

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of June 28, 2015

Sunday, June 28

9:00 am—Alex Doody and Family (Tom and Hedy Goetz)

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

Monday, June 29

NO MASS

Tuesday, June 30

6:00 pm—For Sick and Homebound Persons

Wednesday, July 1

6:00 pm—For the Unemployed and Under-employed

Thursday, July 2

6:00 pm—For for the Needs of Our Parish

Friday, July 3

6:00 pm—For Peace In Our World

Saturday, July 4

NO MASS

Sunday, July 5

9:00 am—Albert Semmler & Family (Tom and Hedy Goetz)

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

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

June 28—9 am—Terry Gatton, Skip Camerucci

11 am—Therese Brady, Tera Kovar

July 5—9 am—Susan Kyanko, Frank Schneider

11 am—Tera Kovar, Jackie Emch

Servers

June 28—9 am—Steven Hillyer; 11 am—Pat Cassidy

July 5—9 am—John Ryan; 11 am—NOT FILLED

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

June 28—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Lori Toczczic

July 5—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

June 28—9 am—Sister Sharen, Linda Wolfe

11 am—Maggie McCoy, Will Brenner

July 5—9 am—Linda Wolfe, Elise Ryan

11 am—Renee Morkassel, Maryellen O'Shaughnessy

Eucharistic Ministers

June 28—9 am—F Schneider, Joyce Schneider, L Celebrezze

11 am—Mark Coleman, Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith

July 5—9 am—K Kriedermann, Gretchen Rivera, Steven Hillyer

11 am—Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith, Joanna Nunn

Special thanks to Bill Keller, Frank Conway and Pete Sullivan for working tirelessly in the rain last week to mulch the flower beds! And thanks to Steven Hillyer, Frank Conway, and Bill Keller for helping to clean out the west sacristy prior to renovation. In a small parish like ours, jobs don't get accomplished by "miracles" ... but by real parishioners who take the time and effort to make this a wonderful place to worship!

Renovation has begun! We are in the process of renovating the sacristies, so that the west sacristy can become a (more personal, private) reconciliation room. Interest from our Catholic Foundation account, along with special parishioners donations, is helping us achieve this new space.

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, June 28

▶ SFA Book Discussion, after 11 am Mass, hall

▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2-5 pm

Thursday, July 2

▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm

Friday, July 3

▶ Observed Holiday, Independence Day

OFFICE CLOSED

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, July 5

▶ Hospitality Sunday, after each Mass, hall

Monday, July 5

▶ Flytown Men monthly meeting, 6 pm, hall

Note: our custodian will be on vacation this coming week (until July 7), so we ask for your assistance in helping set up and take down after meetings, if needed.

Our Sincere Sympathy ... To Tony O'Brien and his family, on the loss of Tony's father-in-law, William Schulte, who died on June 14, and who resided at Westminster Thurber. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Bishop Ready Honor Roll ... Congratulations to parishioner and Bishop Ready sophomore **Eric Willford** who earned Honor Roll status for the fourth quarter of the recently completed academic year. Eric earned a place on the Distinction List, having earned a grade point average between 3 and 3.32 for the quarter.

Reflection on Sunday Readings ...

June 28, 2015 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24; Ps 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5: 21-43

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul quotes Exodus 16:18: "Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less." On the surface this may seem confusing, but it bears a strong stewardship message for us.

One of the challenges of our society is the tendency to gather and to keep and to measure our success by possessions. Jesus told us over and over in a variety of ways that "possessions" are a major stumbling block in our journey toward holiness.

Stewardship was once defined by a bishop as:

1. Following faithfully
2. Living responsibly
3. Sharing gratefully
4. Possessing loosely

This, in a nutshell, is what it means to be a good steward.

That is the message from St. Paul, as well. As difficult as it may be for us, we need to focus on others in service more than we should try to glorify ourselves through what we may seem to have. In particular we need to focus on the "possess loosely" aspect. That is more than material items, of course. We have a tendency to "hang on" to traditions, people, and other things that we view as "ours." Pope Francis cautions us, "A heart occupied with the desire to possess is a heart full of this desire, but without God."

~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Pastoral Reflection for June 28, 2015

Today's Gospel depicts Jesus in his healing journey. Jairus begs him to heal his daughter. Since he is a respected synagogue official, a Jewish crowd would expect Jesus to respond favorably. While going to Jairus' house, a nameless woman whose life has been defined by hemorrhages pleads her own case, praying, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." But she has the opposite effect on the crowd. By Jewish law, such a flow of blood would render her and anyone she touched ritually unwelcome, isolating her religiously and socially. She risks drawing near to Jesus in a crowd perhaps for the first time in 12 years, believing that discreetly she would get cured. When the woman, now healed, finally approaches Jesus and tells him her story publicly, she receives his blessing. Jesus addresses this woman as "Daughter," and commends her faith. He tells her to "Go in peace and be cured of your affliction," which is translated, "remain healed and whole." Returning to Jairus, his faith is also highlighted in the little girl's healing. "Do not be afraid, just have faith." The woman and Talitha's father are led beyond fear. These two completely hopeless situations are completely reversed. The unexpected happened and death gives way to life. Whatever Jesus touches come alive. Come to him with your own story and you will be cured.

In Christ ~ Fr Fritz

Parish News and Information



GARDEN WATERING SCHEDULE ... A watering schedule is posted at the entrance of the church on the bulletin board in the vestibule. If you can volunteer to water the gardens, please put your name and email on the sign-up sheet. This is a way for you to help maintain the church gardens at a time that's convenient for you! Thanks very much!

Women Affirming Women Volunteer Opportunity

St. Francis of Assisi's St Vincent DePaul group is interested in supporting WAW again this year. **July 22-25, 2015** is this year's Women's Respite weekend.

As the Respite weekend approaches the Team needs volunteers to help make the weekend successful and touch the lives of the participants. Please contact Karen Self [614-837-8588](tel:614-837-8588), or email at karensel@aol.com, if you're able to commitment some time. Thank you.

www.WomenAffirmingWomen.org
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twitter: @Women_A_Women
[linkedin.com/company/women-affirming-women](https://www.linkedin.com/company/women-affirming-women)

A BIG THANK YOU for you most generous support of the **Boutique items**. We are still collecting them, so if you can donate any of the following, boxes are still at the church / hall entrances for ...

Boutique Needs ... Jewelry (earrings, necklaces, rings, bracelets, pins, watches) ... Purses / Handbags ... Belts ... Scarves ... Hats ... Perfume ... Sunglasses ... Flip-flops ... Umbrellas ... And NEW Makeup (lipstick, creams, lotions)

A Prayer from Pope Francis

As a parish who shares a namesake with the Pope, we offer one of Pope Francis' prayers for your reflection, from his recent encyclical "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home"

A Christian prayer in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.
Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,
through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature
in your risen glory.
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany
creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and
care for this world in which we live.



The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.