St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish

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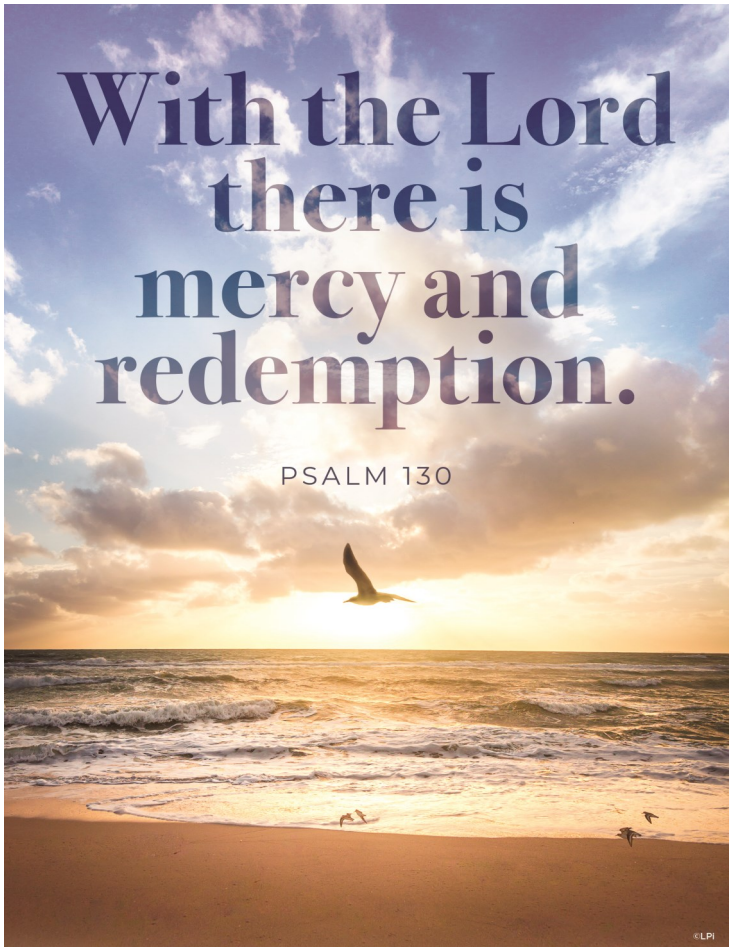
Parish Phone (509) 325-1321
Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9:00am to 12:00pm

5th Sunday of Lent



WELCOME TO ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Catholic family of Christians gathered together by the Holy Spirit, with the liturgy and the sacraments being the center of our life. We follow in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi by striving to live the Gospel message in joy. We are called to minister through our special gifts; to enhance the dignity of persons, with a vision of peace.

Pastoral Staff
Pastor: Fr. Michael Blackburn, OFM

Parish Staff
Office Manager: Anitra Turney
Rel. Ed. Director: Tammie Fabien
Maintenance: Brian Sandner

Choir Directors
Saturday: Mary Lou Bentley
Sunday: Betty Ross

Parish Councils
Pastoral Council: Dave Verry
Finance Council: Wendy Sandner

Parish Committees and Organizations
Liturgy Committee: Rotating chair
Women's Club: Anita Smith & Geri Wasson
Peace & Justice: Linda Pettis
Parish Outreach: Bridget Thamert

Parish Website: stfrancisofassisispokane.org

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am(8:00am Poor Clares)
M,T,Th,F: 8:00am in the church
Wednesday: 8:00am at the Poor Clares
Holy Days: 8:00am and 7:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs. 8:30am till 3pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays-3:30-4:30 or by appt.

Anointing of the Sick
Masses with anointing 2 or 3 times a year

Baptism
Please call parish office

Marriage
Please call parish office

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b 4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11 12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

every Friday of Lent
Meatless Soup Suppers
at 6pm
in the social hall
Followed by
Stations of the Cross
& Benediction
From 7pm-7:45pm
in the church

PEACE & JUSTICE GROUP

Today, one Benedictine saint has become especially connected with environmental concerns: St. Hildegard of Bingen, who died in A.D. 1179. This German abbess was one of the most accomplished women of the Middle Ages. An expert on herbal medicines and botany, she also wrote religious plays, composed liturgical chants and hymns, and authored theological works and poems based on her mystical experiences. She insisted that God loved the Earth as a husband loves a wife, and espoused a kind of "green" theology, called viriditas, condemning the harm that human activity could do to nature.
Hildegard has been acclaimed as an unofficial patron saint of environmentalists. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI declared her a "Doctor of the Church," like Irenaeus.
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Caring for the environment has a long Catholic lineage – hundreds of years before Pope Francis
Joanne M. Pierce, College of the Holy Cross

PARISH OUTREACH
The committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. We are in need of plastic eggs and candy to fill the eggs . There will be an orange basket in the back of the church for donations. Deadline is April 1st.

