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**July 27, 2025 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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### MASSES:

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**

**Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM**

*10:30 am Sunday and daily Masses are  
live-streamed on our YouTube channel  
and our Facebook page.*

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM**

**Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM**

### O.C.I.A. (formerly R.C.I.A.)

**Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

New inquirers welcome year round.

### ROSARY:

**Thursday: 6:40 AM**

### ADORATION:

**Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

### RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request**

## From the Desk of Fr. Albeen

Perhaps one of the heaviest burdens we bear is our sins. We make resolutions, and then break them. We try to be better and then fail. We try harder and then fail again. Perhaps the reason this burden becomes so heavy is because we try to carry it on our own. We forget about the power of prayer and the grace poured out in the sacrament of Confession. God wants to make "our yoke easy and our burden light" but sometimes we fail to call out to Him for help.

We see God's loving mercy so clearly in today's readings. In the first reading, God promises to withhold destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah if He were to find only 10 just people therein. In the second reading, Paul reminds us, "even when you were dead in transgressions...he brought you to life along with him" through the forgiveness of sins. In the Gospel, Jesus assures us, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

**Sunday, July 27**

9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.

**Wednesday, July 30**

6:00 pm WOW 7th-12th graders in the FLC.

6:15 pm Choir rehearsal in the Daily Chapel.

**Sunday, August 17**

11:30 am Sunday School Catechist lunch and orientation.

6:00 pm Life Teen Core Team gathering with dinner.



### BAPTISM CLASS

A Baptism class is scheduled Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in St. Clare Hall for all parents who want to Baptize their child.

**NOTE:** Please register in advance, parish office 601-856-5556.

## Congratulations on the Baptism of

**Emma Wallace Dillard**

she is the daughter of Katelyn & Pate.

**Charles Moses Ross**

he is the son of Mary Moses & Will.

In one Spirit all of us are baptized into one body of Christ. 2 Corinthians 12:13



Altar Flowers this weekend are in memory of

**Patricia Mangialardi**

by her husband Sam and Family

The love you shared with the one you miss so much, live on in the light of Christ's great love. 1 Corinthians 13:8

## ST. FRANCIS PANTRY

"For it is in giving that we receive" St. Francis of Assisi"



**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** next weekend, August 2/3: Food donations may be left in the "green room". Please, **NO expired foods** and no previously opened packages. As always, monetary contributions are welcome, cash, check or the GIVE link on our website. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach program.

## Events & Religious Education

### Children's Ministry: Sunday School

**Children's Sunday School Catechists and Life Teen Core Team Members needed!**

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, please prayerfully consider sharing the reason for your hope with our parish children or teens!

**Sunday School catechists are needed** for all grade levels, Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade children, and especially for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion prep.

**Sunday School Catechist Lunch and Orientation** will be held Sunday, August 17, 11:30 am-1:30 pm.

**Life Teen Core Team members** are needed to lead sessions for teens. Teaching guides and materials are provided for all grades, and you may schedule when teaching with your team or a teaching partner. Core Team gathering with dinner will be held on Sunday, August 17, 6:00-8:15 pm.

**Children's Church leaders** are needed to lead Liturgy of the Word for 3-5 year-olds during 10:30 am Mass.

Please contact Mary Catherine at [mc.george@stfrancismadison.org](mailto:mc.george@stfrancismadison.org) for more info on any of our programs or if interested in volunteering to be a catechist for children or a Core Team member for teens.



**Faith Formation registration** for 4-year-old children -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth begins this week. Please register using the QR code by August 12. All grade levels begin on Sunday, August 24!

### 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:

**Open Gym at the Family Life Center** Come hang out and shoot some hoops! All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome for Open Gym on **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:00 pm.

All 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us this Fall for **Life Teen**, our youth faith formation program, on Sunday nights, 6:00-7:45 pm! **Life Teen** includes Edge for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Life Nights and pre-Confirmation for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, and Purpose 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation prep for 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Our Annual Parent-Teen Kickoff event will be held Sunday, August 24, 6:30-8:30 pm!

Due to construction

**the Parish Office will be CLOSED**

Monday, July 28

### SUNDAY OFFERING



### FINANCIAL GIVING



Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$21,351.00
Children's Offering	\$ 92.00
Online	\$ 4,754.49
Total	\$26,197.49



Our July monthly stewardship amount by Bank Draft is **\$26,298.00**.

July: Capital Campaign.

August 15: The Assumption of Mary Offering will support Habitat for Humanity.

Please make checks payable to **St. Francis of Assisi**.



# OCIA

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly called "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)," is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist.

