

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN WESTON

January 21, 2024



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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We extend a warm welcome to all who worship at our church! We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your faith is nourished.

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203-227-8353

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS
Monday Through Thursday
10:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 P.M.
Sundays- 8:00a.m.,
9:30 a.m. Family Mass
11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Oct-May)
Except for Christmas & Easter.

WEEKDAY MASSES
**Monday - Friday-7:30 A.M.
Saturday - 9:00 A.M.

HOLY DAY MASSES
7:30 A.M. , Noon , 7:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Sacrament of Baptism is offered every Sunday at 12:00 noon. Please make arrangements for the Pre-Baptismal instructions after the birth of the child with Deacon Steve Hodson
dnhodson@diobpt.org
Pre-instruction for both parents is required.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Arrangements must be made at the rectory in person by the couple. Where possible, arrangements should be made one year in advance and no later than six months.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING
Communal anointings of the sick are celebrated. Individual anointings may be celebrated anytime by request.

HOSPITAL AND HOME VISITATION
Please notify the parish of any family member who may be ill at home or in the hospital. We welcome the opportunity of visiting them and bringing them the Eucharist.

Our Mission Statement: *In the spirit of Saint Francis, to know Jesus and make Him known.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, thousands of pilgrims travel to Washington D.C. for The March for Life. It's an annual rally, march, and praying together for an increase in respect for the dignity of every human life. As we gather on this pro-life Sunday, it is important for us to reflect on the readings that we are given to us by our Mother Church.

This weekend's readings invite us to reflect on the prominent theme that we are called to pray and fast. In other words, the readings called us to repent. To repent means, that we are called to turn away from our sins, and to turn back to the Lord. We cannot love the Lord and continue seeking and living in sin. Once we decide that we love the Lord more than our favorite sins, it is then and only then that we are able to overcome the sin.

In our first reading today, we see that Jonah was sent to the city of Nineveh to call the whole city to repentance. The people listened to Jonah, and repented. We as a nation need to get down on our knees and pray, and we need to fast to end all sins against human life issues.

St. Paul in our second reading today, says that time is running out. Will you consider throwing your sins at the feet of Jesus, and start living for him and his gospel today? Each of us is called to repent, each of us is called to turn away from sin and to return to the Lord.

If we look at our Gospel for today, we see the first words that come out of Jesus' mouth in the gospel of Mark. They are, "repent and believe in the gospel." That means we are to turn away from sin, and return back to the Lord and believe in His good news of salvation.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel" also means "Come follow Me and learn from Me to become like Me." For the first disciples, it meant dropping whatever they were doing to spend so much time with Jesus that their whole lives were forever affected. And this is what it means for you and for me: We have to put aside our own agendas and overly busy schedules to spend more time following Jesus wherever He leads us.

Unfortunately, Jesus doesn't walk through the door and circle dates on our calendar and write "Rest with Jesus" on it so that we can plan ahead. We have to follow His lead at a moment's notice – every moment. To experience the kingdom of God on the earthly side of heaven, we have to be willing to drop everything to follow Jesus into unfamiliar places at unexpected times. We have to learn to follow His lead even in situations where His way is the surprising way.

Wishing you a blessed week,

Rev. Augustine Nguyen

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 p.m. **Nicole Albert-Lebrun (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming
Sunday, Jan. 21st-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. **Peter Gladitsch (D)** by Stephen and Mary Odierna

9:30 a.m. **Amanda Field Piper (D)** by Thom and Anita Field

11:00 a.m. **Frances Manere (D)** by Aline Weiller

5:00 p.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Frank and Claire Dunn

**Monday, Jan. 22nd-Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
 Unborn Children**

7:30 a.m. **Eugeniusz & Janina Szulinski (D)** by the Baines Family

**Tuesday, Jan. 23rd-Weekday-St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St.
 Marianne Cope, Virgin**

7:30 a.m. **Parishioners (L&D)**

Wednesday, Jan. 24th-St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

7:30 a.m. **Maria Grazia Pisani (D)** by Gina Fleming

Thursday, Jan. 25th-The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

7:30 a.m. **Joanne Martin (D)** by Jane La Corte

Friday, Jan. 26th-Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

7:30 a.m. **Josef Radzewicz (D)** by the Baines Family

Sat., Jan. 27th-St. Angela Merici, Virgin

9:00 a.m. **Pam Cornell (D)** by Dave and Gina Fleming

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory: Jan. 14, 2024

Sunday Offertory \$3,799.00

Online Giving: \$2,255.00

\$6,054.00

Thank you to all who donate weekly to the parish at Mass, by mail or through Online Giving. It is only through the generosity of our parishioners that we are able to do what we do through our ministries. If you are not yet set up in Online Giving, please visit our website, www.stfrancisweston.org and click on the Online Giving icon.

Thank you and may God bless you-Fr. Augustine

**Wednesdays
 12 Noon-3p.m
 Main Church**



**Eucharistic Miracle-Augsburg,
 Germany-1194**

A woman hid a host at communion
 by placing it in her handkerchief.

Five years passed and the woman was tormented by remorse and returned it to her parish priest. When it was opened, the host was transformed into human flesh and it was bleeding. It was divided into two parts held together by bleeding flesh.

To read the full story, go to :
miracolieucaristici.org

If you would like to purchase a remembrance candle for your loved one, please call the Parish Office at 203 227 2341 and speak to Tricia.

