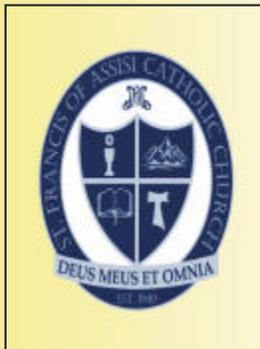


APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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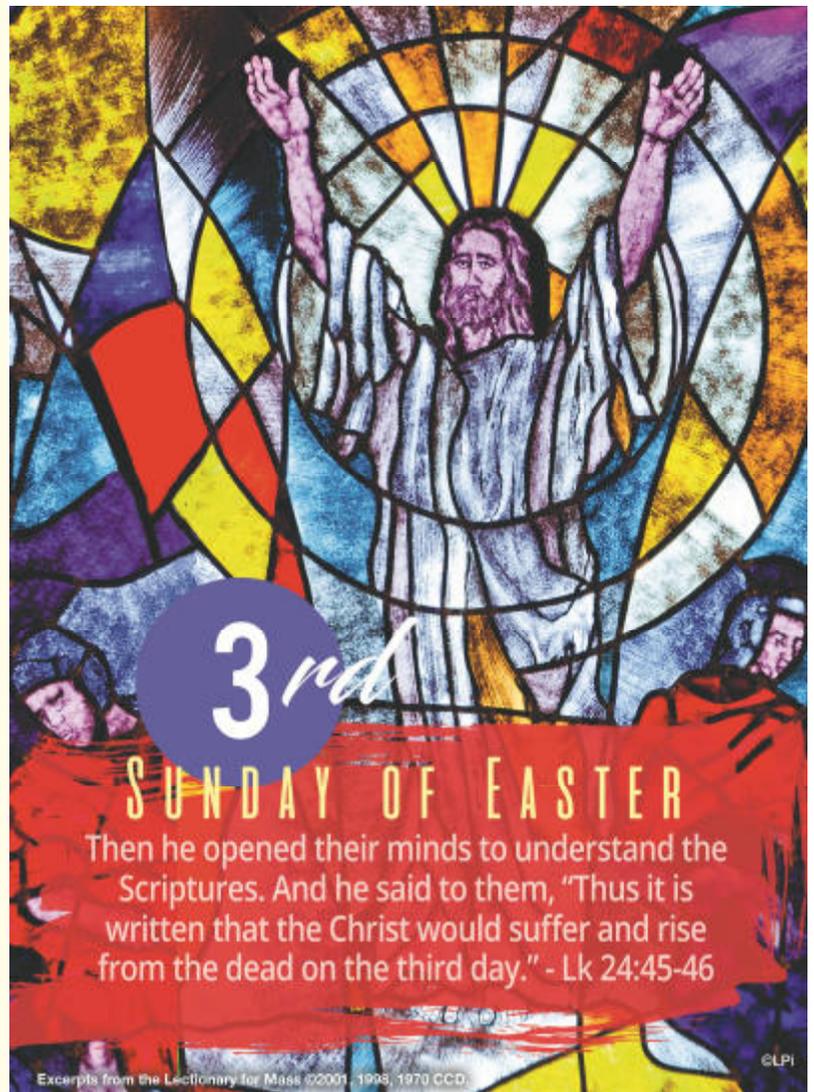
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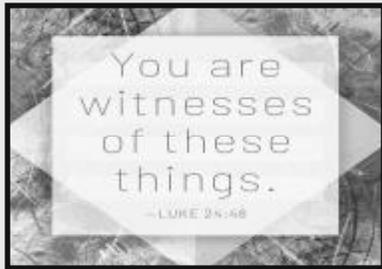


From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

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| 4-11-2021..... | \$3,791 |
| Weekly Budget..... | \$2,700 |
| Surplus/Deficit | \$1,091 |
| YTD | |
| Offertory..... | \$118,690 |
| Budget..... | \$110,700 |
| Surplus/Deficit | \$7,990 |
| 4-11-2021 Building Fund | \$315 |

BUILDING FUND UPDATE: We currently owe \$79,628 on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
 1 John 2:1-5a
 Luke 24:35-48

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: the suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 956

Happy 3rd Sunday of Easter! I hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather this past week!

Since we don't have any big announcements to make, I thought I'd mention a few things. First of all, there is an exhibit on the World of Jesus at the Appalachian Center for the Arts at 218 2nd Street. This is a great way to make the New Testament come to life.

Also, I am enjoying the quiet that comes after Easter! However, I'd like to know what kind of things people are interested in started in the summer. Is there an event or a program that you'd like to see at St. Francis? Please let me know or send an email to stfrancischurch@cdlex.org.

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

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Saturday, April 17 | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | +Jerry and Ann Bilicek |
| Sunday, April 18 | 10:30 am Mass | For the People |
| Monday, April 19 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday, April 20 | Noon Mass | +Bessie Schaad |
| Wednesday, April 21 | Noon Mass | +Drew and Lexi Dreggors |
| Thursday, April 22 | Noon Mass | Intentions of the Goss Family |
| Friday, April 23 | Noon Mass | +Cindy Greene |
| Saturday, April 24 | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | +Crispino and Zosima Operario |
| Sunday, April 25 | 10:30 am Mass | For the People |

Parish Calendar & Announcements

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they

are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

HOW TO FAIL YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

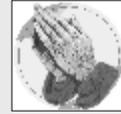
Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

BOXES OF LOVE: Lisa delivered 12 boxes of food for the March Community Dinner. Thank you!

POOR BOX: During the month of March, we collected \$147 in the poor box to assist the ministry of Helping Hands. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUEST



Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Steve McCoy, stroke, Lisa Scalf's Cousin

Jim Goss

Ron Saros

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

Dave Such, Mollie Dawahare Such's father in law

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Tedric Evangelista, Gloria Newsom's cousin, cancer

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

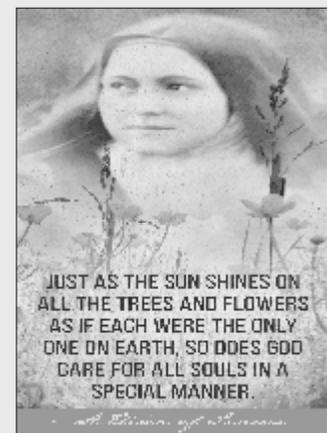
Dr. Harry Altman

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 APRIL - Fundamental Rights - We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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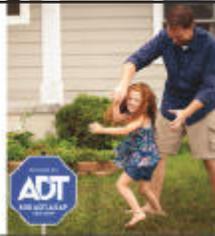
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