

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of August 23, 2015

Sunday, August 23

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

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Monday, August 24

NO MASS

Tuesday, August 25

NO MASS

Wednesday, August 26

NO MASS

Thursday, August 27

NO MASS

Friday, August 28

6:00 pm—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Saturday, August 29

NO MASS

Sunday, August 30

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

11:00 am—Bill Scharlott (Fran Scharlott)

Note: No Daily Mass (except Friday) due to priest vacation

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

Aug 23—9 am—VOLUNTEER, Terry Gatton

11 am—Tera Kovar, Sandy Glasner

Aug 30—9 am—Terry Gatton, Ted Klupinski

11 am—Sophia Brown, Sandy Glasner

Servers

Aug 23—9 am—Susan Kyanko; 11 am—Margaret O'Brien

Aug 30—9 am—Frank Conway; 11 am—Fallon O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

Aug 23—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Aug 30—9 am—Bob Geoghegan; 11 am—Julie Byrne

Lectors

Aug 23—9 am—Elise Ryan, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Jon Murphy

Aug 30—9 am—Joe Dallacqua, Linda Wolfe

11 am—Ben Gibbons, Will Brenner

Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 23—9 am—F Schneider, Joyce Schneider, J Rosenfield

11 am—Renee Morkassel, Lori Tocarzic, Mark Coleman

Aug 30—9 am—L Celebrezze, Catherine Damm, Sister Sharen

11 am—Sue Cruickshank, Joanna Nunn, Marilyn Smith



Can you help ?!?!?!?

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 11.

Please contact the parish office if you can help in ANY WAY – large or small – with this fun, food-and-fellowship event. Thank you!

Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

TODAY ... Sunday, August 23

- ▶ Missionary Visit, both Masses
- ▶ Secular Franciscan Order, 2-5 pm, church and hall
- ▶ Laudato Si' encyclical discussion group, 6 pm, hall (all Sunday evenings in Aug; come to one, come to all!)

Monday, August 24

- ▶ SFA St Vincent DePaul monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Tuesday, August 25

- ▶ Stewardship Council, monthly meeting, 7 pm, hall

Thursday, August 27

- ▶ Bible Study at Westminster Thurber, 1:30 pm

Saturday, August 29

- ▶ Stewardship Council "Retreat" from 9 am – 12 noon

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, August 30

- ▶ Concert with Abbie Stands, 3 pm, church (FREE!) (see description on next page)
- ▶ Laudato Si' encyclical discussion group, 6 pm, hall (all Sunday evenings in Aug; come to one, come to all!)

Reflection on Sunday Readings

August 23, 2015 — Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jos 24: 1-2A, 15-18; Ps 34: 2-3, 16-21; Eph 5: 21-32; Jn 6: 60-69

It is reported in the Old Testament Books of Exodus and Numbers that Joshua succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites. In fact, Joshua is explained as Moses' assistant, while Moses himself led the Israelites. Our First Reading today from the Book of Joshua recounts how, under Joshua, the Israelites renewed their Covenant with God.

For those who practice stewardship as a way of life, both renewal and covenant are significant. We speak of conversion in relation to the commitments we make to live as God-centered and loving people. Yet, there are times when it is important to personally renew our promises to God and to make a new covenant with the Lord.

Many parishes have an annual stewardship renewal during which people are given the opportunity to "renew" their involvements in prayer, in ministry, and in giving through the offertory. These "renewals" may involve a commitment or pledge card. This is what has occurred in the Church for centuries. It is vital that we revisit our assurances to the Lord.

As Joshua addresses the people in today's reading, he states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." This quote is relatively familiar in the Christian world. Yet, this is exactly the kind of pledge and covenant each of us needs to make.

~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.

Haitian Labor Day Festival

Join the Haitian Community in this Annual Event
at St Mattheis Catholic Church
1582 Ferris Road in Columbus

Labor Day, Monday, September 7
(afternoon and evening)

Pastoral Reflection for August 23, 2015

Welcome, Fr Tony Burrascano!