Two candles are available:

The Sanctuary Candle and the Adoration Candle

The cost is \$15 per candle.



We welcome to God's Family all those recently baptized:

Rose Marianela Cordero Archer Wyatt Andersen

Hank Jon O'Sullivan Grace Mei Zielinski

Paige Helen Sherriff Brayden Parker Cavaliere

Francis James Dimaria IV William Robert Distasio

John Michael Lamorte Bonnie Morena Boto

Faith Formation News

Learning....

Loving....

Living...

CHRIST!

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 11:00 am -6:00 pm



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Sunday, January 28 – Saint Biography

Wednesday, February 7 – Catechists meeting @ 7:00pm

Sunday, February 4 – Reflection with Fr. Dunn – Confirmandi and Parents

Sunday, February 11 – NO Sunday EVENING classes – Superbowl

Morning Classes in Session

Our Program is rich in Scripture and Tradition, but for all of this to take root in the student's hearts it is vital for them to attend weekly Mass.



*Love and peace,
Gina Fleming and
Teresa Karwowski*

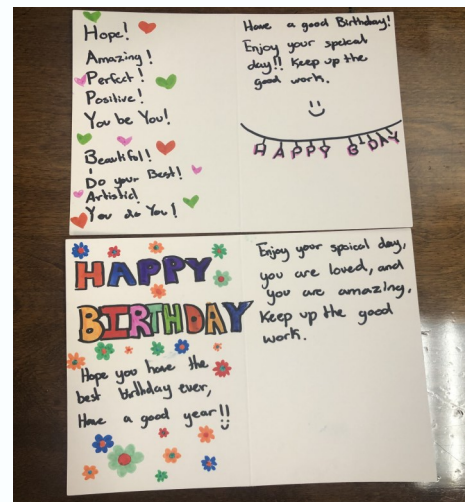
Preschool /Youth Ministry News

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool registration has opened to the general public.

In-house registration began in November. If you are a returning family and you have made your decision for your child's enrollment, please contact the office with your Registration and deposit to ensure your child has the spot you wish to have for 2024/25 school year. Due to the change in the Kindergarten eligibility age, we have had to leave room for returning students, so classes are filling quickly. Call the office at **203 454 8646** or email **mkeith@sfapreschool.com** for more information.



Our St Francis youth joined friends from Assumption, Westport for fellowship, fun and to participate in the Braid Missions Cards of Hope program. The group wrote Birthday cards which will be distributed to children in foster care around the country, whose birthdays often go unnoticed. If you want your 6th-12th grader involved for faith building, service and friendship, contact Youth Minister Michele Harding at youthminister@stfrancisweston.org.



ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED

Breakfast Social

Tuesday January 23 at 10:00 am
in the Parish Hall, no charge

Invite a friend... invite a few friends

To help us plan, RSVP by Jan 21 to
Carol Palumbo: candrpalumbo@gmail.com

Sponsored by the St Francis of Assisi Women's Guild



Our International Festival of Taste Family Potluck, which was held last Saturday evening, January 13, was a great success.

One hundred and fifty-three parishioners and guests shared the international specialties of their ethnic background. Everyone enjoyed foods from-China Columbia, Cuba, England, France, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Trinidad, USA, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

We are most grateful to the planning committee members Sharon Bell, Christel Tarare Brewer, Julie Bucholtz, Elizabeth Crocitto, Judy Dunnigan, Anne Federici, Anita Field, Michele Harding, Kathy Kaddis, Teresa Karwowski, Barbara Kohler, Cheryl Komar, Linda Nash, Kristin Kreuder Overton, Diana Sanchez, and Larissa Tedesco for the outstanding job they did in planning and executing this great parish get together. Thank you to Youth Group members Marley Converse, Isabelle Flynn, Maddie Jung, Bella Jung, Gunner Piper and Filep Ziemski, who provided games and crafts for the younger attendees. Thanks also to Amy Jung, Pam Mancinelli, Monika Chmiel and Thom Field, who helped with decorations, to all who shared their epicurean delights and to those who helped at the event. It was a wonderful evening!

With great appreciation,

Carol Palumbo and Gina Fleming

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Pasta Dinner

Saturday February 3
6:00pm – 9:00pm, Parish Hall

Proceeds fund the Women's Guild Scholarship given to a deserving high school senior in our parish

Dinner includes regular or gluten free pasta, choice of sauces, green salad, garlic bread, desserts, water, BYOB

Adults \$15, Children 10 and under \$10
Families (2 adults + 3 or more children) \$50

RSVP by January 31 to:
Kathleen O'Sullivan, kaosullivan721@gmail.com or 203-984-8838

Tickets sold after Masses or by check payable to:
St Francis of Assisi, in the memo write WG Pasta Dinner
Drop check in collection basket or bring or mail to Parish Office
\$10 raffle tickets for high value gift basket also sold after Masses

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Parish Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 21 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Family Mass
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass

Mon., Jan. 22

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Jan. 23

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 10:00 a.m. Breakfast Social

Wed. Jan. 24

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., Jan. 25

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Fri., Jan. 26

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. Jan. 27

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, Jan. 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 9:30 a.m. Sunday Family Mass
 10:15 a.m. Coffee Social
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass

Mon., Jan. 29

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Tues., Jan. 30

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Weds. Jan. 31

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass
 12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs., Feb. 1

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

First Fri., Feb. 2

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Sat. Feb 3

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

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