

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 15, 2017

Sunday, October 15

9:00 am – Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

11:00 am – For the Leadership of St. Francis of Assisi

Monday, October 16

No Mass

Tuesday, October 17

11:00 am – For the Community of Westminster Thurber

Wednesday, October 18

6:00 pm – The Community of Victorian Village

Thursday, October 19

6:00 pm – For the Needs of our Parish

Friday, October 20

6:00 pm – For Those in Need of Prayer

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

Thank you for your willingness to serve to make our Mass Successful

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 15 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – John Nunn, OPEN

October 22 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am - Andy Randel, Theri Brady

Servers

October 15 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Nolan Rothrock

October 22 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am - Nolan Rothrock

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

October 15 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am – OPEN

October 22 – 9 am – Kathy Porter, 11 am - Dan O'Brien

Lectors

October 15 – 9 am – Katherine Kriedermann, Linda Wolfe

11 am – Michel Hindeme, Sue Cruickshank

October 22 – 9 am – Sr. Sharen Baldy, Will Brenner

11 am – Diane Meves, Pat Visel

Eucharistic Ministers

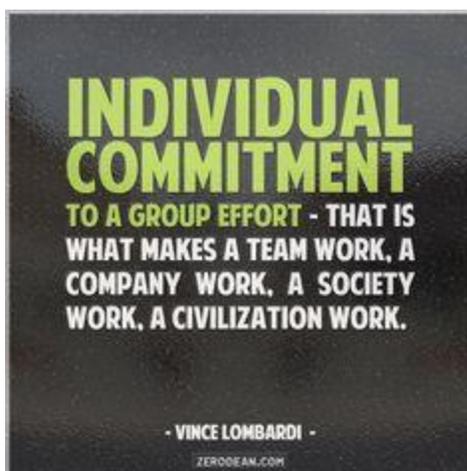
October 15 – 9 am – Emily Matheny, F Schneider, R Morkassel

11 am – ME O'Shaughnessy, Marilyn Smith, Joanna Nunn

October 22 – 9 am – F Conway, Chris Paisley, Sandy Glasner

11 am – Mark Coleman, Lori Tocorzic, Mary Ann Kerscher

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



Calendar of Events at St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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

Sunday, October 15

▶ 12:00 pm – Book Discussion Group

▶ 6:00 pm – Social Justice/BREAD Meeting

Monday, October 16

▶ 5:00 pm – Restored Citizens – SVDP

▶ 7:00 pm – Capital Campaign Team Leader Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

▶ 11:00 am – Mass at Westminster Thurber

▶ 7:00 pm – Leadership Meeting

Wednesday, October 18

▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, October 19

▶ 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Saturday, October 21

▶ 9:00 am – Garden and Grounds clean up

▶ 11:00 am – Private Event – Baptism

Parish News and Information

Fall Craft Fair – There are many gifted and talented individuals in our parish community and this is a chance to show off your talents. This year's Craft Fair will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 5 after both Masses. This event is open to parishioners, as well as family and friends, to set up their own space and share their crafts. There are no table fees, but we do

ask that 10% of all sales be returned to the church to be sent to the St. Francis Center in McArthur. **We already have two new vendors committed for this year!** If you are interested in a space, please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477.

Pope Francis and our parish's mission both call us to do the work of justice in our community. In this month of celebration of the work of St. Francis of Assisi, **please join others from St. Francis this Sunday, Oct. 15 from 6-8 pm** in the church hall to learn about all of the important social justice ministries – from the Creation Care environment team to St. Vincent de Paul to prison ministry/re-entry -- happening at St. Francis. **Dinner will be provided, as well as childcare.**



The second part of the gathering will be the parish's **BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) House meeting.**

This is a great opportunity for parishioners to discuss what issues or needs they'd like to see BREAD work on this coming year. BREAD represents 40 congregations around Columbus and has brought real change to improving affordable housing, health care, job opportunities, safety, education, transportation and mental health for those struggling in our community. Bring your voice and ideas!

Adult Sunday School - Do you have a full grasp of what the Second Vatican Council contributed to the life of the church? With the help of Barb Finan, PhD, we will study some of the central texts that can help us appreciate the vision of the council fathers. We'll be reading A Concise Guide to the



Documents of Vatican II by Edward P. Hannenberg. Our **first session starts Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017 12:30 – 1:30pm in the Parish Hall.** Please read pages 1-25. The documents that Hannenberg discusses can be found online. See you there!

Gospel Reflection ~ October 15, 2017

The parable of the wedding feast is the final of three parables Jesus addressed to the Jewish leaders. He likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a lavish banquet, a motif often associated with heavenly fulfillment. As with the other parables, allegorical interpretation may highlight the significance of the symbols for Jesus' audience, as well as Matthew's.

