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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 kathydancey@gmail.com

Religious Education of Children:
Contact Rachel Beebe sfaofficeREC@gmail.com

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



"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."
-Matthew 20:16

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 / 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 20, 2026

9:00 a.m. Mass for Janice Franke (*Ortiz Family*)

11:00 a.m. Mass for In Memory of Jeffery Olson
(*Michael Schmidt*)

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

11:00 a.m. NO MASS — DIOCESAN PRIEST STUDY DAY

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

11:00 a.m. Mass for Intentions of Fred & Marianne Schoen
(*Marianne Schoen*)

Thursday, September 24, 2026

11:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, September 25, 2026

6:00 p.m. Mass for John Schneider (*Frank Schneider*)

Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:00 a.m. Mass for Caitlyn Carty (*Kathleen Porter*)

11:00 a.m. Mass for Edward Gehrlich (*Tom & Sharon Gehrlich*)

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

11:00 a.m. Mass for Intentions of Michael & John Paul Schoen
(*Marianne Schoen*)

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

11:00 a.m. Mass for Intentions of Mrs. Dea (*Rose Balieiro*)

Thursday, October 1, 2026

11:00 a.m. Mass for Intentions of Therese Schoen
(*Marianne Schoen*)

Friday, October 2, 2026

6:00 p.m. Mass for Intentions of Brendan & Anna Burke
(*Marianne Schoen*)



The Appeal
—2026—

Thanks to your generosity,
we have raised

\$23,878.23 toward our
parish goal of **\$31,256.81**.

While we have made great
progress (almost 77%),

we still need everyone's

participation to reach this important goal.

If you have not yet made a gift, please

prayerfully consider doing so. Donations

can be made using the pledge cards

available in the pews or by making a

secure online gift at

columbuscatholicgiving.org

No gift is too small, and every gift makes

a difference. Together, we can reach our

goal and continue the important work of

sharing Christ's love throughout our

Parish and Diocese.

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN (MCP)

Welcome Fr. John Callan, Sch.P. to our
community as he celebrates both Masses

today as part of the MCP program

supported by the Diocese of Columbus.

Our second collection will go to support

the missions of the Piarist Fathers of the

United States and Puerto Rico. If you are

donating via check, please make the check

out to St. Francis of Assisi and put "MCP" in

the memo. Thank you for your generosity

and support of the Piarist Fathers.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi

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Welcome to all, especially those who are new and/or visiting our parish. St. Francis of Assisi is a diverse community of faith rooted in Christ. We follow the Roman Catholic tradition seeking to become a people utterly inspired by faith and devotion to God, as lived by St. Francis. The center of our life is the Eucharist, where we come to know Christ in one another, in Sacred Scripture, and in Sacrament. We strive to become a family with hearts open to all, sharing the joy of God's word and the challenge of ongoing spiritual growth. We labor to transform society through acts of social justice and charity, to promote peace, and to ease the burdens of poverty, illness, and discrimination within our parish and the larger community.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, September 20 — Religious Education classes begin at 10 a.m. in Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 22 — FINISH THE RACE: Catholic Estate Planning at 7 p.m. in Parish Hall

Friday, September 25 — Novena for the Jubilee Year begins and continues through Saturday, October 3

Saturday, September 26 — Pilgrimage in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi at Christ the King Catholic Church on East Livingston, beginning at 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 3 — Pet Blessing at 10 a.m. in front of the Church

Sunday, October 4 — Annual Parish Picnic at 12 p.m. in Parish Hall



Banns of Marriage

We are pleased to announce the wedding of
Quinn Wise & Sarah Stratil
on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**
at St. Francis of Assisi.

Any known reason why this marriage should not happen must be reported to Fr. Antony Varghese. We wish Quinn and Sarah God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

STEWARDSHIP OF "TIME" AND "TALENT"
SCHEDULE CONFLICTS? Contact Niqui at nbeckrum@gmail.com

	Sept 20 9:00	Sept 20 11:00	Sept 27 9:00	Sept 27 11:00
Altar Servers	Louis Schulte	Moriel Hounmenou Loren Williams	Doug Cluxton	Brandon Pablo Charbelle Sounouvou
Greeters	Diane Keenan Marlene Yeldell	Millie Hounmenou Anthony Hounmenou	Jennifer Mason Diane Plunkett	Kevin Dunleavy Alisha Pablo
Crucifer	Doug Cluxton	Daniel O'Brien	Stephen Colahan	Thomas Hounmenou
Lector 1	James Farwig	Sharon Gehrlich	Althea Mulichak	Tina Butler
Lector 2	Tom Vargo	Niqui Beckrum	Todd Marti	Mary Frances Macioce
Extraordinary Ministers	Dan Burke	Jan Rosenfield	Beljeania Berry	Blanche Luczyk
	Jeanna Diederich Frank Schneider	Alison Miller Joanna Nunn	Jeanna Diederich Debora Lipetz	Jaime Capestany Mark Coleman
Collection Counters	X	Tom Gehrlich Sharon Gehrlich Terra Schulz	X	Jaime Capestany Laura Casaday Adriana Gambach

OCIA

MONDAYS
7:00-8:30 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, SEPTEMBER 24
6:00 PM

Parish Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAYS
7:00 PM

Church

Contact Paula Vasey for
information
musicdirector@sfcolumbus.org

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7:00 PM

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
7:00 PM

Parish Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:00 PM

Parish Hall

Questions? Contact Doug
dcluxton2@yahoo.com

NNEMAP SPICE PACKETS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
10:00 AM

Parish Hall

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