

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 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 24, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Second Book of Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (11B)

Responsorial Psalm: 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

2nd Reading: Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Saturday-5 PM</i> <i>December 23, 2023</i>	✠ <i>Steve C. Lopez</i> <i>Req. by : Bob & Yolanda Ewing</i>
<i>Sunday- 8 AM</i> <i>December 24, 2023</i>	✠ <i>Betty Besich</i> <i>Req. by: Tina B. Lopez</i>
<i>Sunday – 10 AM</i> <i>December 24, 2023</i>	All Parishioners
<i>Monday</i> <i>December 25, 2023</i>	9 am Mass Christmas Day
<i>Tuesday – 8 AM</i> <i>December 26, 2023</i>	✠ <i>David Armitage, Jose Gomez</i> <i>& Vickie Inzunza</i> <i>Req. by: Donna Still</i>
<i>Wednesday – 8 AM</i> <i>December 27, 2023</i>	✠ <i>Steve C. Lopez</i> <i>Req. by: Bob & Yolanda Ewing</i>
<i>Thursday – 8 AM</i> <i>December 28, 2023</i>	✠ <i>Julissa Rose Garcia</i> <i>Req. by: Nane, Mom & Brother</i>
<i>Friday – 8 AM</i> <i>December 29, 2023</i>	✠ <i>Ofelia Gutierrez, Gary Abrahamson & Leyvi Pacheco-Soto</i> <i>Req. by: Maria Elena Mancinas</i>
<i>Saturday- 5 PM</i> <i>December 30, 2023</i>	✠ <i>Debbie Contreras, Lupe & Socorro Cruz</i> <i>Req. by: Louie Rabago</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 2nd 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 17, 2023

Offertory (Envelopes): \$ 1,892.00
On-Line: \$ 330.00
Total: \$ 2,222.00

Thank you for your generous support of our church.

Weekly Financial Review

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 2,222.00
One Year ago: \$ 1,707.00
Increase: \$ 515.00

Priest Retirement total: \$ 215.00

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As of December 19, 2023

We Are the Mission of the Church

Goal	\$13,700
# Donors	64
Pledge	\$15,509
% of Pledge	113%
Fulfilled	\$13,879
% 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 Office** to be closed on Monday, Dec. 25th and Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 2023 for Christmas Holidays
2. **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.
3. **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
4. **Fundraising Committee:** Dolores Mendoza would like to Thank everyone who help benefit to the tamale sales, all sales are now final and over.
5. **Holiday Mass Schedule:** Christmas Mass as follows: Sunday, Dec. 24th Christmas Virgil Mass at 7 pm and Monday, Dec. 25th Mass at 9 am. Please read the insert regarding Christmas and New Year's Masses
6. **Thank You** to Mary Lou Flores and family for the St Michael the Archangel statue donated to our parish church.
7. **Thank You** to Lois Placencia for providing all window screening and for assembling the furniture for the casita.
8. **Thank You** to Jessica & Manuel Castillo for leading the CYM group in participating in Sunday's Mass readings and offertory collection.
9. **Our parish gladly welcomes our winter parishioners.**
10. **Fr. Peter wishes all parishioners a Merry Christmas and God's continuous Blessings**



		<p align="center">NEW</p> <p align="center"><i>People are looking for your business. Help them find it by advertising here. Contact the Parish Office at 520.689.2250</i></p>			
 <p>ANTHONY E. DAVIS (928) 200-2 E-Mail: caryon5419@cablone.net</p>		<p>Rose's Roses Flowers </p> <p>203 W. Main Street Superior, AZ 85173 520.689.2400 877.575.7673 "Floral for all Occasions"</p>		<p>SUPERIOR FUNERAL HOME 520.689.2692 Pre-arrangements, Burials or Cremations Rob Bullman, Owner www.superiorfuneral.com</p>	
 <p>Edwardo's Pizzeria, LLC Arizona's "Superior" Pizzeria 701 Belmont Ave • Superior • 689-2628</p>		 <p>Save Money Market 420 Main Street Superior, AZ 85173 520.689.2265 www.savemoneymeats.com</p>		<p>LOS HERMANOS Restaurant & Lounge 835 Highway 60 Superior, Arizona 85273 CATERING SERVICE Tortilla Factory (520) 689-5465 (520) 689-5898</p>	
<p align="center">COME SOAR WITH US</p> <p align="center">SUPERIOR SOARING</p> <p align="center">GLIDER FLIGHTS CONTACT (480)-605-1986 WWW.SUPERIORSOARING.COM</p>		 <p align="center">433 West Hwy 60 Superior, AZ 85173 (520) 689-0159 or 0168</p>		 <p align="center">KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS <small>IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.</small></p> <p align="center">If interested in joining Contact Mike Zavala at 520.689.5629 Ruben Castro Jr. at 520.689.2724</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Cecilio Hernandez 1920 - 1999 Amelia Hernandez 1914 - 1989</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Manuel Guzman 1930 - 1995 Mary Guzman 1930- 2015</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Joey Lopez 1951-2012 Tommy Lopez 1972-2020</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Josephina Alvarado 1911-1998</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Oscar P. Reyna Sr. Oscar Reyna Jr. Frank Urbina</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Eugene B. Jaime 1920-2006</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Mike, Anna & Richard Zavala</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Mary Diaz-Gonzalez 1927-2022</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Maria Valenzuela Adelia Duarte Ramona Herrera</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>"Lalo"& Esperanza Denogean Freddie R Crespin Jr</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Loretta D. Saenz Angela Hernandez</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>John R. Ybarra Armando O. Navarro Bettina M. Navarro</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Israel Bueno 1925-2012</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Lazaro & Josephina Sandoval Reuben Flores</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Benito F. Medina Reyna P. Medina</p>	
<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Joe "Cuate" Castillo 1928-2010</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Michael Ybarra Tony Banda Lupe Banda</p>	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p align="center">†</p> <p>Carlos & 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 2002-2016</p>	