

October 26, 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi is a Roman Catholic worshipping Community of Faith, dedicated to the concept of putting "Christ first" in our hearts, lives, family and community, with the hope that our world can become a better place and that we can all be made worthy to enter into the Kingdom of God. Our ministry is centered on the Sacraments and our acts of Faith, Hope and Charity.



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**MASS SCHEDULE – Monday – 9:00AM, Tuesday – 6:15PM, Wednesday – Saturday – 9:00AM
Saturday Vigil– 4:00PM, Sunday – 7:30AM & 9:30AM – Holy Day – 5:30 PM**

[Alternative to Abortion – Precious Life Inc. \(814\)269-4391; Domestic Violence Hotline – Victim Services \(814\)288-4961;
Suicide Prevention Hotline – \(814\)535-8531 or 1-877-268-9463; St. Vincent DePaul \(814\)535-8521](#)

Baptism – Parents are expected to be registered members of the Parish and to attend a class for new parents in preparation for the Baptism of their child. It is encouraged that this be done prior to the birth of the child. Please call the Rectory to make early arrangements.

Reconciliation – The Sacrament of God's merciful love and compassion is celebrated Tues at 5:45 PM and Sat 3:15 PM at St. Francis of Assisi. Communal Penance Services – Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick Communal Celebration 2nd Sunday of Advent and 3rd Sunday of Lent.

Marriage in accordance with Diocesan directives, arrangements must be made at least 9 months before the marriage date. All couples are required to attend Diocesan sponsored Pre-Cana sessions and to participate in the FOCCUS inventory. Call the Rectory for information and schedules.

Christian Initiation (OCIA) – Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, as well as those who are interested in learning more about their Catholic Faith, may call the Parish office for more information.

Parish Membership – We are always happy to welcome new parishioners. You may register at the Parish Office. Registration, the practice of stewardship (the regular use of envelopes) and regular participation in the Eucharist indicates active membership and eligibility to act as a Godparent or Sponsor. Your stewardship of time, treasure and talent is essential for the common good and provides a stable income for the Parish, enabling us to prepare a budget.

Ministry to the Sick – If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of Penance or Holy Eucharist please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

First Friday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30AM – 12 Noon followed by Benediction

Rosary Society – First Monday of the Month – 3:00PM in the Church

Men's Club – First Thursday of the Month – 6:30PM in the Activity Center

PARISH OFFICE – Will be closed on Monday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day!

THANK YOU – To all who helped to make our Fish Fry a success! And Thank you to all those who donated Baked Goods for our dessert table! Our Patrons were delighted with it and so it will be a part of all of our future Fish Frys! We appreciate all of the help from our Parishioners and family members throughout the week! Fish Fry Committee



ALL SOULS – If you would like to have a picture of a deceased loved one placed in the Sanctuary area for All Soul's Day, please bring the picture to the Parish Office or the Church. All photos must be received no later than Monday, October 27th. Please include the name of the deceased and your name and phone number with the picture(s) you are bringing.

OUR ANNUAL JOE BARTKO MEMORIAL FOOD DRIVE – Non-perishable food and household items collection for the Joe Bartko Memorial, St. Vincent De Paul Food Kitchen is beginning. Parishioners are asked to share their bounty from God with those less fortunate. Monetary donations will also be accepted and may be placed in the envelope included in the bulletin. Donations should be non-perishable and NO glass containers. Suggested items include canned vegetables, pasta, cereal, tuna, soup, stuffing mix, cake mix, salt, pepper, paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc.). Please use the bag provided in the vestibule for your donations. **The collection will end Sunday, November 23rd.**

THE WEST END IMPROVEMENT GROUP – will host the Annual Basket Party once again, this year it will be a 2 day event, with a walk-through on Saturday, November 1st from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00. Saturday, there will be baked goods for sale, including gobs. Sunday, November 2nd, doors will open at 11:00 AM and drawing will begin at 1:00PM. Tickets are \$10.00 which includes lunch. This year will include qualifiers/pull tabs, in addition to 50/50, Lottery Tree, etc. and over 135 baskets. You do NOT need to be present to win. Please join us at St. Therese Social Hall, 536 Decker Avenue in the West End. Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, gardens, and community projects. Any questions or to donate a basket, please call (814)248-8989 or (814)322-5558.

ST. BENEDICT PARISH BREAKFAST – St. Benedict Parish in Johnstown will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, November 2nd starting at 8:30 AM in the school cafeteria. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the Johnstown St. Vincent de Paul Family Kitchen. **Last seating immediately after 10:30 AM Mass.** MENU: Scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, toast, French Toast, Pancakes, Pumpkin Pancakes (Strawberry and Apple Compote), Sausage Gravy and biscuits And new Egg Muffins (various kinds)! Meal includes choice of coffee, tea, milk (white or chocolate) or juice. COST: Adults \$10.00 - Children 6-12 \$5.00. Children 5 and under are FREE! Immediate family members of four or more \$30. Mastercard and Visa accepted! **And to show the Parish's appreciation for their service, veterans will eat free.**

DONATIONS OF BASKETS OR ITEMS FOR BASKETS NEEDED – Baskets or items for baskets are needed for our Music Bingo prior to November 8th. Donations can be left in Chapel Area of the Church or contact Carolyn at (814)421-6016. Help us make this a huge success!



