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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Adoration/Confession Schedule

April 8th, **FRIDAY** will be the next time for Adoration/Confession from 6:00pm –8:00 pm

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month @ 12:30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday's: 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM (NEW LOCATION - in front of the church, by the tabernacle.)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Mass Times - Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

(4PM & 10:30 AM are livestreamed each week)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at ***8:30 AM***.
There will be NO daily Mass on Wednesday.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00—4:00 Friday: 9:00—12:00

April 3, 2022

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Mass Intentions for the Week Ahead

Saturday, April 2
4:00 pm William Nartiff ~ Memorial

Sunday, April 3
8:00 am Claire Louis Landry ~ Memorial
10:30 am Nicholas DeFelice ~ Birthday Memorial
Elizabeth Cuddy ~ Memorial

Monday, April 4
8:30 Blanche Jussaume ~ Memorial

Tuesday, April 5
8:30 am Carol Eagle ~ Memorial

Wednesday, April 6
No Mass

Thursday, April 7
8:30 am Parishioners of St. Francis

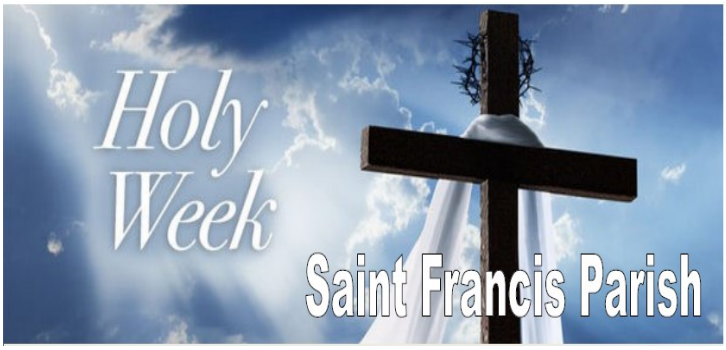
Friday, April 8
8:30 am All parishioners experiencing illness, anyone undergoing surgery and all special intentions

Saturday, April 9
4:00 pm Joseph and Esther Medina ~ Memorial

Sunday, April 10
8:00 am
10:30 am Rachel Peters ~ Birthday Memorial
Thaddeus Siara ~ 19th Anniversary

Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to faithfully fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ. Centered in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, we strive to create an atmosphere of spiritual development. By reaching out and welcoming others, our faith community continues to provide dignity and improve the quality of life for all those we serve.



April 10th

Palm Sunday Masses 4pm, 8am, 10:30am

April 14th

Holy Thursday Morning Prayer 8:30am

Mass of Lord's Supper 7pm

April 15th

Good Friday Morning Prayer 8:30am

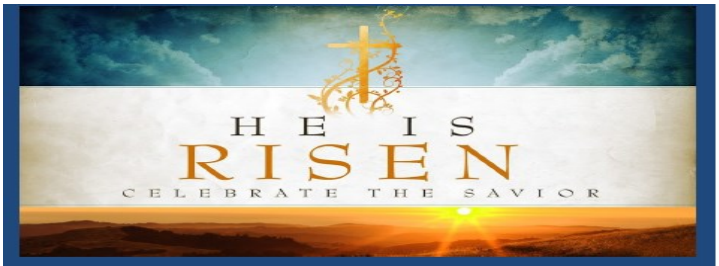
Stations of the Cross 12:00

Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

April 16th

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer 8:30am

Easter Vigil 7:30pm



Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Masses

8:00am

10:30am

Live Stream 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt on front lawn following Masses

Wow!

We know you have been praying, but you've also shown extreme generosity toward those who are helping on the ground wherever their help is needed.

Thanks to you, St. Francis will be directing **$10,312** to Catholic Relief Services! Imagine the good it will do in such a crisis.

Your sacrifice is most appreciated toward this crucial cause.

God bless you all for your kindness and compassion.

Kathleen Doyle

Loving, Mother, Grand-mother, Sister

Thomas LaPointe

Loving Husband, Father, Grand-father, Great Grand-father

You're Invited !!

To join the St. Francis Rosary Group as we pray the Rosary after the 8:30AM weekday Mass (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet (Friday).

Please come and make Our Lady smile!

Weekend Readings & Mass Prayers

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out
chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they
lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out
and quenched like a wick. Remember not the
events of the past, the things of long ago consider
not; see, I am doing something new! Now it
springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert
I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts
honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in
the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my
chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed
for myself, that they might announce my praise.

The Word of the Lord. ~ Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. (3) **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a
loss because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted
the loss of all things and I consider them so much
rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in
him, not having any righteousness of my own
based on the law but that which comes through
faith in Christ, the righteousness from God,
depending on faith to know him and the power of
his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings
by being conformed to his death, if somehow I
may attain the resurrection from the dead.
It is not that I have already taken hold of it
or have already attained perfect maturity,
but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may
possess it, since I have indeed been taken
possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and
sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to
have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting
what lies behind but straining forward to what lies
ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal,
the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. ~ Thanks be to God

R. Glory to you, word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading From the Gospel According to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the
morning he arrived again in the temple area,
and all the people started coming to him,
and he sat down and taught them. Then the
scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman
who had been caught in adultery and made her
stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher,
this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses
commanded us to stone such women. So what do
you say?" They said this to test him, so that they
could have some charge to bring against him.
Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground
with his finger. But when they continued asking
him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the
one among you who is without sin be the first to
throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and
wrote on the ground. And in response, they went
away one by one, beginning with the elders.
So he was left alone with the woman before him.
Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,
"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned
you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said,
"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on
do not sin any more."

