

February 15, 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> 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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 CLOSED - On Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in Observance of President's Day!**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVERS & MINISTERS NEEDED** - We are in need of 1 Server for 9:00AM Mass and 2 Servers & 2 Ministers for 5:30 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. FRANCIS FISH FRY** - St. Francis of Assisi Parish will have a Fish Fry on **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. **A LUNCH SPECIAL** (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, no substitutions) will be offered from **11AM until 1:00PM (Take Out Only)**. The full menu



will be served from 2:00PM - 6:00PM, eat in or take out. Orders for lunch and dinner will be taken from 9:00AM until 1:00PM on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> by calling 814-539-3518. We welcome walk-ins, but strongly suggest that orders be placed in advance. Meals will be served while supplies last. All help is greatly appreciated. **\*\*DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED!!\*\***

**UPCOMING EVENTS** - The St. Francis Fundraising Committee is currently selling a \$10 ticket to go off on **March 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> off the Pa Lottery Daily Evening Number**. Tickets will help defray expenses for the upcoming Music Bingo event in April. Tickets are available before and after Masses. **Music Bingo coming on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Save this date!** More information available soon.



**BISHOP MCCORT AUCTION TICKETS** - Next weekend on February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bishop McCort students will be here at our Parish to sell tickets for their Annual McCort Auction. The online auction opens on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. The Auction Live Broadcast will be on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

**BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION** - In this weekend's Bulletin, there is an envelope for next weekend, February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Black & Indian Mission Collection.

**WAY OF THE CROSS IN THE SHADOWS** - Join us on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm, at St. Clement Church, as we pray these unique stations. Our program uses live portrayers using their shadows to trace Jesus' steps through the streets of Jerusalem to Calvary. You will feel transported back in time and feel present with Jesus on his difficult journey. Begin your Lenten journey with us!

**CONTRIBUTIONS LAST WEEK** - Loose - \$85.00; Adults - \$2,221.00; Monthly - \$160.00; Candles - \$298.00; St. Vincent De Paul - \$25.00; Mandeville - \$15.00; Solemnity of Mary - \$90.00; Initial Offering - \$10.00; Online Giving - \$330.00 - Total Collection - \$3,234.00

**The Blessed Mother Candle will burn for the month of February for Special Intentions From: Kathy Zierer.**

**The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the month of February for - Special Intentions for 2 Dear Friends.**

**The Holy Family Candle will burn for the month of February for - Special Intentions for Margaret & Pansy Scott.**

**The Sacred Heart Candle will burn February 8 - 14 for brothers Matthew Golby & James Golby Jr.**

## **BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does He set His followers free from the Law. He requires His followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the Kingdom He brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the Prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah Who reveals the definitive Will of God. The written Scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the Will of God.

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Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card – or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise in which we participate on an occasional basis. It is meant to be embraced as a way of life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others. In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then will we experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

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**OLYMPIC BOBSLEDDER COMING TO HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG** – On Friday March 20th @ 7:00 PM Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg, will welcome Notre Dame outstanding 3 x pentathlon NCAA Champion and current Olympic bobsledder Jadin O'Brien as our parish Lenten mission leader. She graciously accepted the invitation through the Catholic Speakers Organization. She is a devout Catholic who has shown perseverance through her health struggles and injuries. She is excited about coming to visit our parish and school. Please help spread the word about this upcoming parish mission; also check out her billboard on Route 22. LET'S GO!!!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND**

James Edward Adams, Kathryn Barczak, James Bauer, John Bauer, Patricia Bauer, Deacon Bruce Becker, Sally Becker, Galynn Brady, Elsie Cable, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing; Lt. Col Steven Thomas, USAF, deploying to the Middle East; Major Colin Harrington, US Army, Bethesda, MD; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kasey Meredith, USMC, Camp Lejeune, NC; Cpl. Aunna Yingling, US Army; Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Gage Pollino, US Navy; Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Daylee Ragno, US Army, E-3 Paratrooper, Fort Bragg, NC; SPC Morgan Rullo, ARNG Camp Buehring, Kuwait; Fr. William Appel, Navy Chaplain at Camp Lejeune, NC; 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 – Every Thursday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm we have a prayer vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood office in Johnstown, on Franklin Street. Please join us in prayer to end abortion.**

**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.

