

Liturgies and Mass Intentions ~ Week of October 22, 2017

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am – For Our Parishioners in Need of Healing

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

Monday, October 23

No Mass

Tuesday, October 24

6:00 pm – For the First Responders of our Community

Wednesday, October 25

6:00 pm – Joan Randolph (Jack Randolph)

Thursday, October 26

6:00 pm – For the Needs of our Parish

Friday, October 27

6:00 pm – For the Success of the Capital Campaign

Schedule of Sunday Liturgical Ministries

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

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

October 22 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am - Andy Randel, Theri Brady

October 29 – 9 am – Lorri Kuczynski, Jeanna Diederich

11 am – Maryellen O'Shaughnessy, Gretchen Rivera

Servers

October 22 – 9 am – Steve Hillyer, 11 am – Pat Cassidy

October 29 – 9 am – Frank Schneider, 11 am – Gaetan O'Brien

Crucifers (Cross Bearers)

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

October 29 – 9 am – Susan Kyanko, 11 am – Dan O'Brien

Lectors

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

11 am – Sue Cruickshank, Pat Visel

October 29 – 9 am – Cecilia McAdams, Katherine Kriedermann

11 am – Julie Byrne, Gary Snyder

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

October 29 – 9 am – MA Kercher, Rick Miller, Louisa Celebrezze

11 am – Mark Coleman, Sandy Glasner, Marilyn Smith

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 22

- ▶ 12:30 pm – Adult Sunday School
- ▶ 2:00 pm – Secular Franciscan Order

Monday, October 23

- ▶ 7:00 pm – Capital Campaign Steering Meeting
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Saint Vincent dePaul Meeting

Tuesday, October 24

- ▶ 12:00 pm – Flytown Women
- ▶ 7:00 pm – Feast of St. Francis Program

Wednesday, October 25

- ▶ 7:00 pm - RCIA

Thursday, October 26

- ▶ 10:00 am - Bible Study at Westminster Thurber

Saturday, October 28

- ▶ 9:00 am – Garden and Grounds clean up

Parish News and Information

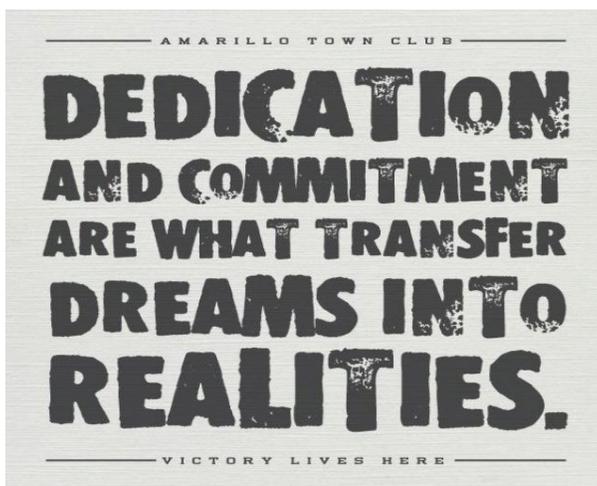
Fall Craft Fair – There are many gifted and talented individuals in our parish community and this is a chance to show off your talents. This year's Craft Fair will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 5 after both Masses. This event is open to parishioners, as well as family and friends, to 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 three new vendors committed for this year!** If you are interested in a space, please contact Amy Knight at 614-251-1477.

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)

Westminster Bible Study - The Bible Study and Faith Sharing group will be moving from Westminster 7th floor to the chapel beginning Thursday, November 2. We continue to meet from 10 to 11. This move will make it easier for people attending from all areas of the community to gather in a central space and one that is dedicated to the spiritual life. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.



Gospel Reflection ~ October 22, 2017

Today's Gospel is the first of four controversies in which Jesus' adversaries question him about topics of Law, belief, and behavior. After Jesus finishes his teaching in parables to some of his harshest opponents, the Pharisees initiate their plotting against him. Their plan is to entrap him; they cleverly decide to bring in the Herodians, those who supported the Romans occupation and system of taxation, which the Pharisees themselves disputed. Jesus would be sure to offend one side or the other when the question of paying taxes to Caesar was at issue. Even more, he could be seen in opposition to Rome, getting himself in trouble as a rebel.