Today, we will hold our annual Missionary Co-op Visit, as part of our participation in the Diocesan Missions Office program. This year, we will hear an appeal from **The Augustinian Friars**, a Religious Order in the Church, which was founded in the year 1256. The American Augustinians have served foreign missions for than 100 combined years in Japan and Peru. Rev. Anthony P. Burrascano, O.S.A. is here today, to preside and speak at both Masses. He will share the story of the friars serving the poor and often forgotten of the world. We ask you to share generously of the blessings which God has bestowed on you. Thank you!

Parish News and Information

Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato si' Discussion. There will be a "Sunday School" discussion of the Pope's encyclical on the ecology from 6-7:30 pm on **Sunday evenings**, Aug. 2, 9, 16, and 23 in the church hall. The text is readily available online at <http://w2.vatican.va> or you can pick up a copy at the first meeting. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for all to read the text itself in order to better understand the theological principles on which it rests and its likely impact on our lives. You need not have read the text prior to the first meeting. All are welcome. Please contact Barbara Finan (614-261-8875; finanb@sbcglobal.net) if you would like any additional info about the group or want us to provide a copy of the text for you.

CONGRATULATIONS! We welcome into our family of faith, through the Sacrament of Baptism – **Aria Eve Ciak**, baptized at the 11 am Mass today.



Join us on Sunday, August 30 at 3 pm, for a free concert given by former St Francis of Assisi choral assistant **ABBIE STANDS** – along with a small ensemble of piano and percussion – and the SFA Choir. There will be a free will offering (to raise funds for ministries at SFA). The afternoon promises an uplifting program featuring beloved spirituals, American and Latin jazz standards, and original compositions. Bring your family and friends to this special event!

Parish Financial Update

Our parish Finance Council, after review with the Pastor, Stewardship, and Pastoral Councils, has recommended to the Pastor that we contract with Cunneen, a fundraising company specializing in offertory enhancement. This is a 14-week program which will coincide with our annual "Tapestry" giving program in the Fall. The modest fee for this program is "guaranteed" (if new funds raised are less than the fee, we only pay the amount of new funds raised in the 14-week period). More information will be coming your way soon!



The SVDP donation box at the entrance to the church has been looking a bit empty these past few weeks. People still need food and personal hygiene items in the summer months. When you go to the store, please pick up a few extra items to put in the donation box when you come to church. Food with pop top cans are always needed for the homeless, and peanut butter is always good. Deodorant, shampoo, soap, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, women's hygiene items, and diapers – to name just a few – are always needed. Thank you!



We're getting ready for the start of another year in the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium**. Plans are to welcome new children to this Montessori-based religious education program (for children ages 3-6 years) on Sept 20. Details and registrations forms will be coming soon!

Diocesan and Other Local Information

Are you looking for Bible Study? St. Paul Parish in Westerville is offering **Live The Word** Bible study program taught by Mary Koors, M.A. Theology, Jay Jackson, M.A. Theology, and Deb Sabo, M.A. Theology. **Live The Word** is a two year study that will meet weekly *beginning in mid-September and concluding in mid-May with breaks at Christmas and Easter*. The Old Testament will be covered the first year; the following year the New Testament. Both evening and morning classes will be held. The purpose of the Live the Word Bible Study is to provide students with a better understanding of Sacred Scripture and in doing so, deepen their faith. For a registration flyer, location and dates go to St. Paul Parish website www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org ... on the HOME page scroll down for the short description and link for **Live The Word**.



Mark your calendars! The annual Friends of the Poor Walk that raises funds for the work of St. Vincent de Paul will take place this year on **October 3, 2015**. Plan to join fellow St. Francis of Assisi parishioners in walking in the event, which will once again take place at St. Francis De Sales High School. Or, if walking is not your thing, plan to make a pledge to a parishioner who is taking part. Details on how to do so will be available in upcoming bulletins.

