20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The St. Francis of Assisi community is a welcoming Christian family.

We believe in Jesus Christ and are guided by the Holy Spirit and the example of St. Francis.

We gather to celebrate, to grow in the knowledge of our faith rooted in the Catholic tradition, and to recognize our responsibility to reach out to the world.

Pastor’s Reflections

Dear Friends,

Today’s scripture, and in particular, the gospel is very challenging. It challenges our prejudices and boundaries.

We have Jesus’ encounter with the Canaanite Woman. This woman was all alone: she was a Gentile in a Jewish world and a woman in a man’s world. One thing that makes her special is her determination.

I feel it is important to look at this reading with the rest of today’s scripture with reminds us that God’s “care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live.” We need to work for a time when God’s house should become a house of prayer for all peoples. That is especially difficult in today’s climate. We seem to be surrounded by intolerance and suspicion.

There are a number of ways to look at the banter between Jesus and woman. One school of thought suggests that Jesus is testing her faith – and in fact he finally does say to her, “Woman, you have great faith!” Another school of thought believes that the banter is playful – and when referring to giving food “to the dogs,” Jesus is not suggesting that she is a ravenous, wild dog such as the ones that roamed the streets, but more like a pet or “puppy dog.” This is more so to teach the disciples. A third school of thought believes that this is a faith story, somewhat similar to the one last week – Matthew, by way of this Jesus story, is teaching his Church about what it takes to be a person of great faith.

As a Canaanite, the woman in today’s gospel is a stranger to the covenants of Israel. It would seem to me that Matthew who wrote for Jewish Christians, was showing them that faith, and faith alone, breaks down the barrier between Jew and Gentile.

What a great reminder for us! Perhaps we can be challenged by our faith to be more open and accepting of others – those of our families, those in the family of the Church, those who seem different than ourselves, those who live around us and are from different cultures and religious backgrounds.

In his 1963 PACEM IN TERRIS, St. John XXIII stated,

*It is obvious to everyone that women are now taking part in public life. This is happening more rapidly perhaps in nations with a Christian tradition, and more slowly, but broadly, among peoples*
who have inherited other traditions or cultures.

Since women are becoming ever more conscious of their human dignity, they will not tolerate being treated as inanimate objects or mere instruments, but claim, both in domestic and in public life, the rights and duties that befit a human person.

I can’t help but wonder if writing that same message today he might have changed the last paragraph to something such as:

Since we are becoming ever more conscious of women’s human dignity, WE will not tolerate women being treated as inanimate objects or mere instruments, but champion for them, both in domestic and in public life, the rights and duties that befit a human person.

I so believe that if our faith is alive, and indeed, scripture is alive, they will both continue to confront and dare us to grow more and more into the likeness of Christ. Sometimes, my sisters and brothers, growth is painful.

Fr. Steve Dombrowski
Do you dream of...
...making a difference in the life of a child?
...sharing your faith in a creative way?
...giving back to your parish?
Please consider volunteering as a Religious Ed Catechist!

The recipe is simple. We will provide:
- detailed lesson plans
- all necessary materials
- guidance/support

You just add your commitment and enthusiasm!

Contact the RE office to find out more:
708-460-0155

CJB School Custodian Position Available - Evenings

Requirements: General cleaning (dusting, sweeping, mopping) of floors and cleaning washrooms. Must be able to use basic tools (hammer, screwdriver, pliers) to handle light maintenance/repair duties. Must be able to read and understand instructions ... adaptability/flexibility to respond to situations and problems as they arise is required. Must take directives well.

Pay is $12/hour. Maximum of 25 hours/week. Schedule is 5:30pm-10:30pm.

Please email resume to ryanowsky@steseton.com for consideration.

NEXT WEEKEND IS FAMILY PACKET PICK-UP FOR RE FAMILIES!

