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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

The Samaritan woman doesn't recognize that Jesus is living water, or God. But maybe she has more of a spiritual thirst than a physical thirst. She ultimately leaves behind her water jar to proclaim Christ is Lord. The leaving behind of the physical water symbolizes the renouncing of our Earthly possessions; after all, it is only Jesus who can fulfill our deepest desires. When we begin to share our faith with others, we take the step of living our faith. Like the woman who told her neighbors about Jesus, we find that the people we have touched begin to find the Lord on their own. Our catechumens are taking these steps now, thanks to those who have helped them experience Jesus' invitation to faith. Today, let us recognize the same- Jesus Christ is Lord, the Bread of Life!

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PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

When: Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: St. Francis Sanctuary

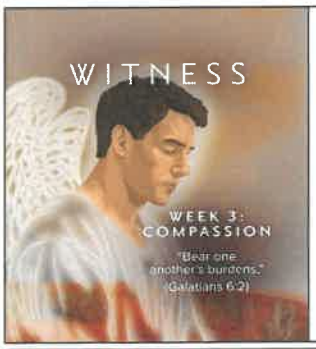
LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Francis of Assisi Church is preparing for a Live Way of the Cross on Good Friday April 3rd at 2 pm.

If you would like to participate, please email Amy Hornback at ahornback44@gmail.com.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

- Robert Hubert Soukup
- Lindsey & Reid Riddell, and their children: Archie & Asher
- Hannah Vu & Tony Dao, and their children: Khanh & Duny
- Sharon & Jordan Ferguson, and their children: Aubrey, Lilli, & Eloise
- Joel & Ed Ferguson



***Witness* - Parish Lent Study Meets Every Thursday During Lent**

Witness, the parish-wide Lent study continues this Thursday night, March 12th, in the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. A virtual option is also available from 6 – 7 p.m. for those who cannot meet in person. See Flocknote for details or call the parish office.

ANNUAL EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT

Many pre-filled plastic eggs are needed for our annual Easter Sunday Egg Hunt! Please bring soft candy-filled or toy / sticker-filled plastic eggs to the collection boxes in the FLC foyer by Palm Sunday. (No nuts, peanut butter, or hard candy, please)

ASSISI EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Assisi Early Learning Center Registration

St. Francis Parishioners	Tuesday, March 10
Other Catholics	Wednesday, March 11
Public registration	Thursday, March 12

For additional information or to schedule a tour call 601-856-9494.

Events & Religious Education

Pre-K4-6th grade Children's Ministry and Sunday School

Spring Break for Children's Sunday School: All Pre-K-6th grade children will resume on March 22, 9:00-10:15 am.

Join the adventure *TRUE NORTH* VBS 2026 June 15-18, 9 am-noon! Contact Mary Catherine at mc.george@stfrancismadison.org if you can join our volunteer team in pointing our children toward Jesus!

7th-12th Grade *Life Teen* and Youth Ministry:

Spring Break for *Life Teen* will not meet on March 8 or 15. All 7th-12th grade sessions, including Confirmation prep for all candidates, will resume on March 22, 6-7:45 pm.

No WOW (**W**orship **O**n **W**ednesday) this Wednesday for Spring Break!

All 7th-12th graders are invited to join the ***Teen Table*** for **WITNESS** Lenten Bible Study, Thursdays, 6:00-7:45 pm, in the FLC! Supper is provided. Friends are welcome!

Alive in You Summer Camp
- June 23–28, 2026
- Current middle school and high school students
- Extended registration deadline: Sunday, March 22

Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference – Atlanta
- July 10–12, 2026
- Rising freshmen through graduating seniors
- Extended registration deadline: Sunday, March 22

Bishop Chanche Awards for Service is given annually by the Diocese to lay people who have dedicated their time & talent to their church.

St. Francis congratulates

Pat Ross

Who faithfully serves in various ministries.

Alexander Glass

Youth who displays faith, service to others, and has been an active participant in our parish community.

May God continue to bless their faithful service at St. Francis and may the fruits of their mission bring abundance in God's love.

FINANCIAL GIVING

Weekly Goal:	$30,000.00
Collection Basket	$25,593.41
Children's Offering	$ 92.00
Online	$ 6,192.61
Total	$31,878.02

March: Capital Campaign.
March: Easter Flower Offering **deadline March 23**.
March 14 & 15: St. Anthony School Tuition Assistance.
Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi.

