

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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## MARCH 8th, 2020



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am  
well pleased; listen  
to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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### Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Fr. Michael Blackburn, OFM

Deacon: Dan Ritchie

Deacon: Dave Dudinsky

### Parish Staff

Office Manager: Anitra Turney

Youth Ministry: Tammie Fabien

Maintenance: John Wells

### Choir Directors

Sun.: Betty Ross

Sat: Mary Lou Bentley

### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm (8am @Poor Clares)

Sunday: 10am (8am @ Poor Clares)

M, W, F: 8am @ Poor Clares only

Tues & Thurs: 8am @ St Francis only

Holy Days: 8am and 7pm @ St Francis

### Parish Committees & Organizations

Pastoral Council: Frank Taylor

Finance Council: Mark Krigbaum

Women's Club: Dot Verry & Kris Bond

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thurs. 8:30-4pm

### Sacraments:

#### Anointing of the Sick:

Masses with anointing 2 or 3 times a year

#### Baptism:

Parental preparation is required

#### Marriage:

contact the parish at least 6 months in advance

#### Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 or by appointment

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH



## A WORD FROM FR MIKE

Have you ever heard the term “daddy hunger”? It’s a term used to describe a whole generation of young men and women who grew up without their fathers in the home. Prisons are full of them—men who had no father to love them and so seek that “daddy love” from participation in gangs, and women who buy guns for felons and take enormous risks for dangerous men who give them the attention they crave.

I know hundreds of fabulous fathers, but incarcerated people often know the detached, violent, or demeaning father whose unloving presence serves as the backdrop for their lives. Dad can’t say “**Good job, I’m proud of you**” because he never heard it from his dad, who in turn never heard it from his. Scratch the surface of the life of a chronically depressed male of any age, and often (but certainly not always) you’ll find his emotionally unavailable father at the center of his wounds.

But not Jesus. From the moment of his baptism at the Jordan to this transfiguring moment of identity revelation on Mount Tabor, the Father tells Jesus who he is: “**My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.**”

Wouldn’t this world be a different place if children, boys in particular, heard this from their fathers on a regular basis? “**Yes, this is my beloved son. He makes me proud every day.**”

That’s the piece of heaven we learn about first in the gospels: Jesus is the beloved Son of a heavenly Father who claims him, and names him, and is well pleased with him. It’s that deep knowledge of being eternally loved that strengthens Jesus to go back down Tabor and face Jerusalem and his destiny.

## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

I hope you all have been enjoying the new bulletin layout! With the new company we have to change our bulletin announcement due dates. Please submit all bulletin items by **Tuesday at 9am** for the upcoming bulletin. As always you can submit them via email to [amtorney@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:amtorney@dioceseofspokane.org) or deliver them to the office.



Wouldn't this beautiful quilt be a great addition to your home decor?

Get your raffle ticket soon or at the

## **SPRING CARD PARTY AND LUNCHEON**

St. Francis Parish Hall  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
Noon - 3:00 P.M.

\$10.00 per person

Please reserve your table by March 20th

With Gina at 509-328-4818 or

Renee at 509-995-3898

Bridge and Pinochle cards are available or bring your own board games or just come for a delicious pork loin lunch!

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter is quickly approaching.

The first three Saturdays and Sundays of Lent we will be collecting donations to purchase Easter lilies for the church. Donations may be dropped in the basket in the back of the church marked “**Easter Flowers**”. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



Please join us Every Friday  
during Lent for  
Soup Supper at 6pm in the  
Parish Hall

followed by  
Stations of the Cross and  
Benediction at 7pm in the  
church



Be  
**RECONCILED**  
to God.  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

## **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

**Saturday, March 14th  
10am in the church**

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart." (Joel 2:12). This Scripture begins the first reading on Ash Wednesday, and sets the tone for the entire season of Lent. To reconcile with God is the reason for the sacrament of reconciliation. According to the Rite of Penance, "It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts" (No. 13).