AUGUST 26 & 27: New & Returning Families who are registered for Religious Education (RE) by August 19 can pick up their FAMILY PACKET at Church after all the Masses. The packet includes confirmation of the date/time each registered child will attend RE sessions, as well as the schedule and other necessary details to begin another year of faith building and development.

Families not registered by August 19 should do so ASAP and will receive their assignments after completing the registration process. Contact the RE Office with any questions: 708-460-0155.
NCYC Meeting
August 27, 2017
11:30-1:00
In the St. Francis Room/Youth Room
Plan for our pilgrimage.

International Bacon Day
September 5
Save the date

Fall Extravaganza
Positively Dangerous
Faith, Fun, Friends, Food and Fire Juggling.
September 10
11:30-1:00
In the Youth Room
Bring a Friend or Two.

My name is Matt Prendergast, and I'm 19 years old. I've been on five mission trips with St. Francis youth group. The Memphis mission trip experience was amazing. The feeling of doing for others, compensates for the time you give up during the summer.

There's something about helping others out, from the bottom of your heart that makes anything worthwhile. That is what kept me coming back year after year. The moment that your resident's day is made just by being there can brighten your day. I get just as much out of it as they do.

During these emotionally positive experiences, I feel like I've seen it all. Houses torn down by storms, run-down neighborhoods, sometimes it looks like something you'd see in a movie. To believe that we can make that house or neighborhood look just a little better is what drives me. It's the thought that counts. It's amazing to see how little you need to do, to make a person happy. I'm talking about a person with just a roof over their head, struggling to get food on the table. Everything that makes me appreciate what I have. Thanks to all my friends and adults for a good week. If I had the choice to do it again, I would do it in a heartbeat.

St. Francis Wolves Basketball
Last Call
All High School Students Welcome Guys and Girls of all playing levels Games on Thursdays Starting September 7.

Register by August 20. Forms available online, via e-mail, or contact Youth Minister Matthew Toohill sfyg@sfaorland.org 708-460-0042
Is there a right way to pray?
Is there a wrong way to pray?

CATHOLIC PRAYER
IN YOUR LIFE TODAY

THIS FALL:
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Tuesday, September 26, 2017
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Parish Stewardship

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PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING.
Sign Up Today:

- Go to our website, www.sfaorland.org and press the “Donate Now” button
- www.sfaorland.org and press the “Donate Now” button
- You can also use the yellow form in your envelope packet
- Call the office to sign up: 708-460-0042

St. Francis Book Club

The St. Francis Book Club meets the third Tuesday of most months, in the Niehaus Room.

Our next meeting is:
Tuesday, September 19
at 1:00 PM

We will discuss:
“Hillbilly Elegy,” by, J.D. Vance

Respect Life

“The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!”

Thank you to everyone who came out to help fill backpacks this year. What an amazing group of volunteers - a record turnout allowed us to fill 499 backpacks in only 3 hours.

Whether this was your first time joining us or you have been with us every year, you should know that the gift of your time and talent is truly appreciated.

Whether you donated supplies or cash, manned the Narthex table, filled bags, checked bags, passed out supplies, or delivered backpacks, every person’s contribution is valued.

We are so very grateful for your service as are the children who receive the backpacks and sisters who staff the pantries. Special thanks to Lorraine & Chris for all they did to make sure we had plenty of inventory.

Please consider joining us on September 16th as we take part in the Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk. (Registration for the walk ends August 27th.) Once again, thank you for supporting our projects. The Catholic Charities at St. Francis Committee.
Adult Faith Formation

THOUGHTS   By, Pat Depcik

During the Parish trip to Lisbon and Portugal, we had many wonderful places to visit and things to see. It can be difficult to choose a certain one to describe as a favorite.

Fatima (pronounced Fahteema at the site) was very special. This is called the “Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary”. We expected and were nervous about great crowds, considering it was the year of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance to the shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. Surprisingly, there were no crowds this time and it was a peaceful, sunny and warm day to venture through this Parish.

