



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

After Easter to December 28 ... 4:00pm
January 4 to April 12, 2025 ... 3:00pm & 4:30pm

SUNDAY

After Easter to December 29 - 8:00am & 10:00am
January 5 through Easter Sunday
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday.....8:15 am
Holy Days.....8:15 am & 6:00 pm

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

Monday - Friday 7am-4pm
Saturday 2pm - 5pm
Sunday 7am -11am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Winter - September 4 through May 31
Mon - Fri 9:00am -12:30pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Summer - June 3 through Aug 31
Monday through Friday 9:00am - 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday after Mass 9:00am - 9:15am
After Easter to Dec 29 - Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Jan 4 to April 13 - Saturdays: 2:00pm - 2:30pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings for the Week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15am **HEATHER** by Rita Dunn
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Reading: Proverbs 3:27-34
Gospel: Luke 8:16-18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:15am †**FRANCES BLAIR**
by Carol Locascio
Reading: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Gospel: Luke 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:15am †**FRANCES BLAIR**
by Laurie Solanics
Reading: Proverbs 30:5-9
Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:15am †**GEORGE BURFEIND**
by Mom and Dad
Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:15am **CHRIS AND EILEEN WIRTS**
Saint Vincent DePaul, Priest
Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Gospel: Luke 9:18-22

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)
4:00pm †**COLLEEN HEON**
by John and Mara Alessandro

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00am **FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**
10:00am †**JIMMY KULTUR**
by Jim and Kristy Parent
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reading 1: Numbers 11:25-29
Reading 2: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Gospel Reflection Mark 8:27-35

People often enjoy talking about other people. The disciples, too, gladly tell what other people think of Jesus. Only Peter is bold enough to position himself: "You are not merely some special man, but the Messiah, the Son of God." With this profession, he made a great advance in his life of faith and his relationship with Jesus.

Jesus demands a decision. He who decides for Jesus is unable to continue living simply as he was before, as he would without Jesus. He is taken into the life of Jesus, which entails more suffering as well as more joy.

Jesus tells the Apostles, without pulling any punches, the suffering that he will endure, and they as well. Peter, perhaps thinking that Jesus has gone off the far end, reproaches him. Yet Peter has seminally what he needs to accept this part of Jesus's message: his profession of faith in Jesus, which can lead him to understand the meaning of the suffering that Jesus takes on, and that Peter himself will have to endure.

Jesus is the suffering servant, his suffering and death a sacrifice to redeem his people. It is not, however, his suffering and death *per se*, as a material price, that redeems, but his love, a love that does not reject suffering, when it is necessary.

We frequently need such love in our lives, too. In many situations a way out is possible only at the price of a sacrifice: crises in a relationship, enduring conflicts, fidelity in difficult situations; often it is only love that is ready for sacrifice that can help. To take just one example, to resolve a conflict and realize healing in a wounded relationship, we must often be ready to give up on coming out as the "winner", or even be willing to have just a little bit the feeling of "losing". Genuine reconciliation doesn't have a loser, since both sides are the better for it, but sometimes we still have the feeling of giving something up and in this sense of losing.

How do we stand on the issue of making sacrifices for Jesus, of entering not only into his joy, but his suffering as well? Do we think that as believers, life will be easier and we will have fewer problems, because God solves them for us or doesn't let them arise in the first place? It can happen, particularly at the beginning of the way in faith, that God makes the way attractive, to encourage us, as one may reward a child with sweets. But at some point we must cease to be dependent on these sweets, whether that is interior consolation or providential avoidance of exterior difficulties. The deepest joy in faith isn't found in God's preserving us from all evils and difficulties, but in being united with HIM, even then, indeed especially then, when love calls for a sacrifice.

As gratitude gives our joys a deeper meaning, as a gift from one who loves us, so readiness to sacrifice gives our sufferings a deeper meaning, as being an instrument of salvation in Christ.

In the measure that we make these two fundamental attitudes, gratitude and making sacrifice, "offering them up" for and with Jesus, we will experience the fulfillment of Christ's promise, "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and everything else will be given to you as well." We won't always have everything that we might immediately wish to have, but in what we do have and in what we don't have (or what we suffer), we will find ourselves to be rich in him.

Homily for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle B on September 12, 2018, by Fr. Joseph Bolin, Diocesan Priest of the Archdiocese of Vienna. Brought to you by Penny Fleming, SFOA Communications Coordinator.



Drop food donations at Mass or at the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!



Parish Outreach Food Pantry

**The Parish Outreach Food Pantry
is in need of Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Cereal.**

We have two poor box locations in church, we can take cash or check in the poor box at any time. You may also donate online by going to sfoachurch.com and click **Giving** and then click **Online Giving**.