March: Catholic Service Appeal Pledge continuous.
*Please make checks **payable to CSA**.*

Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal supports vital ministries like Prison Ministry, bringing Mass and pastoral care to those incarcerated. Every gift makes a difference—please consider donating to help the Diocese reach their goal and bring hope to those we serve.

OCIA ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

During Lent, our parish will celebrate the Scrutinies with those preparing for Baptism and full communion through OCIA. These ancient rites, celebrated this year on March 8, 15, and 22, are moments of prayer and reflection that invite the elect (those to be baptized at Easter) to encounter Christ more deeply, be strengthened against sin, and grow in the grace of conversion. The Scrutinies also remind the entire parish of our shared call to ongoing repentance and renewal. Please keep our OCIA candidates in your prayers as they journey toward the Easter sacraments. OCIA **will not** meet on March 11th due to the spring break holiday. More information about the OCIA program can be obtained by calling the church office or by visiting the church website at www.stfrancismadison.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Sunday, March 8
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION WEEKEND.
9:00 am Coffee & Creed in St. Clare Hall.
Tuesday, March 10
7:00 pm TMIY evening session in St. Clare Hall.
Wednesday, March 11
10:00 am Martha and Mary Group in St. Clare Hall.
6:00 pm Wednesday's Grace in St. Thomas Hall.
Thursday, March 12
6:00 pm Parish Lenten Study Book in the Family Life Center.
Friday, March 13
6:30 am TMIY morning session in St. Clare Hall.
6:00 pm Rosary in the Church.
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church.
7:00 pm Lenten Meal in the Family Life Center.

The Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School Draw Down is on **April 25 at 6:30 pm**. Tickets are $120 (admits 2). Second chance insurance is $15. Each ticket presents a chance to win $5000. To purchase tickets please go to https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=3618 or call 601-871-0176 or email stbdrawdown@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

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Congratulations on the Baptism of
Stewart Thomas Harkins
who was baptized recently.
He is the child of Claire & Michael.
In one Spirit all of us are baptized into one body of Christ. *2 Corinthians 12:13*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 7	**VIGIL MASS**
5:00 PM	Mass † **Alice & Lawrence Royer**
Sun., Mar. 8	**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 AM	Mass ♥ **Pha Hall**
9:10 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † **Christine Dunning**
10:30 AM	Mass - Missa Pro Populo
5:00 PM	Mass † **Mike Dangelo**
Mon., Mar. 9	**ST. FRANCES OF ROME**
7:00 AM	Mass † **Joseph Gandolini**
Tue., Mar. 10	**WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM	Mass ♥ **Chuck Michlik**
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † **Matthew Hearn Sr.**
Wed., Mar. 11	**WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM	Mass † **Mickey Sullivan**
Thurs., Mar. 12	**WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM	Mass † **Craig Stamm**
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † **Rick Henry Jr.**
5:00-7:00 PM	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Fri., Mar. 13	**WEEKDAY OF LENT**
7:00 AM	Mass † **Mike Burke Sr.**
8:30 AM	Mass - St. Catherine † **Ronald Foley**

† Praying for Deceased ♥ Praying for Special Intention

FRIDAYS OF LENT

6:00 PM ROSARY - CHURCH
6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CHURCH
7:00 PM LENTEN MEAL - FAMILY LIFE CENTER (Crawfish Pasta)

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, Kelly Yonko, and Willy Gabriel Cardona.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Parishioners: Rick Mills, Amanda Williams, 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, Kregg Jones, Pat Rogers, Shannon Moody, Davis Oltremari, Marilyn Hansen, Lauren Kalka, Michelle Harrison, Joe Ellis, Barbara Willis, Mary Conner, Bernard Dreiling, Lucy Hilton, Molly Hoke, Elizabeth Winter, Mike Robinson, Christine School, Edgardo Quiambao, Emily Fairchild, and Wes Williams.

Family: 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, Selema Rookis, Marie Chipley, Troy Plaisance, Robin Ballough, Fred Delahoussay, Nancy Watts, Wells Heier, Caroline Duckworth, Dr. Sherrill Evans, Raymond Sahut, Ann Porcello, Margaret Barber, Shirley Burns, Ellen Joiner, Jim Stewart, Willie Crotty, Dane Taylor, Paul Bolus, Betty Ann Giliberto, and Heather Griffin.

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, Linda Parish, Fr. Michael O'Brien, and Robert Blount.

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