It is noted that a miracle here was witnessed by 60,000 people on the 13th of October, 1917. This was “the day the sun danced.” We visited the great basilica where the three are entombed and lit candles near the Cova de Iria, the enormous plaza where a chapel was built at the place of the apparitions. There was a mass being said in French.

As to the three messages given by Our Lady, what I have learned is; the first was a vision of hell; the second told of the end of WWI but another war to come if Russia was not converted and a request that Russia be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Third message is controversial and dealt with the persecution of Christians but it is still being studied and scrutinized.

As I wrote, Fatima was very special and you could feel its power and grace. Many prayers and asked favors were left there.

Onward now to Oporto, Portugal, and the Church of Sao Francisco near the mouth of the Douro River.

I’M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT QUESTION   By, Sue Flanagan

Why do Catholics believe the Pope cannot make an error?

I believe you are referring to the Catholic dogma of infallibility. In the “Credo of the People of God,” Pope Paul VI said “We believe in the infallibility enjoyed by the successor of Peter when he teaches ex cathedra as pastor and teacher of all the faithful….” Catholics believe the Pope as the pastor of our church, cannot err in teaching faith and morals. This was taught from the very beginning of the church but it was stated explicitly in the Vatican Council. This dogma does not mean that the Pope cannot sin.

Before we try to understand infallibility, remember some biblical truth. Jesus founded one church for all people to be united in faith. Jesus bestowed on Peter, the apostles, and their successors, the authority to teach so that the church would be united in truth.

Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of twelve. Jesus gave him a special mission. “You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.” Mt 16:18 Peter’s mission and his successors is to keep the faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it. Lk 22:32, CCC 551-552

Jesus entrusted a special authority to Peter. “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Mt 16:19
AROUND FOR AWHILE  

By Fr. Ed Upton

Surprisingly “pews”, was an area that elicited much discussion and even disagreement. It is an important conversation. There were three aspects to those conversations.

The first, “did we want to have pews or chairs”. Twenty five years ago, when our building committee had this discussion, replacement of pews with chairs was a frequent discussion for new church planning. The primary reason offered for chairs over pews was that they provided flexibility. Chairs could be moved into different configurations. For example, if a concert were held in church the front chairs could be removed to provide more room – something not possible with pews. Or for baptism, chairs could be turned toward the font and provide better focus and sense of participation for participants.

This was an easy decision for the committee – we preferred pews. While this decision was made rather easily, strong support was offered by those who had been in parishes where they experienced chairs. Their experience showed chairs required more work than pews; and flexibility did not last because people tired of moving the chairs, so in the end they ended up with “permanent” chairs.

The second, “what would be the pew configuration.” The determining principal was, what configuration provides for best participation in the Eucharist. There are two main options for configuration. The first is frequently called a “monastic” arrangement. In this arrangement, the pews are placed on either side of the church, each side facing the congregation, with the altar and ambo at either end.

This option is intended to provide the congregation a sense of unity and better connection with the presider. It might be called the “we are all in this together” model.

The second is a traditional format. This places the pews the length of the church, with altar and ambo in front. Using this design many will be distant from the altar and diminishes connection with other participants.

This discussion came early in the planning process because the design of the church needed to reflect these requirements.

The third and final area, “what will the pews look like?” The shape was a question; the architect called for a curved shape for the backs of some pews; this design proved to be quite expensive; so we used a similar but less expensive method. You will notice some of the pews are segmented rather than curved.

The design for the ends of the pew caused quite a lengthy conversation (of all things!). The liturgical consultant and the architect wanted the pew end to reach the floor to give a “church” feel. Others wanted no ends to give an “open” feel. After a lengthy discussion, we comprised, there is an end cap, but not to the floor.

