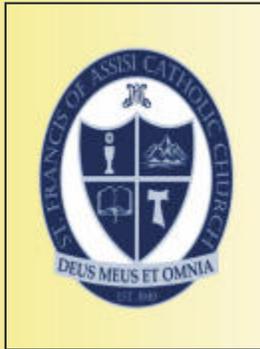


APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH 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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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

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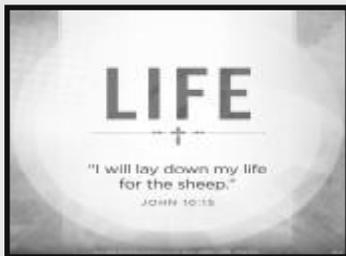


## From the Pastor's Desk....

### Sunday Offertory

4-18-2021.....	\$1,497
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> .....	\$1,203
YTD	
Offertory.....	\$120,187
Budget.....	\$113,400
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b> .....	\$6,787
4-18 2021 Building Fund .....	\$305

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** We currently owe \$77,488 on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



Acts 4:8-12  
1 John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

Jesus is the “stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone”. He is the good shepherd who laid down his life for us. Through his paschal mystery we have become children of God.

**Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 959**

Happy Sunday everyone!

As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, Fr. Mark Ouma will be leaving Jenkins to become the pastor of Beattyville on July 1st. Please keep Fr. Mark in your prayers. This also means that I will be taking care of St. Francis and St. George after Fr. Mark leaves. This means that things will be a little busy for me on Sunday, and that we will not be able to keep our Friday weekday Mass. But, we still have some time before those things happen!

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, April 24	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Crispino and Zosima Operario
Sunday, April 25	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, April 26	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, April 27	Noon Mass	+Covie Joseph Schmidt
Wednesday, April 28	Noon Mass	For Politicians in Washington
Thursday, April 29	Noon Mass	+Bill Nusser
Friday, April 30	Noon Mass	+Seraphin Tanael
Saturday, May 1	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Justin Chafin
Sunday, May 2	10:30 am Mass	For the People

# Parish Calendar & Announcements

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. ©LPi

**IS GOSSIP A SIN?**

**Question:**

Is gossip a mortal sin?

**Answer:**

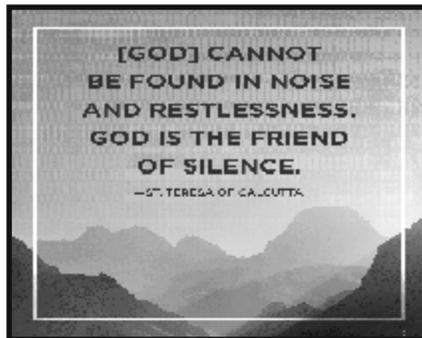
To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

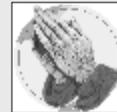
First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©LPi



**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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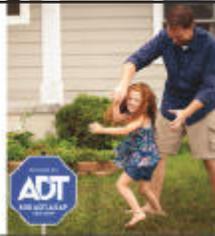
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