

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of November 15, 2009

### Sunday, November 15

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
11:00 am – Tom & Joan Gorman & Kathleen Rurak  
(Gorman Family)

### Monday, November 16

NO MASS

### Tuesday, November 17

6:00 pm – For Peace in Our World

### Wednesday, November 18

6:00 pm – Matt Wojcik (Lorri Kuczynski)

### Thursday, November 19

6:00 pm – James Swanson (Tim Dunleavy and Lisa Resch)

### Friday, November 20

6:00 pm – Bernard Conway (Frank Conway)

### Saturday, November 21

NO MASS

### Sunday, November 22

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
11:00 am – Aurelia Klupinski (Ted Klupinski)

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

**Nov 15** – 9 am – Sara Pastore, Matt Pastore  
11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith  
**Nov 22** – 9 am – Phyllis DeVictor, Frank Schneider  
11 am – Vern Troyer, Theri Brady

### Servers

**Nov 15** – 9 am – Christ Paisley  
11 am – Ariana Gremling, Jordan Griffith  
**Nov 22** – 9 am – Susan Kyanko  
11 am – Gillian Gremling, Anthony Bocija

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

**Nov 15** – 9 am – Susan Kyanko; 11 am – Pat Cassidy  
**Nov 22** – 9 am – Frank Conway; 11 am – Jim Gremling

### Lectors

**Nov 15** – 9 am – Dick Wolf, Mary Ann Theado  
11 am – Ben Gibbons, Judy Petrou  
**Nov 22** – 9 am – Lynn Willford, Dennis Smith  
11 am – Jon Murphy, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Nov 15** – 9 am – Mary Ann Kerscher, Dan Kerscher, Carolyn Jurkowitz; 11 am – Gretchen Rivera, Barb Schmitzer, Lori Toczic  
**Nov 22** – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Regina Marcum, Leslie Main; 11 am – Marilyn Smith, Dan Tonneman, Deb Belcastro

**Lector Workbooks Are Ready For Pick-Up.** All lectors are asked to take *Lector Workbooks* and use them in preparation for reading. The books are available in the sacristy.

**THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS** will be celebrated at 9:00 AM, Thursday, November 26. Mass will NOT be celebrated on Thursday evening, Nov. 26 nor on Friday evening, Nov. 27.

## Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

### TODAY, Sunday, November 15

- RCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming, 11 am Mass
- RCIA Reception, following 11 am Mass, hall
- Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, hall

### Wednesday, November 18

- RCIA, 7 pm, hall
- Finance Council, 7 pm, rectory

### Thursday, November 19

- Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm
- Bible Study 7 pm, hall
- Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm, church

### Saturday, November 21

- RCIA, Morning of Reflection, 9 am, church

### Next Sunday, November 22

- RCIA Rite of Reception, 11 am Mass
- RCIA Reception, following 11 am Mass, hall

### Looking Ahead ... Tuesday, November 24

- Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

The season of Advent is right around the corner. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. To help us think about this season of preparation in a new way, we will bring you excerpts from the **ADVENT CONSPIRACY** website ([www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org)) for the next few weeks ...

“Christmas can [still] change the world. The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once upon a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return, looming debt that will take months to pay off, and this empty feeling of missed purposes. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Welcome to Advent Conspiracy.” **The concept behind Advent Conspiracy is simple –**

### Worship Fully / Spend Less / Give More / Love All

This week, our focus is **“Give More** – God's gift to us was a relationship built on love. So it's no wonder why we're drawn to the idea that Christmas should be a time to love our friends and family in the most memorable way possible. Time is the real gift Christmas offers us, and no matter how hard we look, it can't be found at the mall. Time to make a gift that turns into the next family heirloom. Time to write mom a letter. Time to take the kids sledding. Time to bake really good cookies and sing really bad Christmas carols. Time to make love visible through relational giving.” Need some more ideas? Just visit the Advent Conspiracy website and see what others have done to give more during the Advent season. **For example, learn more about “Love Well. Give Wells” ... find out that 1.8 million people die every year from waterborne illnesses, and that a gift of \$10 will give a child clean water for life.**

<http://www.adventconspiracy.org/>

**Congratulations ...** to wedding couple **Eric Frystak and Kristen Manocchio**, who were married here on November 14; and to **Nora Meves Rothrock**, daughter of Diane Meves and Paul Rothrock, and her cousin **Jordyn Renee Lottes**, daughter of John Lottes and Susan Meves Lottes, who were baptized here today.