The placement and design of the pews was a surprisingly complex discussion but has a peaceful resolution.
Notes of Interest

Last week, 21 singers from the Saint Francis Children's Choir and Youth Singers travelled with their families to perform at Disney Springs, in Disney World, Orlando Fla. Not only did the children perform a dynamic 30 minute concert at Disney Springs, they had the most wonderful week of fun and excitement. Part of their experience included a vocal/dance workshop in “Studio B” of Backstage Epcot, with Disney performance personnel and tech crew. It was truly a bonding time for the children and families who went. After numerous weekly fundraisers and 3-4 rehearsals per week for 6 weeks, our kids truly sang their hearts out.

I would like to personally recognize and thank the families who gave so much time and energy to help get this trip off the ground. I would especially like to thank Anne Hayes, Luke Stewart, Debbie & Randy Alvarado, Ania & Michal Szafarski, Lora Martarano, Bill Rzeszutko, Jacob Jarzabek, Katie Hayes, Matt Malachuk, Rachel Stoterau, who were the ‘team I relied on in ways too numerous to count.

My deepest appreciation to these wonderful families of our parish and Music Ministry Program:
The Alvarado family, the Bieszke family, the Carroll family, the Cueller-Reiland family, the Dwyer family, the Hooks family, the Leach family, the Malysz family, the Santiago family, the Shastri family, the Szafarski family, the Tedera family, the Turk family.

To Abby, Ada, Aidan, Caroline, Christopher, Giselle, Grace, Izzy, Julia, Lora, Maddie, Maddie, Nadia, Naomi, Olivia, Rhianna, Sam, Sophia, Will, Zosia and Zuzanna, you have touched my heart and blessed my life! Thank you for sharing your gift in the Kingdom!!!

Please check out our performance on the parish website.

PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE!
SFA Children's Choir
From Orland to Orlando
Summer tour 2017!
Reflection on Jeff Cavins Scripture Study
by, Margie Gregori

May I start by saying how blessed we all are, to be members of St. Francis of Assisi parish. Throughout my time as a parishioner, St. Francis has offered many opportunities to enrich our faith. Small Faith Groups, CHRP, Woman's Day of Reflection, just to name a few. I found that attending these events were always enjoyable and well worth my time. However, my experience with our first Bible Study, made the most amazing impact on my spiritual life. Each week we met, drew me closer to God, as we learned the Timeline of the history of the Bible. Step by step we read some of our favorite stories, such as Creation, Moses and the Burning Bush, etc. I felt like I was recapping years earlier in my catechism class, except this time with much more in-depth information along with a desire to know more about God's message through scripture.

You might be asking yourself, can I commit to a time frame of several weeks. Or, maybe you are wondering if this study will be giving you a test on your lessons. I’d like to share that there is no requirement or eligibility to join the Bible Study and there are morning and evening times to suit your schedule. You will be joined by people who are as excited as you to be attending this wonderful journey of understanding more about our God.

Grandparents and Grandchildren

Please join us
Sunday, September 10, at 10:30 am Mass
to celebrate the loving bond of family at our
Second Annual Grandparent's Mass to be
followed by refreshments in the Great Room.

Grandparent’s Message of Faith

Faith is the greatest gift I have, it's the tradition that we share.
And so my precious Grandchild,

This is a reflection of how much I care. Faith connects our family
and makes us feel as one, it surrounds us with a wonderous Peace.
It is warmth and divine Love.

For when Faith walks beside you, it becomes a blessed part,
Of all the beauty, goodness and truth that you carry in your heart.

And when Faith rests within you, and guides you through your days,
then you hold the fabric of our family close to you always.

Join fellow parishioners on Saturday, September 16th as we walk to aid the Albertine Sisters who staff the St. Blase Food Panty.

Each month the Sisters serve 450 families through their food pantry and an additional 500 families each WEEK that come to their donation table.

The Sisters will receive credit at the Greater Chicago Food Depository for each person that walks on their behalf. This credit will go a long way to supply food for their various programs. In order for the Sisters to receive credit, we must indicate that we are walking on behalf of Team St. Blase.

Stop by the parish office to sign a simple waiver and we will make sure you are registered correctly. We only need your name and email address. Transportation will be provided. The Hunger walk takes place in Jackson Park and we will walk along the lake front. Buses leave from St. Francis promptly at 7:00 AM and will return at approximately 12:30 PM. Registration ends August 28th.

