

**Prayers for Healing:** Nathan Williamson, Lona Pool, Sherry Williams, John Dietz, Butch & Dot Schott, Cindy Winstead, Billie June Peeler, Karen Faubion, Doug Schutze, Katie Jones, Melinda Williams Rogers, Daniel Furlow, Kellie Barrett, Iddo Davis, Dale Foster, Will Stanback, Sophia Murray, Ronnie D. Lee, Madeline King, Loren Mays, Robert Wusterbarth, Cindy Galey, Ginger Dees, Georgia Kirton, Sandra Hebert, Brittany Roberts, JoAnn Kling, Gayle Galey, Robert Wickham, The Corkern Family Michelle Smith, Brian Wilson, Ronnie Bowman, Joan Benit Mulvihill, Judy Mulvihill, Paula Gennaro, Kelly Oakman, Darren Smith, Perry Bergeron, Lawrence Duhe, Brenda Keating, Jimmy Terrio, Earl Westfall, Darryl White, Patsy Moak, Caleb Haymes, Laurie Stephens, Rose Loretto, Sandra Westfall, Sarah Patsy Rogers, Benny Rogers, Will Stanback, Clifford Galey, Emile Gennaro, Stanley Morris, Vickie Weathersby Craft, Charlotte Kilpatrick, Mark Nettles, Jack Craig, Skylar Stevenson, Jimmy Cuevas, Trent Hartzog, Tom Young, Ralph Price, Kim Jones, Marie Chipley, Berenda Berry, Alfano Family, Maddox Kimble, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Lenzie Louviere Harris, Jan Gregory, Betty Smith Cummins, Robert White, Wade Tipton, Deanna Shumaker, Norris Acy Jr., Janice Woodward, Racheal Deavenport, Paxton Rushing, Charles Griffin, Bob Weathersby, Cynthia Smith, Phyllis Hobbs, Valerie Hall, Caroline Dunagin, Jo Beth Smith, Dr. Steve Mills, Margaret Weathersby, Doug Johnson, Allison Young, Johnson Boyles, Mary Weathersby, Billy Walker, Barbara Watts, Terri Moak, Kevin Rhoades, Charleen Rush, T.A. Boyd, Mark Malone, Charles & Norris Sears, Ashley & Baby Troups, Andrea Thronson, Pam Price, Robbie Sartin, Norman Ratliff, Ronnie Crosby, Frannie Roy Family, Dianne Artmann, Ledger Smith, B.J. Guidry

**Prayers for the Homebound:** Bill Medor, Bela Nagy, James Howard, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Charles Bennett, Larry Ledet, Lois Muller, Stephanie Gustavson

**Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially:**

Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges, Sgt. Keagan Smith

### For The Sick

O God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



## St. Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church

“Make me an Instrument of Your Peace”

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**April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### Staff

Fr. Manohar Thanugundla, Pastor  
Erin Womack, Secretary & Bookkeeper  
Emily Phillips, DRE  
Angele Bartholomew, Youth Minister

### Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM

### Daily Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
11:50 AM Rosary & 12:10 PM

**Friday,** 7:15 AM Mass & Breakfast

### Benediction

The first weekend of every month.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** 4:30 PM on Saturday & 8:30 AM on Sunday or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano.

**Marriage:** Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano at least six months in advance.

### St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members

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St. Francis Catholic Church Ministry

706 South 1st Street

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We extend a special welcome to all of our visitors. If you are new to the area and have decided to make St. Francis your church family, please pick up a blue registration card in the vestibule of the church, complete the card and place it in the offering basket.

**April 24** Pastoral Council will meet at 6:00 PM.

**April 21 & 28—CYO**  
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will meet from

Altar Flowers are given by  
Donald & Hilda Harrigill  
in honor of  
Shelley's 45th Birthday  
and her 20th Anniversary  
of becoming licensed as a lawyer.

**Happy Birthday!!!**

- Jon-Curtis Curole (20)
- Shelley Barron (21)
- Kristine Foster (21)
- Amy Sorrell (21)
- Brody Smith (21)
- Bentley Britt (21)
- David Goss (22)
- Danielle Revere (23)
- Sandy Wojcik (24)
- Bria Postma (24)
- Sandy Baudoin (25)
- Piper Douchard (25)
- Stacy Granning (26)
- Edie Riley (26)

The **Knights of Columbus** are taking donations for their **White Elephant Sale**. Contact Jim Bonner (601-695-1818) to schedule a time to drop off the items. Stay tuned for a date to be announced for the sale.

If you would like to be a Rosary Leader at Mass, please contact Margaret Weathersby.