SAINT PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION

Catholic Street Evangelization Training Workshop

September 28 – Resurrection Parish, Fort Myers

Want to know what authentic, non-confrontational, joyful evangelization looks and sounds like? Then make sure to attend our upcoming workshop with **St. Paul Street Evangelization Vice President Adam Janke** on **Saturday, September 28, 9:00am – 3:30pm**, at **Church of the Resurrection in Fort Myers**. **Mass will be offered at 8:00 am in the parish chapel. There will also be an optional “Live Lab” experience from 4:00 – 5:00pm, giving participants the chance to put into practice what they have just learned.** Saint Paul Street Evangelization is a non-profit, grassroots organization that has mobilized thousands of ordinary Catholics to get out there on the streets to be instruments of God in the salvation of souls. Our one-day Basic Evangelization Training with SPSE is open to all adult parishioners from any Catholic parish. Registration is \$25 and includes light breakfast, lunch and all training materials. You can register online at <http://stpaulse.com/venice>. For additional information, please contact Jim Gontis at gontis@dioceseofvenice.org.



REGISTRATION
stpaulse.com/venice
cost: \$25

BASIC EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

Church of the Resurrection Parish Center
8051 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919

Saturday, September 28

Mass: 8:00AM (chapel)

Training: 9:00AM – 3:30PM

Live Lab: 4:00PM – 5:00PM

Includes:

- Full-Day Evangelization Workshop
- All Workshop Materials
- Light Breakfast and Box Lunch

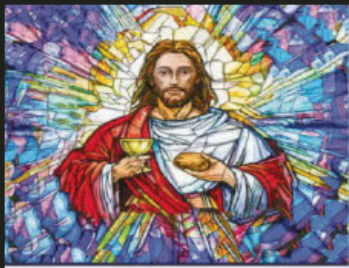
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Questions? Contact: info@stpaulse.com or 657-777-2963



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Catholic Faith Appeal
2024

Catholic Faith Appeal 2024

Raised: \$182,000

Goal: \$219,000

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To donate, use the **blue envelopes in pew** or go to
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A Message from Bishop Dewane



January 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Scripture it is written, "...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (Jm 2:17), affirming that true faith is one of love and generosity. Living according to our faith means doing the good works the Lord calls forth from us - work that glorifies God, demonstrates love for our neighbor, and fulfills our call to serve.

Your contribution towards the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) is a witness of living the Gospel more intentionally by supporting works of Mercy and Charity. Among the programs sustained by the CFA are evangelization initiatives, education for both children and adults in Faith, formation of future priests, and aid for religious sisters who serve those most in need. The CFA also includes funding housing for the homeless, seniors, as well as mothers and their children.

Diocesan ministries and programs funded by the CFA are highlighted in this brochure. It is my hope that you will put your "faith in action" through a generous gift to this year's Catholic Faith Appeal. Your on-going support is needed and deeply appreciated.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your desire to help those among us in need. I assure you of my continued prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida





2024 Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress

The Diocese of Venice will again hold Seven days of Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer, from October 5-11, 2024. The Eucharistic Rosary Congress promotes the mission of the current National Eucharistic Revival, to renew our worship of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to encounter His healing grace. The theme this year is *Do Whatever He Tells you*, Mary's last utterance in all of Scripture. These words (Jn. 2:5) were spoken by our Blessed Mother to the servants at the Wedding Feast at Cana.

This year, St. Francis of Assisi will again participate. We will have 24 hours of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning with 8:15 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, October 8 and completing with Mass on Wednesday, October 9. We have been asked by Bishop Dewane to pray the Rosary once per hour with the stated intention of defeating Florida Amendment 4. We will need a minimum of two Adorers per hour, but the more the merrier. Sign up is available electronically from the Parish website or at the Main entry to the Church. Contact Beth Hammond for more information.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Women's Guild
5265 Placida Road, Grove City • Parish Center • 941-697-4899 ext. 6

Thrifty Treasures and Boutique Sale



WEDNESDAY • Oct 23 • Drop Off 9am to 3pm

THURSDAY • Oct 24 • Drop Off 9am to 1pm

THURSDAY EARLY BIRD SALE \$5 entry 3pm to 5pm

FRIDAY Oct 25 • Regular SALE 9am to 2pm

SATURDAY, Oct 26

BROWN BAG SALE \$5 9am to 12 noon

PLEASE NOTE:

Unfortunately, we cannot accept mattresses or large furniture.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

These are the VOLUNTEER hours that need to be filled.

TUESDAY. Oct. 22 • 10:00am to 2pm Setup

WEDNESDAY Oct 23 • 8:30am to 3pm Setup/Price

THURSDAY Oct 24 • 8:30am to 1pm Setup/Price

THURSDAY Oct 24 EARLY BIRD SALE

2:30pm to 5:30pm

FRIDAY Oct 25 • 8:30 am to 2pm SALE

SATURDAY Oct 26 BROWN BAG SALE

8:30 am to 12 noon (cleanup 12-2)

CONTACT: *women's guild 941-697-4899 ext, 6;
ckmitch1@aol.com; kathy6150@aol.com;
with days & hours available*



OCIA: Come and See

- Do you recognize a need for spirituality in your life and are looking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and wonder if God is calling you to the Catholic Church?
- Are you a baptized Catholic but never celebrated Confirmation and/or Holy Communion.

The OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is the process through which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil every year. Teaching begins October 3, and continues every Thursday, 5:30pm – 6:30pm or October 4 and continues every Friday, 9:15am – 10:15am in Room 1.