The king of the parable is God, who has planned a celebration for his Son, Jesus. The servants sent by God are the prophets of Israel. Two times God sends out the invitation, clearly expecting people to come to the feast. The first time, people simply refused. At the second invitation, we hear more specifics about their declining: too distracted, too occupied. Refusing the king for such paltry reasons is bad enough, but the worst is killing the messengers, the prophets sent by God. Enraged, the king punishes those whose actions are tantamount to rebellion. Matthew's audience may see this as a reference to the destruction of Jerusalem.

Still, the feast must go on, so the king invites everyone who can be found – the bad and good alike. The seeming illogic of a man punished for not having a wedding garment when he was just recently pulled off the street reminds us of the allegorical character of the parable: exaggeration, inconsistency, and shocking details nudge us to look for possible symbolism. The wedding garment may indicate righteousness or faith or good works. "Being clothes in Christ" is an early way of describing Baptism. Having no wedding garment suggests someone who initially responded to God's invitation, but did not continue life in Christ. Matthew's audience could well ask themselves if they are living with or without a proper wedding garment.

The final verse summarized the meaning of the parable for Jesus' audience, for Matthew's, and for us. Many (in the biblical idiom, "many" signifies "all") are called by God's widespread invitation. Few, however, choose to accept the invitation, or accept it only partially and temporarily.

Source: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21



Pastoral Council Minutes

- Parish council met Oct 3 to discuss findings of questionnaire on capital campaign.
- There are many events happening this month to celebrate our Feast of St Francis: Pet blessing, parish picnic, Commitment Sunday all month long to engage more parishioners.
- The Amazing Parish questionnaire was briefly discussed to help us focus on our goals for our parish for next year.

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Capital Campaign Overview of Recommendations – "We believe that a capital campaign for St. Francis of Assisi Church, involving individuals and leaders shepherded by Father Fritzner Valcin, could raise \$292,000, over a three-year period to address the needs as currently presented in the preliminary case statement for support. It must be noted that well-communicated details and specifics of the church repairs and restoration projects, and the number of leadership gifts received will significantly impact the success of the campaign. This recommendation is based upon the study's findings and the annual parish offertory and financial records." This is written in the report from the Diocese of Columbus. The full report is available for your review in the Parish Hall.

OCTOBER 29TH IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY! THINK "WE" NOT "I" - Before St. Francis of Assisi died, he told his friars, "I have done my part. May Christ teach you to do yours." Becoming a Disciple in a Ministry on Commitment Sunday offers the opportunity to help our parish community thrive as Francis wanted his community to thrive. Each ministry offers you a time to walk in Christ's footsteps by fulfilling His Gospel message – LOVE. That 1 or 2 hours a year, or a week, can be spent as work **OR** food for your soul.

A Note of Thanks - Thank you for allowing The Humane Society of the United States to participate in your Pet Blessing event. It was a wonderful experience. Again, I enjoyed celebrating our bond of creation with you and the others and look forward to future collaborations with your parish. If St. Francis of Assisi members want to learn more about our puppy mill campaign, please go here: <https://stoppuppymillsohio.com/>



Special Collection Report – On Sunday, October 1 we took up a special collection for Hurricane Irma Relief. You so generously gave \$1095. Thank you for your support. Next Sunday, October 22 we will take up a special collection for World Mission Sunday. Please give as you are able.

Feast of St. Francis Program – Care for Creation. St. Francis of Assisi Church will host the Feast of St. Francis Program on Tuesday, October 24 at 7 pm. All are invited to attend. The Feast of St. Francis celebrates the saint who saw all created beings as his brother or sister. Inspired by this example, there will be a 90-minute program to explore how to better care for God's creation and the poor. The theme is "Befriend the Wolf: Blessing All God's Creation." For questions, contact the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns at [614-241-2540](tel:614-241-2540)

Parishioner Highlight

We would like to start highlighting parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi who give of their time, talent and treasures.

This week, we highlight Jarret Chirafisi. Jarret has been a member at St. Francis for a little over a year. He, along with his wife Erika, came through the RCIA program last year, and was welcomed into the Catholic Community at Easter Vigil. Even though Jarret has only been around here for a short time, he gives so generously of his time. Jarret has been an active member of the Flytown Men's club, a member of our parish cleaning team, a Lector during Mass, and a huge part of our 120th anniversary celebration. Jarret has also given countless hours to help with the Pasta Dinner and will be helping with the upcoming Capital Campaign. Thank you Jarret for your investment and dedication to St. Francis of Assisi. We are blessed to have you and your family apart of our parish community.