

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

11 Church Avenue  
Superior, Arizona 85173



## Mission Statement

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish invites all on our spiritual journey to strive to become holy through prayers, the Sacraments, Scriptures and Charity. Our goal is to evangelize. To reach out with God's love to all in need in our parish community and the world.**



### Mass Schedule - Sunday Liturgy

Saturday – 5:00 PM  
Sunday – 8:00 and 10:00 AM

### Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday through Friday  
8:00 AM (May thru Oct.)  
8:00 AM (Nov. thru Apr.)

### Holy Days Of Obligation

Vigil Mass – 7:00 PM  
Day Mass - 8:00 AM  
Confessions – Saturday  
4:00 – 4:45 PM or upon request

### Parish Corporation Board of Directors

Rev. Peter Nwachukwu  
April Juarez  
Michael Ruben Castro  
Most Rev Edward J. Weisenburger

### Parish Pastoral Council President

Tony Solis – 520-689-5755

### Parish Finance Council President

Michael Diaz-Gonzalez – 520-827-1862

**Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger's Wednesday Up-Date Publication** is a very informative report about what is happening in the Diocese of Tucson. The report can be read by visiting the Diocesan Website at: [www.diocesetucson.org](http://www.diocesetucson.org) or by requesting a copy from the Parish office.

### Parish Directory

Fr. Peter Nwachukwu, Pastor.....520-689-2250  
E-mail.....info@stfrancissuperior.org  
Parish Website.....www.stfrancissuperior.org  
Fax Number.....520 689-5810  
St. Mary's Center, 100 Sunset Dr.....520 689-2116  
Rector & Parish Office Secretary..... Velma Alvarado  
.....520 689-2250  
Office Hours.....10 am to 12 & 1 to 2 pm, Mon. thru Fri.

**Altar & Rosary Society:** Donna Still....480-229-8517

**Choir:** Tony Solis.....520-689-5755

**Compliance Officer:** Anna Campos.....520 827-0258

**Knights of Columbus:** Mike Zavala.....520-827-0777  
Ruben Castro, Jr.....602-478-4856

**Ministry and Lector:** Anna Campos, Lector  
Coordinator.....520-827-0258  
Michael Diaz-Gonzales, Altar Servers Coordinator.....  
.....520-827-1862

**Prayer Group:** Manuel Ruiz.....520-689-5430

**Religious Education:** Theresa Sestiaga, Director.....  
.....520-827-0985

**Sacristans:** Donna Still, Sacristy.....480-229-8517  
Ruben Castro, Sacristy.....602-478-4856

**Youth Ministry:**... Jessica Castillo, CYM Coordinator  
.....520-827-0098

### Sacrament of Baptism

To schedule for infant baptisms and additional information please contact the Parish Office at 520-689-2250.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Church regulations require a five-month preparation period for the Sacrament of Marriage from the first appointment with the Pastor to the date of the wedding. Please contact the Parish office at 520-689-2250 for more information.

### Parish Registration

It is important that every family, including children or independent adults register in the Parish so that we become aware of the needs of our Parish Family and to plan to meet those needs. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church and at the parish office.

**December 10, 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading: Book of Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (5B)

Responsorial Psalm: 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Letter of Saint Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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| <i>Saturday-5 PM</i><br><i>December 9, 2023</i>     | ✠ <b>Michael Ybarra</b><br><i>Req. by : Maria Ybarra</i>   |
| <i>Sunday- 8 AM</i><br><i>December 10, 2023</i>     | ✠ <b>Benny &amp; Reyna Medina</b><br><i>Req. by: Ronnie &amp; Liz</i>  |
| <i>Sunday – 10 AM</i><br><i>December 10, 2023</i>   | <b>All Parishioners</b>  |
| <i>Monday</i><br><i>December 11, 2023</i>           | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| <i>Tuesday – 8 AM</i><br><i>December 12, 2023</i>   | <b>Lady of Guadalupe Mass</b><br><i>at 6 pm</i><br>✠ <b>Marisa N. Goga</b><br><i>Req. by: Mark &amp; Karen Reyes</i> |
| <i>Wednesday – 8 AM</i><br><i>December 13, 2023</i> | ✠ <b>Connie &amp; Rudy Rangel,</b><br><b>Michael Quiroz</b><br><i>Req. by: Stella Castro</i>                         |
| <i>Thursday – 8 AM</i><br><i>December 14, 2023</i>  | ✠ <b>Isaias Ruiz</b><br><i>Req. by: Teresita, Gilbert &amp; Judas Olmos</i>  |
| <i>Friday – 8 AM</i><br><i>December 15, 2023</i>    | ✠ <b>Steve C. Lopez</b><br><i>Req. by; Bob &amp; Yolanda Ewing</i>   |
| <i>Saturday- 5 PM</i><br><i>December 16, 2023</i>   | ✠ <b>Albino &amp; Jenny Castanon</b><br><i>Req. by: Lydia Dominguez</i>  |

