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# **OUR MASS SCHEDULE**

The 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed. Go to the homepage of our website for the link.

**Sundays:** 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. **Tuesdays - Thursdays:** 11:00 a.m.

**Fridays:** 6:00 p.m. **Holy Days:** 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **Parish Membership**

We welcome you to join our parish by contacting our Office Manager, Theresa, at the Parish Office

# **SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation:** Fridays 5 p.m. or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Antony avarghese@columbuscatholic.org

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Contact Kathy Dancey <u>kathydancey@gmail.com</u>

**Religious Education of Children:** 

Contact Diane Bowling <a href="mailto:dbowling841@gmail.com">dbowling841@gmail.com</a>

**Sacrament of Baptism:** 

Contact the Parish Office office@sfacolumbus.org

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Contact Fr. Antony a minimum of 6 months in

advance of your desired date



**NOVEMBER 16, 2025 / 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 

# WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. Mass for **Joyce Schneider** (Frank Schneider) 11:00 a.m. Mass for **Joseph Costa** (Greco Family)

#### Monday, November 17 — Friday, November 21

Fr. Antony will be on Retreat.

During the week there will be no confessions or daily Mass

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#### Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:00 a.m. Mass for **Brian Colahan** (Stephen Colahan)
11:00 a.m. Mass for **John D. Luckhaupt**(Tom & Barbara Clapp)

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass for Intentions of David & Ashley Blank
(Rubinic Family)

#### Wednesday, November 26, 2025

11:00 a.m. Mass for Regina King (Tom & Sharon Gehrlich)

Thursday, November 27, 2025 - THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 a.m. Mass for **Benny & Frederick Almeida**(Juliette Almeida)

#### Friday, November 28, 2025

6:00 p.m. Mass for John D. Luckhaupt

(Tom & Barbara Clapp)

# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

November 29 to December 7, 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to pray the

Immaculate Conception Novena with Fr. Antony and Fr. Reddy as we prepare for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

As we pray each day of the Novena, we will meditate on the different ways we honor Mary - as our mother, as virgin, as model of faith for us, as intercessor, as disciple, among others. The prayer will conclude with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament reminding us that we address our prayer to God with Mary as our intercessor. Please set this time aside for prayer, meditation, and devotion.

#### **GRANT FROM CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has been awarded \$4,000.00 from The Catholic Foundation, which was founded in 1984 with the concept of establishing an independent corporation to manage perpetual endowments for the parishes, schools, and other ministries within the diocese. This grant will be used to repair and improve sections of the sidewalk in front of the church.

#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: "Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8). In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi



TIME TALENT TREASURE
"It is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis of Assisi

**Time & Talent:** Consider joining the Raffle Basket Subcommittee of the Pasta Dinner Committee.

Commitment—first two or three weeks of February. If interested, reach out to Marti Damm at 614.804.7217.

#### THE 2025 APPEAL



SFA Goal: \$30,480.64 Pledged: \$32,960.00 Paid: \$30,035.01

THANK YOU!!!

#### MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, November 22, 2025; 8:30 a.m. - Noon Topic: Liturgical Ministry: Practical and Spiritual Perspectives Presenter: Emily Strand, Director of Campus Ministry

at Ohio Dominican University

Schedule: 8:30 - 9:00 Refreshments

9:00 - 9:30 Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

with Morning Prayer

9:45 - 11:15 Presentation/Discussion

11:15 - 11:50 Practicum

11:50 - 12:00 Announcements/Prayer/Dismissal

All parishioners are invited.

## SAVE THE DATE: CRAFT & COLLECTIBLES FAIR Sunday, November 30

#### **NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:**

If you are no longer using the parish envelopes that arrive at your house every three or four months, please contact the office at <a href="mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org">office@sfacolumbus.org</a> so that your envelope delivery can be cancelled.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH

ltem	SFA Sept 2025	SFA Fiscal Year July 25 thru Sept 25
Total Monthly Income	\$18,759.28	\$65,850.22
Total Monthly Expenses	\$29,784.08	\$79,940.39
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$11,024.80)	(\$14,090.17)
Total Offertory*	\$16,370.77	\$57,342.38
Offertory/Expenses %	54.96%	71.73%
Offertory/Expenses % Goal	110%	110%

<sup>\*</sup>This item is being reported to reflect how much the offertory covers parish expenses.

#### Liturgical Minister Schedule

STEWARDSHIP OF "TIME" AND "TALENT"

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS? Contact Renee at <a href="mailto:sfa.litmin@gmail.com">sfa.litmin@gmail.com</a>

	Nov 16 9:00 a.m.	Nov 16 11:00 a.m.	Nov 23 9:00 a.m.	Nov 23 11:00 a.m.
Altar Servers	Frank Schneider	Pat Cassidy	Doug Cluxton	Moriel Hounmenou Brandon Pablo
Greeters	Jeanna Diederich Nicholas Mason	Millie Hounmenou A Hounmenou	Jennifer Mason Marlene Yeldell	Brent Reeb Lilah Williams
Crucifer	Stephen Colahan	Daniel O'Brien	Frank Conway	Daniel O'Brien
Lector 1	Todd Marti	Tina Butler	Tim Dunleavy	Sharon Gehrlich
Lector 2	Mary McCafferty	Rachel Beebe	Todd Marti	Alison Miller
Extraordinary Ministers	Beljeania Berry	Rachel Brown	Louisa Celebrezze	Joanna Nunn
	Jeanna Diederich Tom Vargo	Alison Miller ME O'Shaughnessy	Dan Burke Tom Vargo	Jaime Capestany Jan Rosenfield
Collection Counters	Х	Jeanna Diederich Tom Gehrlich Sharon Gehrlich	X	Jaime Capestany Laura Casaday Adriana Gambach

#### **OCIA**

MONDAYS 7:00-8:30 PM

Parish Hall

#### **LEADERSHIP**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

### "BREAKING OPEN THE WORD"

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Zoom meeting contact Kathy Dancey for invite kathydancey@gmail.com

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 6:00 PM

Parish Hall

#### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

THURSDAYS 7:00 PM

Church

Contact Paula Vasey for information musicdirector@ sfacolumbus.org

# STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 7:00 PM

Zoom meeting contact Louis Schulte for invite schultlj@gmail.com

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

#### NNEMAP SPICE PACKETS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 10:00 AM

Parish Hall

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