

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 16, 2016

### Sunday, October 16

9:00 am—In Honor of Dick & Kay Wolf's 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Judy Unger)

11:00 am—For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

### Monday October 17

No Mass

### Tuesday, October 18

11:00 am – Richard Walsh (Don & Rosemary Foley)

### Wednesday, October 19

6:00 pm – For the Needs of our Parish

### Thursday, October 20

6:00 pm – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

### Friday, October 21

6:00 pm – For the Leadership of St. Francis of Assisi

## Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 16 – 9 am – Rick Miller, Lorri Kuczynski

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Andy Randel

October 23 —9 am—Vince Maite, Megan Murphy

11 am – Theri Brady, Jackie Emch

### Servers

October 16 – 9 am—Steve Hillyer 11 am – NOT FILLED

October 23—9 am—Elizabeth Maite, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

### Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 16 – 9 am – Frank Conway 11 am – Lori Toczorcz

October 23—9 am— Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

### Lectors

October 16 – 9 am – Sue Cruickshank, Elise Ryan

11 am –Susan Sarwark, Renee Morkassel

October 23 —9 am—Elise Ryan, Lori Maite

11 am –Ben Gibbons, Julie Byrne

### Eucharistic Ministers

October 16 – 9 am – J. Capestany, L. Wolfe, Sr. Sharen Baldy

11 am – Mark Coleman, Marilyn Smith, Joanna Nunn

October 23 - 9 am—Frank Conway, K. Kriedermann, John Ryan

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Mary Ann Kerscher, Mark Coleman

Gluten "Free"/Low Gluten Hosts...are available for those who wish to receive them. If you would like to receive a low-gluten host at Communion, please notify one of the greeters before Mass. This will allow us to observe and maintain safety protocols for those who are sensitive or allergic to gluten. Any questions? Call the parish office at 614-299-5781 or [office@sfacolumbus.org](mailto:office@sfacolumbus.org) or see one of the Mass Coordinators.

I HAVE BEEN ALL THINGS UNHOLY;  
IF GOD CAN WORK THROUGH ME, HE CAN WORK THROUGH ANYONE.  
ST FRANCIS ASSISI

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

Please check the St. Francis website for the full calendar of events

### Sunday, October 16

▶ 10:00 am – SVDP Sandwiches

▶ 12:00 Book Discussion Group

▶ 1:00 – 4:00 - Directory Photos

### Monday, October 17

▶ 5:00 pm – Restored Citizens SVDP

▶ 7:00 pm – S. Francis Social Justice Group

### Tuesday, October 18

▶ 11:00 am – Westminster Thurber Mass

### Wednesday, October 19

▶ 7:00 - RCIA

### Thursday, October 20

▶ 10:30 am – Westminster Thurber Bible Study

## Parish News and Information

The children's choir will be singing at Christmas Eve mass. Rehearsals for this choir will start in November. We love to see the children participate and to hear their voices! Please contact Laurel Marazita for more information at [lmrazita@hotmail.com](mailto:lmrazita@hotmail.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** A special, combined St. Francis Social Justice Group/BREAD House meeting will be held **on October 17 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall. Come and hear what is happening in all of St. Francis' social justice ministries **and** take part in the annual BREAD House meeting. Come prepared to break bread and share your concerns for our community. Dinner will be provided, so please RSVP to Ben Gibbons at [wendgibbons@yahoo.com](mailto:wendgibbons@yahoo.com) or [614.728.2859](tel:614.728.2859). See you there!

**Calendar/Room Request** – In an effort to streamline the process and avoid conflicts the online calendar is the official church calendar. If you have an event scheduled, please use the room request function on our church website to reserve your space and get your event on the calendar. Only events on the calendar will be considered confirmed events. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanna in the church office.

**Rosary and Fatima Prayers** – One or more ladies from Our Lady of Fatima Home Visitation Program will be here to lead the Rosary and Fatima Prayers before the 6:00 Mass Tuesday – Friday during the month of October. We will begin at 5:30. All are welcome.

**Craft Fair** – It is almost time for our fall craft fair. The fair will be Sunday, November 6 after both Masses. If you would like to participate please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477.