This costs you nothing. Simply by taking a walk along beautiful Lake Michigan, you can make a difference in the lives of so many.
This exciting study brings the Gospel to life and draws you closer to Christ. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Set in the rich context of Jesus’ life, Matthew shows us who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

“Once you start learning he makes you hunger for more. Jeff pulls everything you need to know out of the Bible and it all starts to make sense like it never did before.”

~ Margaret A. Tirpak, NY

For me, it was a great experience that brought about friendships with the people in my group. It provided me with a richer love for our Catholic Faith and allowed me to spend more time focusing on how important my religion is to me. My prayer is that we continue to take advantage of our wonderful parish and the gifts that it provides us with. I’d like to give a big Thank you to Fr. Artur and to Trisha Goldberg for making this Bible Study possible.

In the past, reading the bible was sometimes challenging as I didn’t always interpret the real message in each passage. The blessings with this bible study, is that any questions that you have will be revealed to you in the Jeff Cavins video during the group gathering.
The Education and Formation Commission comprises the ministries of religious education and faith formation for all members of the parish, young and old alike. This commission includes the Religious Education Board, Adult Faith Formation Board, Youth Board and Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School Board members. The purpose of the commission is to facilitate the collaboration of the member boards in accordance with the Parish Mission statement.

Religious Education (RE) provides religious education and faith formation for the children of the parish from preschool to eighth grade, and includes special religious education, sacramental preparation, and Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

The religious education program is supported by volunteers, parishioners who give of their time and talents to educate and form our parish children in their faith. Volunteer positions that are available each year are catechists, catechist assistants, office aides, babysitters and special event volunteers.

The RE programs provides multiple opportunities for adults and teens to participate in Catholic service and to share their faith in the ministry of education and formation. Teens are encouraged to volunteer as catechist aides and office assistants during the year.

Adult Faith Formation schedules speakers and seminars related to the education and formation of adults in the parish. Prayer Group, Small Christian Faith Groups, Scripture Study, Christ Renews His Parish (CHRMP), Respect for Life, Marriage Ministry, Library, Young Adult Ministry (YAM), and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) are some of the ministries available. Volunteers are needed as catechists, sponsors, and participants in all of these events.

Youth Ministry creates a culture where teens encounter Christ and live their faith as disciples of Jesus throughout the parish and community. Teens hunger for more than the world can give, so we invite them to get off their pew and be a full conscious and active participant in life. Throughout high school teens can participate in the National Catholic Youth Conference, Passion Play, Mission trips, PADS homeless shelter, sports ministry, Pizza And…, pew cleaning, and other ministries to be the hands and feet of Christ. Christ is counting on you to be adult witnesses with our youth. You will receive more than you give when you allow God to work through you and volunteer with our teens.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School (CJB) is a regional Catholic school sponsored by four parishes: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Julie Billiart, and St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr. CJB, a blue ribbon school, provides for education in a Catholic environment for grades Pre-K through 8th Grade. The school is founded upon the principles of justice and peace as modeled in the life of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. Parishioners who are also board members for the CJB school council are members of the commission. This allows for collaboration of activities for all parish children. There are many volunteer positions available at CJB for interested parishioners willing to share their time and talent.

For further information regarding any one of these ministries please email religioused@sfaorland.org or call the RE office at (708)460-0155.
Sick Relatives & Friends
Please pray for all who are sick and in need of healing, especially:

- Ginny Drogula
- Ann Marie Egan
- Patricia Harms
- John Janachowski
- Dr. Jim Kline
- Denise Klovens
- Jim Kowalkowski
- Richard Kozik
- Sylvia Lukas
- Mary McCarthy
- Margaret Moore
- Joey Oberholzer
- Marissa Pearson
- Dorothy Peters
- Dina Rio
- Rosemary Rissler
- Tim Scanlon
- Gabi Szumowicz
- Domenic Tallarita
- Phyllis Young