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT FRANCIS**



*The Choir meets every Friday for practice at 7:00 pm in the church.*

*Knights of Columbus meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Center.*

*CYM meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm at SMC.*



**Sick List**

Please remember the sick of our parish in your prayers. You may call the Parish Office to let us know when a loved one is ill or in the hospital and in need of prayers. Names maybe removed the first Monday of every month. Please keep the office staff informed on your loved ones so that we will keep them on the list.

Rose Jaime  
Helen Madrid  
Lisa Watson.  
Martha Guzman  
Miguel Denogean  
Pancho Nunez  
Sonia Rodriquez  
Karleen Montano  
Juan Carlos Baca  
Becky Ramirez  
Nicole Trujillo  
Camarino Lopez J  
Roberta Contreras  
Stella Castro  
Adrian Contreras  
Mary Helen Velasquez  
Rudy Rubal  
Tommy Sinteral

Jeanette Gonzales  
Antonio Rangel  
Ricardo "Brown" Amado  
Gilbert Michael Olmos  
Michael David Real  
Debra Massey  
Roman Rafael Tovar  
Natalie Perkins  
Denise Aceves  
George Otero  
Damian Guerra  
Margaret Salazar  
Jack Gorham  
Michael Paul Lira Jr.  
Sally Gonzales  
Jenny Castanon  
Kiara Romero  
Ryan Kipp

## Offerings

### Collection for December 3, 2023

Offertory (Envelopes): \$ 916.00  
On-Line: \$ 525.00  
**Total: \$ 1,441.00**

**Thank you** for your generous support of our church.

#### Weekly Financial Review

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 1,441.00  
One Year ago: \$ 1,442.00  
Decrease: \$ 1.00

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

As of November 2, 2023

### **We Are the Mission of the Church**

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| Goal             | \$13,700 |
| # Donors         | 63       |
| Pledge           | \$15,459 |
| % of Pledge      | 113%     |
| Fulfilled        | \$13,789 |
| % Goal Fulfilled | 101%     |

If you have not responded to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, please do so at this time using the ACA envelopes available at the back of the church









***Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal:*** to report suspected cases of sexual abuse or other abuse including physical abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment of children or adults. Call Arizona Child Abuse Hotline -888-767-2445



Pilgrimage to Egypt with Bishop Gerald Kicanas & Deacon Ed Sheffer join in the unforgettable Pilgrimage to Egypt led by Bishop Gerald Kicanas & Deacon Ed Sheffer from April 23 to May 5, 2024. Visit iconic historical sites, reflect on the coexistence of different spiritual traditions, and find unity in our shared faith. For more information contact Deacon Ed Sheffer at edwardsheffer1@gmail.com

## ANNOUNCEMENT

1. **Parish Finance Council Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at SMC.
2. **Advent Penance Service:** Is scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, followed by the individual Christmas confession. Many priests will be available for the confessions.
3. **Poinsettias for Christmas:** If you are interested in purchasing and helping decorate the church for the Christmas Holiday, you may call the parish office to place an order for a poinsettia for a loved one. Availability of poinsettias is this year difficult so we will be limiting it to only 30 orders. Cost is \$15.00 and deadline to order is Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
4. **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 am and 6 pm.
5. **The 2024 Offertory Envelope** boxes are located at the back of the church on the table. Please take your box, if you do not find one and wish to request a box, Please write your name on sheet provided.
6. **Volunteers are needed** to help clean church for the month of December. If you are willing to help Please call the parish office at 520-689-2250.
7. **Seeking an individual to serve as a Cantor/Song Leader** for 10:00 am Sunday Mass. Ability to read music is helpful. Will Train. This is a way to serve your parish through music. If interested, contact Barbara Cox at 520-463-9015 or 602-826-1770
8. **Fundraising Committee: Holiday Tamale Sale** selling red chile beef tamales for \$25 a dozen. Proceeds to benefit our local parish. Please contact Dolores Mendoza at 520-483-1145 or parish office.
9. **Thank You** to Donna Still and Yolanda Guzman for the removal of the dead cactus from church grounds and for replacing the new 2024 church missalettes.
10. **Thank You** to all volunteers who helped to decorate the church for Christmas, Yolanda Guzman, Robert & Dolores Mendoza, Liz Diaz-Gonzalez, Virginia Velasquez and Olga Lopez.
11. **Second Collection** next weekend at all Masses for Diocesan Priest Retirement.