## September Financials

Total Income	\$19,318.22
Total Expenses	\$30,646.33
Net Income	-\$11,328.11

## Next Week's Scripture Readings

Sirach 35:12 – 14, 16 - 18

2 Timothy 4:6 – 8, 16 - 18

Luke 18:9 – 14

## Pastoral Reflection – October 16, 2016

On this 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time we are encouraged to “pray always without becoming weary.” It is not enough to pray just once or twice but all the times. Prayer is not a one-shot deal. This lesson comes from two great examples:

**First**, that of Moses. When he crossed the desert with God’s chosen people (the Israelites), they were attacked by a wild desert tribe (the Amelecites).

Two things happened: a) Moses asked Joshua, to gather the men and to defend the people with swords. b) Then Moses went on the mountain to pray. When Moses’ arms were lifted up in prayer, Joshua and his army had the better part of the fight but whenever Moses tired arms dropped, the enemy advanced. Helped by two men (Hur and Aaron), Moses spent the rest of the days and nights with his hands up in prayer and Joshua won the battle. Moses’ perseverance in prayer brought victory to the Israelite army. The key point of this image is that we certainly need help to fulfill our mission but our success depends always on our assiduous prayers.

**Second**, that of the abused nameless widow- a defenseless woman unable to get justice on her own. She knocked constantly at the door of an unjust and heartless judge. The judge didn’t pay attention to her request whatsoever. Finally, she obtained satisfaction and achieved victory through her perseverance.

These two examples urge us to pray incessantly to never get tired even when no response appears to come from our Father in heaven. If we walk away, we lose. If we keep trying, we will find that eventually our persistence pays off. Perseverance is essential and the prayer of the faithful is continuous. Therefore, pray without ever losing heart, “seek and you will receive, knock and a door will be opened, ask and you will find ...until God’s plan for the kingdom of justice reigns (Mat 7:7).”

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Oct. 5

- The council welcomed new member Brad Roberts to the group and reported that attendance at St. Francis has increased.
- The Social Justice Committee will meet Oct. 17 at 7 pm in the church hall, to be followed by the BREAD house meeting. The annual BREAD assembly will be held Nov. 14 at Christ the King Church. The Creation Care team will meet between Masses on Oct 25.
- Next Sunday, October 9, is the St. Francis picnic, to be held after a special one-time 10 a.m. Mass, and a speaker will talk about Commitment Sunday, to be held Oct 23.
- The Council gave feedback on the price and collection options for recycling and refuse.
- The Council discussed and agreed to have an all parish potluck Christmas party Friday, Jan 6, following the 6 pm Mass.
- The Council discussed ideas on how to include more news about St. Francis activities in the bulletin.

## Second Collection

Next Sunday, October 23 we will take up a second collection for World Mission Sunday. Please come prepared to give as you are able.

## Reflection on the Readings as Stewards

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Weekend of October 15-16, 2016:

If we want to know what Jesus’ parable is about in today’s gospel, it seems that we don’t need to work too hard because Saint Luke tells us right at the beginning: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus’ time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives?

*(Reflection taken from the International Catholic Stewardship Council October 2016 e-bulletin.)*

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St. Francis is a parish that wants to be attentive to your gifts. If you wish to give of your time and talent, but aren’t sure if there’s a group to house your gifts, or are just generally wondering how to use your time and talent, please contact Andy Randel (andy402randel@yahoo.com). She promises to respond within one week. Share with Andy what you “can do” and/or what you “hope to do” within our parish family. Let your light shine for all to see!

At this time, St. Francis would like to update our parish website and maintain an active presence on several social media outlets, especially Facebook. We are in great need of creative individuals who can offer their time and talent in the service of **web design, social media activity, and technological outreach**. If you are this person (or people), please contact Elise Ryan (elonich@gmail.com).

## Thanksgiving Baskets – Drop-off Nov 6-20

Once again this year, our St Vincent dePaul Society is asking the parish to assist in collecting, assembling, and distributing **THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS** for the needy in our neighborhood. We will start accepting drop-off



of baskets on Sunday, Nov 6, and distribution will be Nov 20. Here is the grocery list –

### ITEMS NEEDED FOR ONE (1) BASKET ARE:

- \$20 Gift Certificate from a local grocery store for a turkey, ham, or chicken;
- Box of whipped instant potatoes;
- Can of corn, green beans, and yams;
- Box of stuffing;
- Jell-O Cheesecake mix;
- Loaf of bread, buns, or rolls;
- Roasting pan;
- Reusable (cloth) Grocery Bag; and
- **Anything else you would like to add.**

We are grateful for **all** contributions. Questions? Call the rectory at 614.299.5781.