Spanish Language Mass

St. Francis will commence a weekly Spanish Language Mass at 6:30 PM on Saturday, May 4. After Mass, I will have a gathering with a light meal in the library. I have included with this bulletin a copy of a Spanish Language Mass invitation letter. I ask that you share this letter with your loved ones, friends, co-workers and others that may be interested in participating in our Spanish Language Eucharistic Celebration.

Fr. Mano

Vietnamese Language Mass

St. Francis will celebrate a Vietnamese Language Mass at 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 12. Thereafter, a Vietnamese Language Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on the first Sunday of each month. After Mass, I will have a gathering with a light meal in the library. In next weeks bulletin, I will include a copy of a Vietnamese Language Mass invitation letter. I ask that you share this letter with your loved ones, friends, co-workers and others that may be interested in participating in our Vietnamese Language Eucharistic Celebration.

Fr. Mano

**TRIVIA** Do we see the resurrection of Jesus as the “end of the story?” He was born, did miracles, was betrayed by a friend, arrested and crucified for our sins. He then rose from the dead. Happy Easter! The end! That is not the end of the awesome story of Christ and His Church. Christ stayed visible for 40 days after His resurrection. Jesus did four things following His resurrection that we would do well to learn from and hear what Christ is saying to us through these actions. Acts 1:1-5 “In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God...”. These verses from Acts gives us a glimpse into what happens after Jesus rose from the dead. We can look at what those actions were and how we can apply them to our own life: 1. Jesus had to prove He was alive. The apostles had seen Him arrested and knew about His suffering and death. They were in hiding. They taught about Him being the Messiah, witnessed His miracles, and believed in Him. This was a damaging blow to their faith and belief in Him. They were afraid and defeated. Jesus appears to them and shows them “**many proofs**” as a way to encourage them, build up their faith again, and to strengthen them for the persecution they would face. Jesus secured their belief that He was, indeed, Jesus Son of God, the Messiah. We must have that encounter with Jesus and that moment of belief. We must allow the proof of the resurrection of Jesus to ignite the fire of our hearts and for us to share the Gospel with others. There is **undisputable** proof that Jesus rose from the dead. 2. He stayed with them for 40 days:.... appearing to them during the 40 days”. The significance of 40 days should not be overlooked. (Recall the temptation of Jesus for 40 days in the wilderness by Satan?) It is intentional. Jesus has just returned to His disciples after being crucified. He has proven to them He has been resurrected and now spends time teaching them. Jesus is not one to waste a moment so we can safely surmise that His teaching was a combination of instructing them, teaching with parables, reminding them of what the Lord has done, and in prayer. He did all of these after His resurrection. He taught them, He proved He rose from the dead, and we can be assured He spent time in prayer, because the disciples immediately went and prayed after his ascension. A.M. Carlson (Continued)

**St. Francis Parish Offertory**

\$6,077.00 in offertory contributions is needed each week to meet the budget.

**April 13 & 14, 2024**

**Regular Offertory**

**Envelopes \$ 3,616.78**  
**Loose Cash \$ 393.45**  
**Total \$4,010.23**

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Please remember to let the church office know when someone can be removed or added to the prayer list.

**THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS CAN NOW BE FOUND ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE HYMNAL.**



Save The Date!!  
St. Francis  
Vacation  
Bible School  
will be July 14-17.

Saint Francis First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 5th at 9:00 AM. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this Holy Sacrament.

- Aisley Beard Jhoson Lopez
- Ariella Beard Willow Lorraine
- Sami Curole William Murray
- Brooke Davis Kolton Nolin
- Vidalia Foster Robert Phillips

Saint Francis Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 11th at 10:30 AM. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this Holy Sacrament.

- Lilliana Baker Eva Mason
- Emma Barrett David Phillips
- Wilson Calcote Braden Revere

Julianna Townsend

The following High School Seniors will be recognized during the 9:00 AM Mass on April 21.

- Marion Baker
- Joseph Postma
- Natalie Womack

Date & Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	Lector & Commentator	Altar Servers	Ushers	Greeters
<b>Saturday April 27 5:00 pm</b>	(H) Gerry Whitman Erica Looney Mary Nettles		L – Joshua Atwater C – Cathy Fuselier	Kenneth Goodrum	David Goss Brandon Bowman	Alice Methvien Beth DeLaughter
<b>Sunday April 28 9:00 am</b>	(H) Aaron Achord Bridget Achord Jennifer Townsend	Eileen	L – Ashley Davis C – Larry Baker	Barrett Womack Jenna Townsend	Patrick Barrett Chad Townsend	M. Weathersby Susan Smith