and our bodies to serve You in our brothers and sisters.  
May our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving be Your breath alive in us.  
Amen.

**END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS :**

Please call Becky (606-437-6117) in the church office to request your statement.

**POOR BOX :** During the month of January, we collected \$83.00 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands. Thank you!



**PRAYER REQUEST**



Jim Goss

Ron Saros

Jonathan and Michelle Meece, pregnancy. Pat and Ron Saros, nephew

Dave Such, Mollie Dawahare Such's father in law

Pat Hedinger, Kathy Atkin's mom

Andy Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's Family

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Tedric Evangelista, Gloria Newsom's cousin, cancer

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

Peggy Brown, Jennifer Brown Day's grandmother



**VOTIVE CANDLES:**

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY - VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.**

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