<https://www.dolr.org/len/reconciliation>



Would you like to do something special in lent? How about saying a

### **ROSARY** **FOR THE UNBORN**

on Thursdays at 11:30 am  
in the ADORATION CHAPEL.  
Several have been praying it for  
months.

We would love to have you.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Meet Trinh.

For Trinh, home is where her family gathers—to play, to eat, to rest. "My family is the most important thing to me," she says.

One way she shows her family love is by doing chores around the house. She helps her family by bathing her little sister, Trang, showing her how to wash her hands and helping her with schoolwork. Trinh likes washing the teapot and cups and collecting eggs from the ducks. Often, Trinh will ride her bike to get medicine for her parents when they are sick. Trinh likes to catch dragonflies and crickets with her sister. Since her house is surrounded by rice fields, and coconut and bamboo trees, there's plenty of places for the sisters to play. But the house is also near a river, and when storms pass through, Trinh's home often fills with water. "I wish I would have a house that is not wet or leaky and would not flood anymore," says Trinh.

In Vietnam, CRS is working with students like Trinh, helping them to learn ways to protect their home, food and family from destructive storms. Trinh is happy that she can apply what she learned in school to help her family. Her family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for more info.

### **Don't Forget!**

- ◆ Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- ◆ Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten Journey—and guide your almsgiving.
- ◆ Attend our 6pm Friday Soup Suppers in the social hall followed by Stations of the Cross in the church.

## “NEELIN’ NEIGHBORS”



### **Mary Lou Bentley**

has been involved in church music since she was in 6th grade at St. Francis of Assisi School. She and her husband, Deacon Don were married for 50

years. He was in the Air Force and therefore they had many homes. They lived in Washington, Montana, California and Alaska. They also lived in England while Don was in Civil Service.

Mary Lou is a mother of six, grandmother of sixteen and great-grandmother of 10 with another on the way. While having several homes and raising her family Mary Lou continued with her love of music within the Church. She has been a Choir Director, an Organist, as well as having served as Liturgy Coordinator and as Director of Religious Education in several parishes. Mary Lou can be seen behind the organ or piano at Saturday Night Mass, attending daily Mass and Thursday Adoration. At St. Francis she is a member of the Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and the Contemplative prayer group.

Mary Lou has a few hobbies she enjoys with her family being foremost. She also enjoys spending time with friends and high school classmates. Having friends for dinner finds her often preparing, “Mississippi Pot Roast”, a crock pot meal. The most time-consuming hobby for Mary Lou has been Genealogy. Although she's not found anyone famous, she has discovered the real truth behind some family stories and myths. Other hobbies over the years have been sewing. She has made 5 bride dresses and many bridesmaids attire. She also enjoys golfing and traveling.

## LENTEN POSITIVE ACTS OF

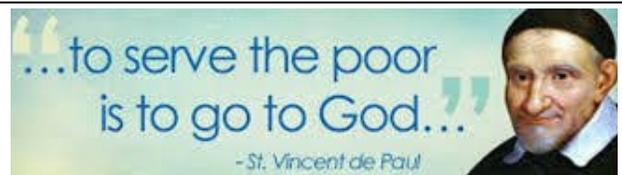
### KINDNESS

#### **For Children:**

- ▶ Say please - Say thank you
  - ▶ Be friendly to someone who doesn't have many friends
  - ▶ Have lunch at school with someone who is not popular
  - ▶ Help someone with their books
  - ▶ Stick up for someone who is picked on or teased
  - ▶ Put your phone away when you're talking to someone
  - ▶ Don't repeat rumors you hear about other kids
  - ▶ Help cook dinner
  - ▶ Tell your parents how much you enjoyed a meal
  - ▶ Hug your parents and tell them you love them
  - ▶ Help set the table for dinner - Help clean up after dinner
  - ▶ Say a prayer for someone less fortunate than you
  - ▶ In gym class, pick someone for your team who usually gets picked last
  - ▶ Offer to tutor another student who is having trouble with something you understand well
  - ▶ Say thank you to your teacher after class. Chances are, they don't hear it often enough.
  - ▶ Help with the laundry
  - ▶ Hold the door for someone
  - ▶ Say please and thank you 😊
  - ▶ Hug your parents and tell them you Love them.
- Yes, this is a repeat. It's an important one. 😊