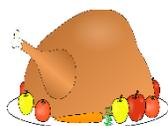
The plan is to so disarm Jesus with flattery so that he just either answer their questions or appear untruthful and acting contrary to his own teaching, but Jesus' immediate response turns the tables. He knows their malice (*poneria*), which motivates them to put on a show. Jesus rightly calls them "hypocrites," since they are playing a part in the drama they set up, pretending to ask a genuine question. When Jesus asks them to show him the coin, he forces them to acknowledge that the coin has the inscription of Caesar on it. Caesar's name on the coin means that the coin must belong to Caesar; paying the tax simply means giving back to him what already belongs to him. Although Jesus doesn't ask them, "Which things belong to God?" we can almost hear it as an unspoken query. What is our own answer to that fundamental question?

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

Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving Bags – Drop Off Oct. 29 – Nov. 12

Our Saint Vincent dePaul Society will be collecting, assembling and distributing Thanksgiving Food Bags for our neighbors in need. We will start accepting drop offs of bags on Sunday, October 29 through Sunday, November 12. Here is the grocery list – **ITEMS NEEDED FOR ONE (1) BAG ARE:**



- \$20 gift card, (preferably to Kroger) for turkey, ham or chicken
- Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Can of corn, green beans and yams
- Box of Stuffing
- No-bake dessert mix
- Reusable Grocery Bag, and
- Anything else you would like to add.

If you are only able to donate a few items, we will gladly accept those. We are grateful for all contributions. Our distribution is Sunday, November 19. We are asking for drop offs of bags and food a week prior so we can be prepared to shop for additional food items for the many requests we receive. Questions? Contact Lorri Kuczynski at lorrik09@gmail.com

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday

Think "WE" not "I". Become a Ministry Disciple after the 9:00 or 11:00 Mass. The Parish Hall is THE place to be on the 29th. Can you feel yourself being called to a deeper commitment and spiritual communion to this community? Come and invest your time, talent and vitality to your parish next Sunday.

First Quarter Financials

Category	Quarterly July-Sept 2017	Quarterly Budget	Fiscal Year To Date	Fiscal YTD Budget
Income:				
Offertory	\$54,822.29	\$54,100.00	\$54,822.29	\$54,100.00
Weddings	\$14,100.00	\$7,500.00	\$14,100.00	\$7,500.00
Gifts/Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Campaign	\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$1000.00	\$0.00
Other Parish Income	\$769.18	\$423.00	\$769.18	\$423.00
Total Income	\$70,751.47	\$62,023.00	\$70,751.47	\$62,023.00
Expenses:				
Salaries/Benefit	\$37,671.23	\$36,086.00	\$37,671.23	\$36,086.00
Office/Rector/Church Supplies	\$4,789.58	\$7,649.00	\$4,789.58	\$7,649.00
Utilities	\$6,875.66	\$5,892.00	\$6,875.66	\$5,892.00
Maintenance Supply/Repairs	\$14,176.33	\$13,996.00	\$14,176.33	\$13,996.00
Parochial School Religious Ed	\$3,575.56	\$5,020.00	\$3,575.56	\$5,020.00
Total Expenses	\$67,088.36	\$68,643.00	\$67,088.36	\$68,643.00
Net Income or (Loss)	\$3,663.11	-\$6,620.00	\$3,663.11	-\$6,620.00

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 Marti Damm! Marti has been an active member at St. Francis for several years and participates in many large events. Marti is the chair for the Parish Garage Sale, which is a huge undertaking. Marti is always planning and working on how to improve the sale, so it will be as profitable as possible. Marti is also the co-chair of the Pasta Dinner. The Pasta Dinner is the other major fundraising event for the parish, and Marti spends countless hours helping to make it successful. You can also find Marti helping out in many other aspects of the church and always doing so with a smile. Thank you, Marti, for your dedication to St. Francis!

Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40



Around the Diocese

ST. MATTHEW HOMETOWN BAZAAR - NOV. 11 - St. Matthew School Home and School Association's annual Hometown Bazaar will be Saturday, November 11, 9 am -3 pm at St. Matthew School, 795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. The Bazaar features handcrafted holiday and traditional decorations, woodcrafts, ceramics, fabric items, prints, floral arrangements, jewelry, wreaths, and more from over 150 vendors!! Visit our Hometown Bakery for all your homemade treats to take home. Our Hometown Café will satisfy your shopping cravings with snacks and lunch food available. Along with all of the wonderful shopping, we have a basket raffle! Test your luck with tickets that fit any budget—\$1 for one or \$5 for six!

Admission is \$3.00 (sorry no strollers). Additional parking with a free shuttle to the Bazaar is available at Gahanna Middle School South, 349 Shady Spring Drive, Gahanna.