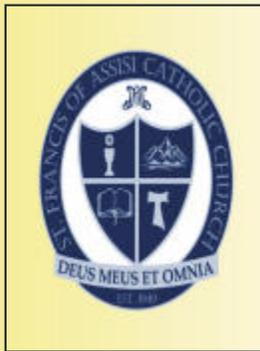


NOVEMBER 21, 2021

• OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

# 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

*Pastor:* Fr. Rob Adams

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

### Sunday Offertory

11-14-2021.....	\$3,388
Weekly Budget.....	\$2,700
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b> .....	\$688
YTD Offertory.....	\$51,974
Budget.....	\$54,000
Surplus/ <b>Deficit</b> .....	\$2,026
11-14-2021 Building Fund.....	\$250

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** We currently owe \$58,857 on the new church building. Thank you for your continued support of the Church Building Fund.



**Daniel 7:13-14**  
**Revelation 1:5-8**  
**John 18:33b-37**

To Jesus Christ be glory and power for ever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and his kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

**Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1079**

Happy Feast of Christ the King!

I have an important update from the Bishop. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent (11/27 and 11/28), the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday's and Holy Days will end. Obviously, those who are severely immune-compromised are excused. However, the important take-away is that Sunday Mass becomes obligatory again this weekend for the first time since March 2020!

This week we will only have daily Mass on Wednesday. There will be no Mass on Tuesday or Thursday. On Tuesday 11/23 at 11:00 am, I will be giving a talk at UPike on Mary and Christianity. Please feel free to join!

Just a reminder, we are looking at putting together a little choir for Advent and Christmas. It will be open to anyone, kids and adults. They will meet to practice on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm at the church starting on December 1. They would be singing at Mass on December 11 (Saturday Mass) and Christmas Eve. Other days can be added as the group decides. Please contact Anne Westgate (606-422-3422) if you would like to join!

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, November 20	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+John Altman
Sunday, November 21	10:30 am Mass	For the People
Monday, November 22	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, November 23	<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday, November 24	Noon Mass	+Lani Misenas
Thursday, November 25	<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday, November 26	<b>No Mass</b>	
Saturday, November 27	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+John Altman
Sunday, November 28	10:30 am Mass	For the People

## Parish Calendar & Announcements



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

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER - People Who Suffer from Depression** - We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever. ©LPi

### A GRATITUDE EXAMEN

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What **G**ifts have You given me?  
How have I **R**eceived love from others?  
How is grace at work in **A**spects of my life story?  
Do I **T**rust You to continue to bless me?  
Where have I **M**issed Your movements?  
Have I used my **T**alents at the service of other?  
Do I see a purpose for my life **U**nderway?  
How can I have the **D**iscipline to thank You daily?  
Help me give **E**verything back to You! ©LPi



Sister Kathy Avery

Barbara Kiser

Tim Deskins, cancer

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Jerry and Ann Bilicek

Gloria Wagner (Mother of Linda Justice and Susan Chafin)

Ron Saros

Cindy and Christy Hedinger

Rita Scheuer

Kenny Blackburn

Alpha Carroll, Signature Health Care

Dr. Harry and Helen Altman

Carol Rashella

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

### VOTIVE CANDLES:

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

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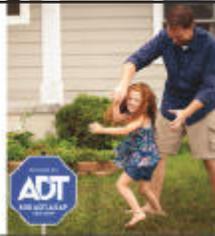
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