

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of February 15, 2015

### Sunday, February 15 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

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### Monday, February 16

NO MASS

### Tuesday, February 17

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

### Wednesday, February 18

6:00 pm—For Those In Our RCIA Program

### Thursday, February 19

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

### Friday, February 20

6:00 pm—For Those In Need of Prayers

### Saturday, February 21

NO MASS

### Sunday, February 22 – First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

11:00 am—Parishioners of St Francis of Assisi Parish

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

**Feb 15**—9 am—Katherine Kriedermann, Terry Gatton

11 am—Jackie Emch, Maggie McCoy

**Feb 22**—9 am—Terry Gatton, Frank Conway

11 am—Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith

### Servers

**Feb 15**—9 am—Chris Paisley; 11 am—Pat Cassidy

**Feb 22**—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

**Feb 15**—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—NOT FILLED

**Feb 22**—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Lori Toczorcz

### Lectors

**Feb 15**—9 am—Elise Ryan, Joe Dallacqua

11 am—Diane Meves, Julie Byrne

**Feb 22**—9 am—Linda Wolfe, Sister Sharen

11 am—Ben Gibbons, Susie Sarwark

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Feb 15**—9 am—Joyce Schneider, Frank Schneider, S Hillyer

11 am—Mary Ann Kerscher, Dan Kerscher, Gretchen Rivera

**Feb 22**—9 am—D Kerscher, K Kriedermann, Mary Ann Kerscher

11 am—Jaime Capestany, Diane LeMay, Joanna Nunn

### ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

As has been our practice for many years, the proceeds of our Ash Wednesday collection at both Masses will be contributed to JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs), which operates under Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Columbus. JOIN provides emergency assistance to the poor and vulnerable of

Franklin and surrounding counties in the form of food, prescription help, utilities, infant needs, identification papers, transportations, eyeglasses, burial assistance, senior items, and referrals to other service providers. With this year's brutal winter weather, there is an increase need for help. THANK YOU!

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

### TODAY ... Sunday, February 15

▶ Book Discussion Group, following 11 am Mass

▶ Baptism Workshop, 12:30 pm, Desert Room

### Tuesday, February 17

▶ Monthly Mass at Westminster Thurber, 11 am

▶ Dulcimer Music Group, 7 pm, hall

### Wednesday, February 18

▶ ASH WEDNESDAY, Masses at 12 noon and 6 pm

▶ RCIA meeting, 7 pm, hall

### Thursday, February 19

▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 10:30 am

▶ Choir Practice, 7 pm, choir loft

▶ Finance Council Quarterly Meeting, 7 pm, hall

### LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, February 22

▶ SVDP Sandwiches for homeless, following 9 am Mass

▶ RCIA Reception, following 11 am Mass

▶ SVDP Monthly Meeting, 1 pm, hall

▶ Diocesan Second Collection

*Welcome! To Fr Nicholas Droll (St Andrew Parish), presiding with us at 9 am today, and Fr William DeVille (retired), celebrating at 11 am.*

## Pastoral Council February Meeting Summary

St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Meeting  
February 3, 2015 ... at the February Pastoral Council meeting, the council discussed the following items:

\* Two Masses will be held on Ash Wednesday ... at 12 Noon and 6 p.m.

\* The upcoming World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia from 9-22 through 9-25.

\* Pastoral Council elections will be held in February, with new members joining the council in March. A council retreat will be held in April.

\* The liturgical ministers retreat on Saturday 1-31-15 was a well-attended, thoughtful, and worthwhile experience.

\* 'Journey' theme has been established for the Soup / Supper series, with speakers identified. First speaker will be Fr. Fritz and a member of the Haitian community on February 25, who will speak on emigrating from Haiti and coming to the USA. The Living Stations of the Cross will be held on Wednesday, April 1.

\* Many other plans are in the works for the Lenten liturgical season, for the Easter Vigil celebration, and for Easter church decorating.

\* Plans are also in the works for the spring planting season for the church gardens, the B.R.E.A.D. Nehemiah Action meeting, and for the parish garage sale in June.

*Respectfully submitted ~ John Ryan*



**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** will be held Wednesday evenings after 6 PM Mass in the church hall from February 25 through April 1. **We need volunteers to provide soup and bread, and there is a notebook in the back of church where you can sign up.** Help us continue this wonderful Lenten tradition of a simple meal and prayerful reflections.