While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

**WHO IS OCIA FOR?** All are welcome to be part of OCIA, including adults interested in learning more about Catholicism, those who already know they would like to become Catholic, and those Catholics who have been baptized but never completed their sacraments of initiation. **OCIA will resume August 20th.** Sessions are held from 6:30-8:00 pm on Wednesday nights in the OCIA room. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office at 601-856-5556 or by visiting the church website at [www.stfrancismadison.org](http://www.stfrancismadison.org).

## Knights of Columbus Madison 9543 Labor Day Pork Butt Sale



It's that time of year again!! Your very own Savory Smoky avg 8-10 lb. pork butt slow cooked to perfection so you don't have to for \$40 ea. Order yours now! Deadline to order is August 25th. Butts will be available to pick up Friday August 29th @ 3 pm near St. Thomas Hall.



## Doolittle Seminarian Golf Tournament

Our appreciation goes to many parishioners and local businesses who supported this year's Luella & Floyd Q Doolittle KC 9543 Golf Classic for Seminarian Education! This year's event was the biggest success ever!! As a result KC 9543 will be able to make a substantial donation to the Jackson Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. We had 91 golfers & 56 donors/sponsors! Another exciting note - we had 7 women golfers participate this year. This is 5 more than ever before. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust

**Joe Aguzzi**

father of parishioner Celia Manley (Scott Manley)  
Please keep the family in your prayers.

Let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
rest in peace. Amen



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

## MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Sat., Jul. 26</b> 5:00 PM	<b>ST. JOACHIM AND ST. ANNE</b> Mass ♥ Rita Barrau
<b>Sun., Jul. 27</b> 8:00 AM 9:10 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass † Joseph Frank Kroll Mass - St. Catherine † Carolyn Barlow Mass Mass † Martha Lockhart
<b>Mon., Jul. 28</b> 7:00 AM	<b>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Mass † Richard Fisher
<b>Tue., Jul. 29</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>ST. MARTHA, ST. MARY AND ST. LAZARUS</b> Mass † Joseph Gandolini Mass - St. Catherine † Diana Sanders
<b>Wed., Jul. 30</b> 7:00 AM	<b>ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS</b> Mass ♥ Donna Orkin
<b>Thurs., Jul. 31</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA</b> Mass ♥ Chuck Wilson Mass - St. Catherine † Williams Grissett Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Fri., Aug. 1</b> 7:00 AM 8:30 AM	<b>ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI</b> Mass † Carly Dean Mass - St. Catherine ♥ Estelle Hearn

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention



## PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent, John Logan,  
Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty,  
Garrett Kennedy, Caroline Grace Smith,  
Greg Weatherford, James Kaiser,  
Dagan Nations, Lee Greco, Liam Nethery,  
Tristan Nethery, and Kelly Yonko.

Thank you for protecting our country.  
May the Lord keep you safe.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



**Parishioners:** Rick Mills, Amanda Williams, Bill Smith, Dora Thomas, Ann George, Michael Schenk, Tina Coats, Kathleen Hood, Elvie Clement, Chris Smith, Terry Grabiak, Louis Pellegrine, Ethan George, Betty Ravenstein, Leslie Philipp, Sieger Sims, Tom Miller, Brandy Tucker, Gregg Jones, Pat Rogers, Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Chuck Bergin, Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, Barbara Willis, and Mary Conner.

**Family:** Joseph Edge, Jerry Thomas, Austin Stewart, Isabella Saab, Robert Smith, Kay Wittenberg, Donna Stanley, Keely Ramshur, Desiree Savoie, Angela Gaither, Martha Hall, Marinella Davis, Amy McManus, Dan Nguyen, Rebecca McManus, Porter Antici, Mary Ann Williams, Selema Rookis, Marie Chipley, Troy Plaisance, Rita Barrau, Robin Ballough, Fred Delahoussay, Hap Post, Nancy Watts, Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut, Abby George, Ann Porcello, Celia Bustillos, Dorothy Lacourrege, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns, Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, and Chrissy Parks.

**Friends:** Lorene David, Lynn Goodman, Genesis Moore, Carrie Maniscalco, Lindsay McCollum, Consha Sims, Tommy Chifoln, Laura Higgins, Ruby Joblin, Travis Griffin, Shirley Jones, Patsy Meyer, Kay Beggerly, Gene Fox, Phil Cook, Brenda Dehm, Shannon Gilmer, Zayden Washington, Adele Brown, Carl Fields, Elizabeth Albertson, Jimmy Haltam, Mary Bradley, Gail Madden, Ethan Parker, and Linda Parish.



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