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 19
5:15 PM  Carol Dombrowski, rq. by Bernie & Diane McErlean and John & Rose Lopez, rq. by Maria Weber & Family and Antonio Scardina, rq. by Sal & Rita Scardina

Sunday, August 20
7:30 AM  Joseph Biernat, rq. by Dan & Jean Carney and Marie Jeanne Skorup, rq. by Rita Kilローン and Anrita Owens, rq. by Irene & Ray Weaver
9:00 AM  Dolores Kickman, rq. by Jerry & Kay Saletta and George Coventry, rq. by Regina Knapp and Vincent Leone, rq. by Rick & Tami Klein
10:30 AM  Marge Janachowski, rq. by Children’s Choir and James J. McCormick, rq. by SFA Religious Ed Staff and Daniela Antiquina, rq. by Antiquina Family
12:00 PM  People of St. Francis

Monday, August 21
7:45 AM  Patrick McCarthy, rq. by Eileen McCarthy and Mary Catherine Norton, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and Carlo Calomino, rq. by Alfredo & Silvana Franzese

Tuesday, August 22
7:45 AM  Mary B & John Foley, rq. by Family and Don Gray, rq. by Chuck & Maria Steffens

Wednesday, August 23
7:45 AM  Ed Gabryszak, rq. by Roger & Madonna Whitman and Virginio & Elizabeth Piucci, rq. by Mike Foley

Thursday, August 24
7:45 AM  Don Gray, rq. by Joseph March and Helen Gieffers, rq. by Leanne & James Hahn

Friday, August 25
7:45 AM  Jack Heebner, rq. by Family and Daniel Koetzle, rq. by The Zielinski Family

Saturday, August 26
5:15 PM  Mary B. & John Foley, rq. by Family and Bob Badocha, rq. by Wife & Daughter and Adam & Adolfin Stanek, rq. by George & Eva Loruszynski

Sunday, August 27
7:30 AM  People of St. Francis
9:00 AM  Millie Mardjetko, rq. by Richard & Linda Misiorowski and Mary Saletta, rq. by Bill & Ann Carroll and Michael V. Murphy, rq. by Jerry & Kay Saletta
10:30 AM  Barbara Boscarino, rq. by Family and Lidija Krajewski, rq. by Stephanie Johnston and Raymond Branchaw, rq. by Ramona Branchaw
12:00 PM  Leon Grunow, rq. by Carol Grunow and Lolita Grant, rq. by Andal Family and Edward Macauits, rq. by Rita Costanzo

Readings for the Week

Monday:  Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:  Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:  Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:  Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday:  Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:  Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:  Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

In memoriam

- John Basick
- Richard Cunningham
- Dorothy Peters

Prayer Request
Liturgical Ministers

Please visit the Saint Francis Liturgical Minister Web Terminal for the most up to date schedule or to volunteer.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - 5:15 PM

- Presider: E. Upton
- Deacon: J. Dwyer
- Altar Servers: H. Dwyer, J. Dwyer, A. Elizondo
- Eucharistic Ministers: D. Blahaus, R. Carlo, E. Erdman, C. Funk
- Readers: C. Klabacha, W. Farrell
- Sacristan: E. Erdman
- Ushers: J. Ward, R. Adamowski, A. Elizondo

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - 7:30 AM

- Presider: E. Upton
- Deacon: M. Pindelski
- Altar Servers: M. Freisleben, N. Freisleben, A. Mackowiak
- Eucharistic Ministers: O. Bartell, D. Burns, P. Doyle
- Readers: P. Flynn, G. Bach
- Sacristan: O. Bartell
- Ushers: P. Belski, J. Belski, D. Mackowiak