The Gospel of the Lord.
~ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

A Candlelight Evening of Peace, Prayer and Reflection

Sponsored by the Women's Connection

Thursday, April 7

6:30pm to 7:30pm in Church

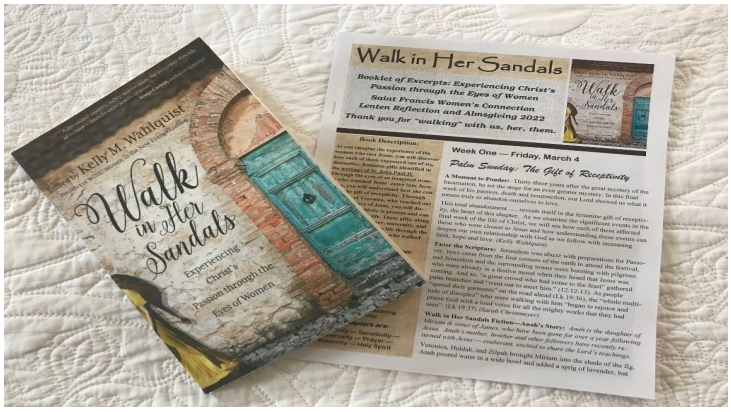
ALL women are most welcome to join us, even if you've never attended one of our gatherings. Feel free to bring a friend.

This quiet and calming evening is designed for all levels of faith. Relax in a dimly lit church, focus on the candlelight, listen to inspiring readings, prayers and music by David Keefe. Fr. Kevin will also share some words with us as we **pray for Ukraine and the world.**

In the second half, take a Lenten journey with **Lent by Candlelight "Ashes to Stone"** meditation -- focusing on the symbols of Jesus' Passion. We'll hear short readings and extinguish candles until the church is darkened; then Light again.

ARRIVAL: We will start promptly at 6:30pm. If possible, please arrive by 6:15pm. The church opens at 6pm and Dave will be playing meditative piano music for quiet personal prayer.

Registration not required. *For info, email Debbie at info@saintfrancis.net.*



Walk in Her Sandals

A Women's Connection Program

So far we have reflected upon Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. Coming up this week as our final reflection: *Pentecost*.

Shopping Bags for Catie's Closet

It's not too late to join us — men, couples, families, groups, friends & neighbors. The need is great and this is an easy way to help the children in need served by this impressive non-profit.

Our almsgiving is very simple! Take any shopping bag or jumbo zip lock bag and add these six items (sizes 5 through 16):

- T-shirt — Child/teen toiletry — Pair of shorts, capris, leggings or sweatpants — Pair or package of socks — Package of underwear — Pair of flip flops, slides, sandals or summer shoes

- DROP OFF your shopping bag at the St. Francis trailer on Sat., April 9, 9am to 4pm.

The Women's Connection Committee thanks you for your consideration and generosity. If you have any questions, please email Debbie at info@saintfrancis.net or call the office at 978-452-6611.

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The **second** collections **for APRIL** are as follows:

April 14, Holy Thursday

April 15, Good Friday

April 16 & 17, Clergy Benefit Trust

April 23 & 24, Stability Fund

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of March 19/20	Fiscal Year To Date	Fiscal YTD Aver. Per week
Offertory and Stability Needed	$ 9,173	$348,574	$ 9,173
Actuals Received (mass, mail, online)	$ 8,890	$387,808	$10,205
Shortfall/Overage	- $ 283	+ $ 39,234	+ $ 1,032

With our 2021-22 Faith Formation School year behind us, we would like to take a minute to thank all of our teachers and families for your support. Without you we would not be able to run this incredible program the way we do.

We are still busy with our second graders as we prepare for First Communion that will take place in May. Please keep all of our second graders who are preparing for this sacrament in your prayers.

The St. Francis Stephen Ministry Team

is now accepting applications for new Stephen Ministers.

Training will begin April 21st and take place on Thursday evenings.

The deadline to apply is APRIL 5th!

To receive an application and to have all your questions answered, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

Sharon Coram (shacoram@comcast.net)

Paula Bain (paula_bain5@yahoo.com)

Karen DiBona (karendibona@gmail.com).

"I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister. When we began our caring relationship, I was slowly coming out of the numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear, and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life.

High School Youth Ministry on

GOOD FRIDAY

Calling all high school teens to the church on

April 15th — 9AM-7PM

Breakthrough Youth Ministry will be hosting a day of prayer, service, and fasting.

All teens (grades 9-12) are welcome, even if you haven't attended a meeting previously.

We have reached out to a few other ministries around the church and will be doing tasks to help prep the church for Easter, including cleaning the sanctuary.

We will be signing off on service hours for those who need it.

If you are interested, please use the Signup Genius as we will be serving a meal towards the end of the night and need a headcount.

Sign-up Genius is accessed on our new website:

Select Breakthrough Youth Ministry (under Faith Formation). Hope to see you all there!

Breakthrough Youth Ministry teens make sandwiches for the parish's Homeless Ministry to serve in Lowell.