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The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the month of October for – Special Intentions for two Friends.

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The Blessed Mother Candle will burn for the month of October for Special Intention – From: Kathy Zierer

CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK – Loose – \$86.00; Adults – \$2,734.00; Monthly – \$174.00; Candles – \$83.00; St. Vincent DePaul – \$36.00; All Saints – \$5.00; All Souls – \$30.00; Retired Priest Medical – \$1.00; Solemnity of Mary – \$3.00; Cemetery – \$163.00; Christmas – \$200.00; Donation – \$105.00; Online Giving – \$235.00 – Total Collection – \$3,855.00

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus Teaches His Disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises His listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

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One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. We learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT ST. CLEMENT'S PARISH – Honoring All Who Served!

114 Lindberg Avenue, Saturday, November 8th at 4:00 PM Mass. A Special Liturgy has been planned to celebrate and honor the men and women who have made sacrifices in the name of freedom and democracy. We ask you to pray for all members of the armed forces, especially those who are serving from our parish and hope you will join us in honoring all who have served. Reserved seating will be available for veterans, active military, and their families. We encourage you to wear your uniform or RED, WHITE & BLUE A special collection will be taken up for VETERAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.

ST. CELEMENT PARISH – RAKIN' IN THE CASH GIVE-A-WAY – Take a break from raking leaves and take a chance on a great raffle that gives you 23 chances to win on each ticket! Grand Prize - \$5,000; 2nd & 3rd Prizes - \$1,000; AND...a chance to win 1 of 20 in \$100 Cash Prizes. Top 3 prizes are determined by the First Pick 3 7:00 PM PA Lottery Drawing on Friday, Oct. 31st, 2025. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at St. Clement Rectory, 112 Lindberg Avenue, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM until Wednesday, Oct. 29th or Call 255-4422 for mail delivery.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

James Edward Adams, Kathryn Barczak, James Bauer, Patricia Bauer, Deacon Bruce Becker, Sally Becker, Galynn Brady, Sister Carol Jean Czynnik, Alicia Junghans, Tyler McKinley, Rick McKinley, Rowen Ream, Alexandra Rice, Carly Rice, Doug Rice, Rose Rice, Gary Singel, Betty Spisak, Joanna Stone, Carol Sobecky, Leona Sutt, Joe Torchia, David Watson, Sheila Weppner, Mark Wojno, Nancy Wojno, Faryn Wolff

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SALUTE TO THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND A REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS

May God bless these brave men and women who serve God and Country.

Ensign Adam Guarno, USCG; Master at Arms 2nd Class Izeke W. Pinkas, Fallon, NV; Lt. Col. Joshua P. Higgins, US Army; Lt. Col. Melinda Rován Corallo, Travis Air Force Base, California; PFC; Lance Corporal Jacob Taylor, USMC; Private 1st Class Zack Taylor, US Army; Trista L. Urban, PFC, Army National Guard; Jared N. Dull, HM3, US Navy, Quantico, Va.; Stefanie Kollar, TSgt. Air Force, Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Fr. Don Fullerton, USS Enterprise, Sgt. Bryan Maxwell Porath, Major Aaron Donahey, US Army, Fort Moore, Savannah, GA.; Petty Officer 1st Class Heather L. Dovala, Great Lakes, IL.; Sgt. Jarod Pisarchik, Army National Guard; LCDR Kara Yingling, San Diego; LCDR Shannon Yingling; Tech Sgt. Devon Gilbert, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; Senior Airman Daniel Christner, USAF, 193rd Special Operations Wing; Lt. Col Steven Thomas, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; Major Colin Harrington, US Army, Bethesda, MD; 2nd Lt. Ryan Powers, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; Senior Airman Anthony Rosage, USAF; Fort Gordon, GA; Capt. Kenneth Yacynych, US Army, Fort Hood; SSgt Elliott Mulvehill, USMC, Birmingham, AL.; 1st Lt. Kasey Meredith, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; Cpl. Aunna Yingling, US Army; Petty Officer 2nd Class, Gage Pollino, US Navy; Pvt. 1st Class Daylee Ragno, US Army, E-3 Paratrooper, Fort Bragg, NC; SPC Morgan Rullo, ARNG Camp Buehring, Kuwait; Fr. William Appel, Navy Chaplain; Jonathan McClain, Warrant Officer, U.S. Army, Fort Drum, NY; Tech Sgt. Daniel Bracken; Senior Airman Jeremy Williams
To add a name to our Salute to those in the Military, please call 539-1632. If a person is no longer serving on active or reserve duty, please call the Parish Office to remove his/her name.

A PRAYER FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY: Heavenly Father, inspire those who are overseas for the cause of peace. Send Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the Prince of Peace. Bless the men and women of our military who respond to the needs of peacekeeping. Keep them safe from harm. Let them be models of discipline and courage and bring them home safely to their loved ones. We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

Did you know that it is a custom in Johnstown to wear something RED on Fridays to honor our military?

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PRO LIFE VIGIL - is held weekly on Thursday, at 11:00AM across from the Planned Parenthood on Franklin Street in Johnstown.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION – God our Father, Giver of Life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving Care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your Glory and dwell among Your People. Send us Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death.” Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