## Pastoral Reflection for February 15, 2015

Today, we publish the text which describes our beautiful new Tapestry hanging in the sanctuary ...

"A Tapestry incorporates elements of different colors, textures, and strength and weaves them together to craft a whole new, stronger, more vibrant creation for all to enjoy.

"A Parish can be likened to a tapestry in that the parishioners who come from different backgrounds with varying gifts, talents and availability join together to weave a stronger, more diverse, richer community, one for each member to claim and draw strength from.

"To symbolize this statement, we at St. Francis of Assisi Parish have created our own Tapestry. This work of art and love was created by many parishioners through an open invitation to weave their own thread into the piece. The handmade loom was set up in the church hall and even taken to the annual picnic so many could participate.

"At the center of the tapestry is the Tau Cross. St. Francis used the Tau in his writings, painted it on the walls and doors of the places where he stayed and used it as his only signature on his writings.

"If you look closely, you will see brightly colored rows, ones that are textured, some are made of durable material others of fragile "stuff". There are even a few men's ties. All this is held together by the strong warp cords of our common faith. This represents the diversity of our parish. The fragile are supported by the sturdy. The quiet are balanced by the colorful. The practical are matched by the lighthearted. Together we make up the family of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, a strong community where we strive to know Christ in one another, in Sacred Scripture and in Sacrament."

## Parish News and Information

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RITE OF SENDING

On Sunday, February 22, at the 11:00 Mass, we will celebrate the *Rite of Sending* with our baptized Candidates Sabrina Brown and Jared Holt. They have expressed their desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. On Sunday afternoon, they will gather with Bishop Campbell for the diocesan Rite of the Call to Continuing Conversion. During this rite, the Bishop will recognize the desire of Sabrina, Jared and all the Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist within the Catholic community. **Immediately after the 11:00 Mass, a light reception will be served in the Church hall. Please join us to meet Sabrina and Jared and show your support as they move closer to receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.**

In order to assist Father Fritzner with seasonal liturgies, *beginning with Lent*, the Liturgy Committee was formed. The following individuals serve on this committee: Theri Brady, Pat Cassidy, Barb Finan, Amy Heilmann-Rocco, Jay Jackson, Laurel Marazita, Maggie McCoy, Elise Ryan, and Linda Wolfe.

After considerable discussion, the Liturgy Committee has made the following recommendation to Father Fritzner, which he accepted. Beginning on the first Sunday of Lent, February 22, the announcements will be made *before* the Call to Worship in order to facilitate a more prayerful atmosphere following Communion.

## Parish News and Information



St. Francis' **Drum Circle** will meet tomorrow—Monday February 16— in the church hall at 7 p.m. No drum? No problem! Extra drums are available. Stop by and discover the joy of drumming.

By now you should have received a copy via email of the St. Francis of Assisi **Spring 2015 newsletter**. If you have not, please contact the church office to make sure your email address is accurate. Thank you!

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**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Awarded Grant** ... As you may have heard, we have been blessed to receive a Parish Maintenance & Repair grant in the Focus Grant Cycle distributed by The Catholic Foundation this year. **Our project, Winder Staircase Replacement, was awarded \$3,300.00.** We are proud that the value of our parish is being acknowledged and supported. We are grateful to the donors who contribute to The Catholic Foundation that make these grants possible. Everyone can contribute at any time to the funds for our parish or those used for granting.

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### Pilgrimage Opportunity!



Join internationally known tour guide Fr. Joshua Wagner for a Lenten and Easter Pilgrimage to some of the most beautiful churches in the Diocese of Columbus! "The Seven Church Tour" is a Pilgrimage in your own back yard and this year we are touring the OLDEST Catholic Churches in Ohio, as well as paying tribute to Pope St. John Paul II. This year there are two different Seven Church Tours, one touring the churches in the city of Columbus (and St Francis of Assisi will be part of that tour), and one touring the churches of Zanesville and Perry County! In you want to experience the Diocese of Columbus in a new and exciting way then go to [sevenchurchtour.com](http://sevenchurchtour.com) for more info! [NOTE: Tour dates in which our parish will participate are March 14 and April 11.]