



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Thirty-third Sunday
In Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023**

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Very Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday 9:30-10:30

Holy Days: As announced in the Bulletin

Baptisms & Reconciliation: By arrangement

Marriage: Couples please contact the parish six months in advance

Parish Contact

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New Parishioners are welcome and are urged to register with the Parish Office

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A message from Father Cyrain....

Today's gospel is forthright in reminding us of the blunt truth that the gifts of God are not ours to dispense with as we please. Neither does it suffice to hide them away, leave them unused or allow them to wither. As Christians, we are in the business of spreading the kingdom of God. Whatever our gifts, we are all expected to make full use of them for His glory. God does not desire our stagnation but our flourishing.

The message is to make a great deal more of life, to tackle it positively with enthusiasm. Failure to use our talents can be caused by a poor self-image based on the false belief that we have nothing to offer, of making a mistake, of not being good enough. Giving in to these fears, we risk missing out on the profound experience and growth God has in store for us.

Few among us will be given the opportunity of performing the spectacular, but never forget we will be remembered for our little daily acts of kindness and decency which we regard as nothing special. Ordinary work, when done with zeal and a willing heart, helps the love of God to be visible in the dark corners of our lives.

Eucharistic Revival:

We should never forget that the Last Supper of Jesus took place "on the night he was betrayed" (1Cor 11:23). In the bread and in the wine which we offer and around which we gather, the gift of Christ's body and blood is renewed every time for the remission of our sins. We must go to Mass humbly, like sinners and the Lord reconciles us. (Pope Francis General Audience — February 12, 2014)

Prayer Requests- Please remember in your prayers:

Len Zabilansky, Louise Elias, Laurie Curtis, Kevin Curtis, the Longacre family, Griffin Thompson, The Thompson family, Jill Lord, Lisa Moeller, Amy Moeller, Cade Bagley, Logan Young, Elaine Marcegiani, Christine Rose, Martha Sass, Cindy DiNetta, Helen Michalowitz, Claire Harlow, Christiane Zue, Scott McCandless, Amy Chesser.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Patricia Lucarelli, George Veilleux, Theresa Morin, Dale West, Elinor Garcia, Ella Perry, Bill Dillon, Peter Toepfer, Ludwig Markert, Robert Leneau, Linda Parker, Loretta Gould, Lucio Cabueñas, Will Moeller, Cynthia Howe, Earl White Sr. Norman Piper, Mary Ann Notaro, Donna O'Neill, Jane Lynch, Anthony Rocchio, Bill Moeller, Ray Nedderman, Father Charles Davignon, Gina Kicinski, Anna Mary Noble, William Moore, Anne Hutchins, John Barth, Raymond Scott, Paul Wynn, Mark Curtis, Margaret Blake, Theresa Marie Fenton.

Mass Intentions:

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your intentions, for loved ones living or deceased, or for a special occasion, please contact the parish office by email, telephone, or drop a note in the collection basket. Please include the name of the person for whom the Mass will be offered and who is requesting the Mass. Let us know if you want a specific day. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Please include your contact information. The customary offering is \$10. Thank you

First Friday Adoration: Join us for Eucharist Exposition and Benediction in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on the following dates: **New Time 2:00 pm**
Friday's: December 2nd; January 5th

Wreathes for Sale to Benefit our Church/ Orders need to be in by 11/18: Cost is \$35.00 each with \$7.00 to benefit our Parish Delivery will be the end of November. Wreathes are created by the Reading Greenhouse. Contacts: Crickett French (802)674-6605 or crikett62@yahoo.com; Marie Carmichael (802)674-6977

Second Collection Nov 18th-19th for the Catholic Campaign for the Human Development.

Nov 23rd- Thanksgiving Day: Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. Start your family holiday with the Lord and our parish community in prayer, giving thanks.

Christmas “Giving Tree”: The tree will be ready with tags available for your choosing by Nov. 25th.
More to follow next week

From the Diocese Lector workshop at St Anthonys in WRJ is scheduled for **Dec 2**, with morning and afternoon sessions. The Diocese will be continuing to update you individually, once you are registered.