For more information, please contact
Jim Brantner in the Parish Office, 941-697-4899.

Our doors are open!
**Is God inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him
through the Catholic Faith?**



*Saint Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church*

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
AT 3:00 PM**



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Knights of Columbus 7672 - Installation of Officer's September 9, 2024



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(not pictured)
Three Year Trustee- Albert Losacano
Lecturer- Giuseppe Crispino
Deacon- Robert Godlewsky
District Deputy- Dr. Richard Zahn (not a council officer) He presided over the Installation of Officers Ceremony.

Knights of Columbus Council 7672



Father Michael Cottrell Council @ St. Francis of Assisi

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values in a changing world.

Our Knights of Columbus Council #7672 is conducting a membership drive at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church after all Masses on 12 and 13 October 2024. Brother knights will be available before/after all Masses to answer questions and assist with joining.

If you cannot visit with us those days and still wish to get additional information about joining, please visit our website at <https://www.sfoachurch.com/about-2> and click on the "Join Us" button.

Ladies Auxiliary for the Knights of Columbus

Calling all ladies of the Parish!

Would you like to be a part of a group of women dedicated to working alongside the Knights of Columbus in carrying out their parish and community service work?

As the Ladies Auxiliary, we assist with the monthly pancake breakfasts from Oct thru May and take part in various activities throughout the year. We are also involved in our own parish and community service work.

We meet once a month Sept thru May. Dues are \$8.00/year. The only requirement for membership is a desire to serve God through our parish and community involvement.

If interested, please contact Diane Jeleniewski at Jelen.diane@gmail.com for more information.

Ministry Week for Saint Francis of Assisi Church

	Start	End	Event - Location
Mon Sept 23	7:50am	9:00am	Rosary/Mass/Anointing/Chaplet - Church
	9:00am	10:00am	Parish Stewardship Ministry - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Rosary Makers - Room 6
	11:45am	12:30pm	Lectio Divina Gospel Prayer - Church
Tues Sept 24	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	8:50am	9:50am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration - Church
	9:50am	10:00am	Benediction - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Women's Bible Study - Parish Conference Room
	5:30pm	6:45pm	Religious Education (K-8) - Parish Center
Wed Sept 25	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
	7:00pm	8:00pm	AA - Parish Hall
Thurs Sept 26	7:00am	8:00am	That Man is You! - Parish Center
	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:00am	9:15am	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	1:00pm	3:00pm	Hooks and Needles - Parish Conference Rooms
Friday Sept 27	7:50am	8:45am	Rosary/Mass - Church
	9:15am	11:30am	Parish Outreach Ministry - Parish Center
Sat Sept 28			Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion
	3:00pm	3:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Church
	4:00pm	5:00pm	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
Sun Sept 29	8:00am	9:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church
	10:00am	11:00am	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - Church

The prayer of Saint Michael will be said at the conclusion of all Masses until election day to help ensure the defeat of Amendment 4.



Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen



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"I CAN WALK BAREFOOT ON THE BEACH AGAIN"

Local acupuncture clinic is treating the untreatable, peripheral neuropathy with incredible results!

Pain comes in many shapes and sizes. One of the most debilitating being the burning and tingling that comes with peripheral neuropathy. A disease that comes with years of shooting, stabbing pain that gradually ends in numbness, balance problems, and on occasion, amputations. A disease that was once classified as irreparable.

David R. of Venice, FL was facing such a fate.

"I stopped golfing. I wasn't taking walks on the beach with my wife. I was living on gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went; my doctor, the specialists, the pain institute, told me there was no cure. How are you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and suffering?"

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet.

This causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

Most peripheral neuropathy sufferers experience a heightened sensitivity to touch making it almost impossible for those diagnosed to even wear shoes, much less enjoy life.

"It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner," shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

That is until he found Lauren Milligan of Sage Point Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine. Dr. Milligan and her staff have pioneered a cutting edge, medical solution to treat neuropathy, eliminate or greatly reduce its symptoms and give people their lives back. Best of all, they're doing it without the use of prescription medications and invasive surgeries.

"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged

nerves, preventing them from dying off," tells Dr. Milligan. "We take our treatments a step further by integrating ATP Resonance BioTherapy which targets specific nerves in the body using microcurrent. ATP therapy is like watering a plant. This treatment will stimulate the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair."

Three months later David is thrilled with his progress, "I can walk barefoot on the beach again!"

Success stories like David's are not atypical for the staff at Sage Point AIM. "We have a 87% success rate in treating neuropathy," shares Dr. Milligan.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed

neurological and vascular evaluation. So long as you have not sustained more than 90% nerve damage Sage Point AIM offers hope where there once was none.

While David's peripheral neuropathy was idiopathic, meaning the cause is unknown, Dr. Milligan's treatments can also help people whose neuropathy is caused by diabetes or chemotherapy.

"We have seen tremendous success in treating neuropathy of all types through very personalized treatments, specifically tailored to treat each individual case."

To schedule a consultation and complete evaluation call (941) 451-8154 but do so quickly because Sage Point AIM is taking a limited number of new neuropathy patients.

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