#### **Prayers:**

- ▶ Say a prayer when you see someone who is:  
Handicapped -Elderly - Blind - Using a walker  
In a wheelchair Homeless - Sick  
Mourning the loss of a loved one - Unemployed  
A soldier – Person less fortunate than you  
Missing a family member who is a deployed soldier  
Caring for an elderly family member



## St VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

February Donations: \$406. Thank you.

Rent: \$155 for 1 family.

Utilities: \$136 for 1 family.

Avista: \$411.68 for 1 family.

Food Deliveries: 2.

**Immaculate Heart Retreat Center**  
**NEW DATE: MAY 1, 2020**

Silent Day of Prayer on Overcoming Cancer  
**"Supernatural Oncology"**  
 The Specialty of St. Peregrine Laziosi  
 Fr. Darrin Connall

**Please register in advance:** (509) 448-1224 or visit [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net) \$40 per person, (\$50 with the use of a private room for the day). This Day of Prayer is silent.

**Regular Meetings and Activities:**

**Coffee & Donuts**

Every Sunday after mass

**Women's Club (w/c)**

2nd Tues of month 6pm

**St Thérèse Guild**

2nd Weds 6pm Youth room

**St. Elizabeth's Guild**

1st Monday after W/C 1:00pm

**Immaculate Heart Guild**

2nd Wed 1pm Conf. room

**Our Lady Queen.**

2nd Wed. of month, 7:00pm

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

1st Sunday 11:30

**Peace & Justice**

2nd Tues 9:30am in conf rm

**Bible Study**

Wednesdays 7pm conf room

**St Faustina's Guild**

3rd Tues 2pm

**Pastoral Council**

1st Tuesday of month, 7pm

**Secular Franciscan Order**

2nd Sat of month 9am

**Knights of Columbus**

3rd Sunday after Mass

**Contemplative Prayer**

Tues 10am & Thurs 6:30pm

**Women's Bible Study**

Tues 1pm conference rm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays 8:45-4pm in the side chapel

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Our annual envelope budget is:	\$93,200.00
Year to date budget:	\$63,887.12
Actual year to date collection:	<u>\$71,292.00</u>
Year to date:	\$7,404.88



**PARISH**  
**LENTEN MISSION**

Monday March 16th  
 through  
 Wednesday March 18th  
 There will be 2 times to  
 chose from  
**8:45 am or 7pm**  
 In the Church

Please join us for our yearly Lenten Mission. This year our presenter will be

**Sr Loretta Schaff**

Sr Loretta entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia in 1961 in Portland, Oregon.



Frank Rose, Steve Rij, Don & Mary DeLuca, Florence Himelspach, Kathy Bromley, Dana Duvanich, Janice Duvanich, Anita Smith,

Rita Loft, David Francis, Ramona Jones, Marilyn Connolly-Overbey, Kathy White, James Baxter, Ellen Turnbull, Michael Brick, Kathryn Brown, Tom Chadler, Melissa Bromley, Mike Arcondizy, Steve Wren, MaryAnn Forcier, Gary Turnbull, Brian Chandler, Marlene Weller, Charlie Johnson, Colleen Pounder, Nancy Sims, Stanley Mundell, Jean Rottmayer, Joyce Johnson, Tom Bienemann, Helen Arzen, Kelly Carrubba, Linda McPeek, Fr Skok, Jan Martin, Bill Kendall, Manny Baumbauer and Lindsey Fry



Darla Bromley  
 Emma Huffaker  
 Todd Lewis  
 Elizabeth Forsyth  
 James McGurk