## Pastoral Reflections ~ for week of November 15, 2009

Yesterday, in our church, Eric & Kristen Frystack, made a commitment for life in marriage. Thereby giving up some basic options. Today, at the 9AM liturgy, four parents presented their two infant children for Baptism, and made a commitment to teach them in the practice of the Christian faith. Thereby giving up some basic options. Today, at the 11AM liturgy, 8 baptized men & women who are not Catholic, and one man who has not been baptized, were formally welcomed to join us in our faith journey. Our welcome is our commitment to support and guide them. Thereby we gave up some basic options. All commitments include the giving up of options. There is a growing fear in our of society of giving up options, thereby a growing fear of marriage, of having children, of having children baptized, of becoming a member of a church. We are encouraged and inspired by those whose faith is greater than that fear; whose love for God and others moves them beyond the false freedom of "keeping all their options open" to the true freedom of commitment. ~ Fr. Ron

## Parish News and Information

### YOUNG NEIGHBORS NEEDED FOR SNOW REMOVAL ...

Anyone who is able and willing to use a snowblower to clear our sidewalks, especially early on Sunday mornings, and to scatter Ice-Melt, for per-job pay, please contact our office. Anyone who knows someone who fits the above description, please contact our office. (614.299.5781; or e-mail: [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org))

Thanks to the 23 parishioners who helped with our BREAD House Meetings by hosting, facilitating and attending one of our 3 House Meetings this year. Everyone is encouraged to attend the **BREAD Annual Assembly, Monday, November 16 at Rhema Christian Center, 2100 Agler Road, Columbus 43224**. Our parish has pledged to bring 30 parishioners to the meeting but the more the merrier. Registration starts at 6:30 pm and people are asked to sit with their congregation. Annual Assembly starts promptly at 7:00 pm. Rides will be offered for those who want to carpool. For those who wish to carpool please plan to meet at the parish hall at 6:00 pm., cars will leave by 6:15 pm. Those who attend the Annual Assembly will vote to select the issue that BREAD will focus on for the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact **Pat Cassidy** with any questions **614.596.5545** or email him at [cassidy.jpatrik@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidy.jpatrik@yahoo.com).

**COLLECTION COUNTING NEWS ...** for our new Sunday collection counting schedule (which will most likely start in the new year), we still need 1 more person for the 1st Sunday, 2 people for the 3rd Sunday, 2 people for the 4th Sunday, and 2 people for the 5th Sunday. Please call **614.299.5781** or email [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org)

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – selection is** Christopher Moore's Lamb (The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal). The discussion gathering will take place on **November 22 after 11:00 am Mass, in the church hall (note location change)**. Questions? Please contact Dee Bruney at 740-881-6324.

**Thanksgiving Basket** lists ... are available in the back of church. Handy "clip and save" size, for carrying in your pocket to the grocery store! Last week, we had 54 requests, and calls are still coming in! Please help if you are able.

## More Parish News and Information

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS ...** Today, at the 11:00 am Mass, we celebrate a combined Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens with catechumen Matt Roberson, who is preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; and the Rite of Welcoming with baptized candidates Adrienne Auker, Tim Burgener, Charlie Caldwell, Jenny Gable, Ryan Kilpatrick, Kerry McGinnis, Sean Morrison and Heather Reichle. Our candidates are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. A reception will be held immediately following mass in the Church hall. Please come and meet our new catechumen and candidates and extend a warm welcome to our parish community.

On Wednesday, November 18, at 6:45 pm in the Church, a Rite of Welcoming will be celebrated with candidates Claire Cahoon and Philip Jones who could not participate in today's Rite. All are invited to join us.

On Sunday, November 22, the Rite of Reception will be celebrated at both Masses. Please pray for the candidates being received: Monica Churchill and Brad Roberts (9:00 Mass); and Kris Howard and Matt Wootton (11:00 Mass). May we take time this coming week to reflect on the journey shared by all Christians of living as baptized followers of Christ. Please join us in the church hall for a reception following both masses.

## Parish Council Meeting Notes (from October)

SFA Parish Council Notes (from October 6, 2009)

- The national St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Society is currently undergoing a restructuring designed to make local SVDP council operations and finances distinct and separate from parish operations and finances. Our own SFA-based SVDP is in a restructuring mode as well. A representative of the regional SVDP will be invited to meet with interested parishioners to determine the function, clientele, and scope of services they will provide.
- SFA staff members have handled the leadership and organizational aspects of the annual Transitus service at SFA on behalf of the Third Order Franciscan community in recent years. Sister Barbara will meet with the Third Order Franciscans to discuss plans to shift these responsibilities back to the Third Order Franciscans in the coming year.
- Two small meeting rooms have been constructed in the church hall to accommodate small groups while other groups are using the main hall. A grant application has been submitted to cover 75% of the constructions costs.
- The SFA Ministry Teams (Welcoming/Engaging/Affirming, Spiritual Life, Social Justice, Buildings and Grounds, and Education) are in the midst of the Tapestry sign-up process.
- B.R.E.A.D. house meetings were held during October, in preparation for the Annual Assembly on November 16.
- Spiritual ministry trainings for lectors, greeters, crucifers, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers will be held in January and February.
- RCIA has 17 enrollees this year.