Looking Ahead to Advent: December 3, the first Sunday of Advent, starts us off with a new liturgical cycle. For that reason, it is an opportunity for us all to begin anew. Beginning anew means that we let go of our past sin and hurt and ask Jesus to enter in. It means we turn to Him for a fresh start and have hope in all that He wants to accomplish in our lives. It is time for a fresh start! Advent follows a certain theme of preparation and anticipation. At first, we reflect upon the fact that the Savior of the World will one day return in all His glory. We look to that truth and anticipate it with great hope. From there, we look at the fact that He did come long ago as a child. He was born of the Virgin and dwelt among us. Christmas is the fulfillment of the hope given in Advent and is the realization of God’s promise. God humbled Himself, becoming a little child entrusted to the care of Blessed Mary of Nazareth. She became not only the Mother of God, she became our Mother in Grace. May we all meet our Lord and His mother more deeply this Advent and Christmas season.

Advent Wreath Blessing (at home): In the weeks before Christmas, an Advent wreath helps us prepare for Jesus’ coming. Every week we light one of the candles that are symbols of Jesus, who is the Light of the World. The candles are arranged in a circle that reminds us that God has no beginning or end. The colors of the candles match the Advent-season colors. Three are violet, the color of penance, which is sorrow for our sins. One is pink or rose-colored to remind us that we look forward to the joy of celebrating Jesus’ coming. Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need. Amen

December 17th: **The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a St. Francis Christmas Party.** It will be a potluck affair with beverages supplied by K of C. The entire parish family is invited. Festivities will begin directly after Mass at about 11”30 am. We hear Santa will be making pre-Christmas rounds in Windsor that day and have arranged for a visit. Plan to save the date and join the parish family in this event. More details will be coming, and a signup sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall after Thanksgiving.

Parish Home Visits: Father may be requested to visit a parishioner at home, or current place of residency on the First Friday of each month, (**Dec 1st**) Please call the Parish Secretary to set up a time

Parishioner request: Cedar Hill has 2-3 refugee residents who would greatly appreciate a ride to Saturday Mass. If anyone is interested, please call the office, leave a message with your name and contact information and the office Secretary will provide you with more detail. Thank you
Job Opening- Church Custodian- St. Francis of Assisi Parish: We are looking to fill a staff position left vacant this summer by the resignation of our Maintenance and Grounds employee due to health issues. Our rectory housekeeper has graciously filled in, taking responsibility for some of the cleaning needs in the church building. Faithful volunteers have been tackling church maintenance and grounds needs. We are looking for the right person to fill this part-time position of church building custodian. Hourly pay rate is \$18.00, (preferably Tuesday and Thursdays), hours not to exceed 16 per week. A complete job description will be available for applicants in the parish office.

Mass Attendance

Oct	7-8	96	Oct 14-15	96
Oct	21-22	106	Oct 28-29	83
Nov	4-5	113	Nov 11-12	85
Nov1	All Saints Day	32	Nov 2 All Souls Day	17

Offerings (Offerings report for FY 2023)

--Weekly Offertory for November 11-12 **\$1,658.15**
Includes: On line giving **\$265.00**; Mass Stipends **\$00.00**; Coffee Hour **\$0.00**;
Second Collection: Military services **\$10.00**; **\$25.00**:Town Craft fair for Parking **Total \$1,958.15**

Parishioner Fuel Donation: **\$2,000.00**

Totals to Date (7/1/23-11/12/23):				
<u>Sat & Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Stipends</u>	<u>On line giving</u>	<u>Overall giving</u>
\$38,121.50	\$1,363.98*	\$1,030.00	\$6,805.00	48,440.35
*(Includes 2022 coffee hour donations)				

Thank you for your prayerful generosity Please consider on-line giving. Contact Parish office for detail
Our parish shortfall needed to meet our projected Budget for June 30, 2024, as of **Nov 12, 2023** is **\$725.66 per week.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/18/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the parishioners and benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi.
Sunday 11/19/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Patrick Morris by Phylis Morris.
Tuesday 11/21/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the repose of the soul of Ford Geno, by his family.
Thursday 11/23/2023 9:00 a.m.
For the health and well being of Louise Elias & Family, by Ireen Daigle
Saturday 11/25/2023 6:00 p.m.
For the Parishioners and Benefactors of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday 11/26/2023 10:30 a.m.
For the repose of the souls of Richard and Theresa Belanger by Michael Belanger

Parish Monthly Meetings/Events/Reminders:

- Parish Music Concert- Fundraiser for Winter Expenses: **Nov 19th Support your parish**