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|    |   | <p align="center"><b>NEW</b></p> <p align="center"><i>People are looking for your business.<br/>Help them find it by advertising here.<br/>Contact the Parish Office at<br/>520.689.2250</i></p>  |  |    |  |
|  <p>ANTHONY E. DAVIS (928) 200-2<br/>E-Mail: caryon5419@cablone.net</p>   |   | <p>Rose's Roses Flowers </p> <p>203 W. Main Street<br/>Superior, AZ 85173<br/>520.689.2400<br/>877.575.7673<br/>"Floral for all Occasions"</p>               |  | <p>SUPERIOR FUNERAL HOME<br/>520.689.2692<br/>Pre-arrangements,<br/>Burials or Cremations<br/>Rob Bullman, Owner<br/><a href="http://www.superiorfuneral.com">www.superiorfuneral.com</a></p>  |  |
|  <p><b>Edwardo's Pizzeria, LLC</b><br/>Arizona's "Superior" Pizzeria<br/>701 Belmont Ave • Superior • 689-2628</p>  |   |  <p>Save Money Market<br/>420 Main Street<br/>Superior, AZ 85173<br/>520.689.2265<br/><a href="http://www.savemoneymeats.com">www.savemoneymeats.com</a></p> |  | <p><b>LOS HERMANOS</b><br/><b>Restaurant &amp; Lounge</b><br/>835 Highway 60<br/>Superior, Arizona 85273<br/><b>CATERING SERVICE</b><br/><b>Tortilla Factory</b><br/>(520) 689-5465 (520) 689-5898</p>   |  |
| <p align="center"><b>COME SOAR WITH US</b></p> <p align="center"><b>SUPERIOR SOARING</b></p> <p align="center">GLIDER FLIGHTS<br/>CONTACT<br/>(480)-605-1986<br/><a href="http://WWW.SUPERIORSOARING.COM">WWW.SUPERIORSOARING.COM</a></p> |   |  <p align="center">433 West Hwy 60<br/>Superior, AZ 85173<br/>(520) 689-0159 or 0168</p>   |  |  <p align="center"><b>KNIGHTS<br/>OF COLUMBUS</b><br/><small>IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.</small></p> <p align="center"><b>If interested in joining</b><br/>Contact Mike Zavala at 520.689.5629<br/>Ruben Castro Jr. at 520.689.2724</p> |  |
| <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Cecilio Hernandez<br/>1920 - 1999<br/>Amelia Hernandez<br/>1914 - 1989</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Manuel Guzman<br/>1930 - 1995<br/>Mary Guzman<br/>1930- 2015</p> | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Joey Lopez<br/>1951-2012<br/>Tommy Lopez<br/>1972-2020</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Josephina Alvarado<br/>1911-1998</p>                      | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Oscar P. Reyna Sr.<br/>Oscar Reyna Jr.<br/>Frank Urbina</p>   |  |
| <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Eugene B. Jaime<br/>1920-2006</p>  | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Mike, Anna &amp; Richard<br/>Zavala</p>                          | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Mary Diaz-Gonzalez<br/>1927-2022</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Maria Valenzuela<br/>Adelia Duarte<br/>Ramona Herrera</p> | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>"Lalo"&amp; Esperanza<br/>Denogean<br/>Freddie R Crespin Jr</p>   |  |
| <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Loretta D. Saenz<br/>Angela Hernandez</p>  | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>John R. Ybarra<br/>Armando O. Navarro<br/>Bettina M. Navarro</p> | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Israel Bueno<br/>1925-2012</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Lazaro &amp; Josephina<br/>Sandoval<br/>Reuben Flores</p> | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Benito F. Medina<br/>Reyna P. Medina</p>  |  |
| <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Joe "Cuate" Castillo<br/>1928-2010</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Michael Ybarra<br/>Tony Banda<br/>Lupe Banda</p>                 | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Carlos &amp; Gloria Martinez</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Ruben T. Castro</p>                                       | <p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Julissa Rose Garcia<br/>2002-2016</p>   |  |