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - 9:00 AM

- Presider: E. Upton
- Deacon: M. Kiley
- Altar Servers: E. Dykas, E. Dykas, M. Dykas
- Eucharistic Ministers: K. Biederman, W. Carroll, K. Cernak, J. Dykas
- Readers: B. Kameron, K. Reid
- Sacristan: K. Cernak
- Ushers: K. Heatter, N. Celeski, M. Kiley, K. Ostrowski, K. Pryor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - 10:30 AM

- Presider: A. Sowa
- Deacon: J. Donahue
- Altar Servers: M. Onderwater, I. Shin, S. Stukel
- Eucharistic Ministers: S. Campagna, V. Carlo, J. Donahue, G & J Fifer
- Readers: L. Pajon, M. Terpstra
- Sacristan: W. Freer
- Ushers: J. Glass, T. Harris, J. Models

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - 12:00 PM

- Presider: A. Sowa
- Deacon: M. Pindelski
- Altar Servers: I. Krzeczowski, J. Piko, K. Piko
- Eucharistic Ministers: D. Budz, V. Danapilis, R. Hodson, C. Kara
- Readers: N. Palacz, G. Saletta
- Sacristan: L. Pietranczyk
- Ushers: J. Ondrus, L. Tucco

To our St. Francis of Assisi Family,

THANK YOU for the kindnesses you extended to my mother on the event of her 99th birthday. My mother is a great woman of Faith and no celebration of her birthday would have been complete without the Eucharist and a celebration of the Liturgy.

Father Ed, Father Kevin and Father Steve presented a wonderful service and a heartwarming message.

As my very small biological family gathered for Mass we were surrounded in one layer by our family-by-choice and then by our Parish family. All present felt the warmth of your love and care.

We are forever grateful for the cards, Masses and beautiful messages received.

On behalf of Karen, Frank, Frank III, Renee and myself, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Warmest Regards,

debi Ross
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community

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Mass Schedule: Saturday: 5:15 P.M. Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, and 12:00 and Monday - Friday: 7:45 A.M.

The parish offices are located in the lower level of the church. Entrance is via the walkway at the west side of the church building. The parish offices are open from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday. Evenings and weekends are by appointment. The Religious Ed offices are located in the St. Francis Center, 15010 Wolf Rd.—up the hill, west of the church. Religious Ed office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The Religious Ed offices are closed on Fridays. The Eucharistic Chapel is open for prayer twenty-four hours a day. The Chapel is located at the northeast corner of the Church.

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PARISH LIBRARY
In the Great Room there is a “SELF-SERVE” parish library

Religious Education
Religious Education meets on alternating Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays for Grades K-8, and on Saturdays for Grades 1-8, at the Religious Education Center. Grades K-4 meet from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. and grades 4-8 meet from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. Saturday sessions meet from 8:30—10:00 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word meets on Sundays during the 9 & 10:30 a.m. masses for children 4-years-old to 4th grade, September-April. Call 708-460-0155 for more information.

The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin School, located on the campus of St. Elizabeth Seton parish at 167th and 94th Ave., is the elementary Catholic regional school for parishioners of St. Francis. For registration information, contact the school at 708-403-6525.

Become a Catholic
R.C.I.A. - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office at 460-0042.

Anointing of the Sick
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated every Monday, immediately after the 7:45 a.m. Mass. Those of advanced age or suffering from a chronic or serious illness are invited to be anointed.

The priests are available to offer the Sacrament whether the ill person is at home or in the hospital. Please call 460-0042.

Baptisms
Baptisms usually take place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:30. Prior to the Baptism, parents need to call the office to make arrangements. A baptismal conference will be set up with the parents.

Marriages
Weddings need to be scheduled at least four to six months in advance upon approval of a priest. Couples are reminded to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please check our website for more details.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be held during Advent and Lent. Individual confessions are heard on Saturdays at 11:30-12:00.

Registration
You may become a registered member of the parish by completing a registration form which is found in Church.

Boundaries
North: 135th St. South: 183rd St.
East: Will-Cook Road
West: 108th Ave. - 135th St. - 153rd St.
104th Ave. - 153rd St. - 183rd