Operation Rice Bowl FOR LENT FOR LIFE!

THE POWER OF SACRIFICE

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Spokane Dream Center
Presents
"BEHOLD JESUS"

First Interstate Center for the Arts
334 W Spokane Falls BLVD
Saturday April 1st @ 1pm & 6:30pm
Free Admission-open seating

St Francis of Assisi Dinner Auction

June 24th

In order to make this a success we need YOU!

Do you own a business or know a business owner?

We are in need of donations for the auction.

If you would like to donate or know someone who would please contact Anitra in the office

509-325-1321

amturney@dioceseofspokane.org

Donation receipts will be provided to all donors

Holy Week 2023

Holy Thursday

Mass of The Lord's Supper

7pm

Good Friday

Prayers 12-3pm

Service 7pm

No Soup Supper or Stations

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

8pm

Easter Sunday Mass

10am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Feb. Donations: $485.50. Thank you.

Avista: $400 for 1 person.

Home visits with food delivery: 2.

We delivered food to a couple outside of any SVdP area. "Nancy," the wife said they had no food & $20. We gave them a list of food banks & resources for Avista.

Orientation sessions for SFA Conference on 3rd Sundays after Mass.

Book sale after Sunday Masses to benefit SFA SVdP Conference.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

- You can get the bulletin sent directly to your email? Sign up at www.parishesonline.com and search for St Francis of Assisi Spokane
- We have a website— www.stfrancisofassisispokane.org
- We have a Facebook page— St Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish Spokane | Facebook
- The Women's Club and Peace and Justice group both have a Facebook group
- We have Flocknote-a great way to stay in the know through text/email—simply text SFAPARISH to 84576 and follow the prompts.

Catholic Daughters Spring Luncheon

A Garden Party

April 15th, 11am-2pm

Doors open at 10am

St Thomas More Church

515 W Saint Thomas More Way

For tickets contact Marilyn Elias at 503-804-4517

Tickets are $30 and sales close March 31st

Regular Parish Meetings and Activities:

Coffee & Donuts
Every Sunday after mass in the social hall

Saturday Night Social
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month After 5pm Mass in the social hall

Religious Education ages 4yrs-6th grade
Every other Sunday 11:45 in the Atrium.
Contact Tammie @
tfabien@dioceseofspokane.org

Women's Club (w/c)
2nd Tues of month 6pm

Peace & Justice
4th Tues 7pm via Zoom. Contact Bridget Thamert thamerb@eou.edu or Linda Pettis dllpettis@gmail.com

Bible Study
Wednesdays 7pm parish office

Pastoral Council
1st Tuesday of month 7pm in conference rm

Contemplative Prayer
Tues 10am in classroom & Thurs 7pm via Zoom
Contact Mike waltersmichaelh@gmail.com

Bible Study
Tues 2pm conference rm

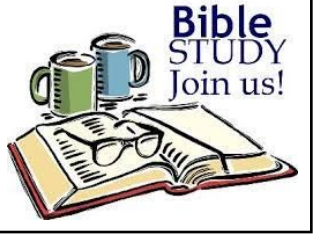
Adorationof the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays 8:45-3pm in the side chapel

Parish Outreach
Every 3rd Tues month Via zoom send email to Bridget @ thamerb@eou.edu

BIBLE STUDY

the 2 PM Bible study is starting a new study. The title is Your People Shall Be My People. This is about how God wants Christian people to be reconciled with Jewish people.

We will start this Series on March 14 Tuesday. We meet from 2 PM until 330 on Tuesdays in the conference room. All are invited.



Immaculate Heart Retreat Center
Weekend Retreat

Journeying with the Holy Spirit Retreat
Bringing the Love of God on the Day of His Mercy

April 14-16th

Presented by

Kathy Moore
Jo Ann Root
With Sr Bernadette Pederson

Register at www.ihrc.net or call 509-448-1224

BULLETIN DEADLINES

With Holy Week and Easter coming up dealines for the bulletin have changed.

April 9th, Easter Sunday bulletin due date is March 30th

Frank Rose, Florence Himelspach, Kathy Bromley, Rita Loft, Ramona Jones, Marylin Connolly-Overbey, Kathy White, Ellen Turnbull, Mike Arcondizzy, MaryAnn Forcier, Gary Turnbull, Brian Chandler, Marlene Weller, Joyce Johnson, Helen Arnzen, Tom Bienemann, Jan Martin, Lindsey Fry, Sharon Stillwell, Stan Mundell, Mike Wojohowski, Fran Hattenburg, Anita Smith, Marty Greco, Stella McDonald and Dorothy Aman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Megan Griffin
Dave Miletich
Anita Smith
Delores Large
Sophia Morton