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**June 5, 2022 – Pentecost Sunday**



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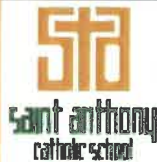


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## MASSES:

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**

**Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM**

*10:30 am Sunday and daily Masses are  
live-streamed on our YouTube channel  
and our Facebook page.*

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Monday-Friday: 7:00 AM**

**Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 6:30 PM**

## R.C.I.A.

**Wednesday: 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
New inquirers welcome year round.

## ROSARY:

**Thursday: 6:40 AM**

## ADORATION:

**Thursday: 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 6:30 PM

## RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM & by request**

Pentecost Sunday, Year C, June 5, 2022

## From the Desk of Fr. Albeen

**THE SPIRIT'S ACTIVE POWER:** The mystery of the Trinity refers to one God in three persons. We frequently acknowledge Jesus as "the second person of the Trinity," but referring also to the Spirit as a "person" comes less naturally. In religious art, the Holy Spirit often appears as a dove or, as in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, tongues of fire. Much rarer are images of the Spirit as a "person" in recognizable human form. Today's readings do not settle the issue of how to picture the Spirit, but they certainly give shape to the Spirit's active power in the world and in each human heart. In Acts, the Spirit enables people to speak and understand a variety of languages. St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians praises the Spirit for all kinds of spiritual gifts, services, and "workings." Finally, in St. John's Gospel, Jesus calls the Spirit our Advocate and our divine teacher.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

### Tuesday, June 7

1:30-5:00 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer for VBS in the FLC.

### Wednesday, June 8

10:00 am Martha and Mary SCC in St. Clare Hall.

6:30 pm **No** Choir Practice.

### Thursday, June 9

10:00-1:00 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer for VBS in the FLC.

12:00 pm VBS youth volunteer meeting.

5:00 pm Adoration in the Daily Chapel.

6:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the Daily Chapel.

## Seeking Director of Music Ministries

**Salaried Full-Time:** 32-40 work week with benefits include: basic medical and the option for dental, vision, voluntary life insurance, disability insurance and 401(k).

Reports directly to the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Madison MS.

**Position Summary:** Develop and lead worship music ministry for our church, in consultation with pastor and other team members, in a manner consistent with mission, values, and liturgical theology of the Catholic Church.

### Qualifications:

- Practicing Catholic preferred
- Knowledge of Catholic liturgy and sacred music
- A degree in music education, music performance or equivalent experience
- Enthusiastic with good verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to actively engage the congregation during worship through music

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Work with pastor to coordinate and plan music for all parish liturgies and worship services throughout the year
- Continually prepare and train cantors, musicians, and choir members for parish liturgies and worship services
- Recruit and encourage musicians, both vocal and instrumental, within the congregation and promote the music program
- Conduct regular, weekly preferred, choir rehearsals: adult, youth, and occasionally children
- Attend all weekend Holy Masses (Saturday vigil 5pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm).
- Participate in weekly parish staff meetings
- Work with liturgy committee regarding logistics for special Masses (Christmas, Palm Sunday, Triduum, Easter vigil, Easter Sunday, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, etc.)
- Provide musical direction and accompaniment for special services, such as weddings and funerals - this may be necessary on short notice and include meetings with families and other church ministers
- Attend regional pastoral musician events when possible and network with the diocesan office of liturgy and other parish music ministers for ideas & questions
- Develop, plan and execute other special liturgical music events within the community, i.e., The Live Way of the Cross
- Prepare other musical activities as directed by the pastor

Qualified and interested send resume and other supporting documents to the pastor. Email: [albeen.vatti@stfrancismadison.org](mailto:albeen.vatti@stfrancismadison.org)



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## Parish Religious Education

*Behold, children are a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3*

- ✓ **Join The Jesus Expedition VBS, June 20-23, 9 am-Noon!** Register explorers who are entering Pre-K 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> grades for this exciting adventure by June 12 at <https://forms.gle/hWZdX9iBndEupdEaA>.
- ✓ **To be able to offer VBS as planned, volunteers are still needed!** We must have **2 more co-teachers and 4 assistants.** Also needed are several decorators, 1 music program co-leader, check-in/ check-out supervisors, and several kitchen crew members daily. (Instructions, lesson plans, and guidance will be provided.)
- ✓ **Artisan's Expedition Creative Arts Camp** for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders is now open for registration! Please register by June 12 at <https://forms.gle/9MyPpNDieeng9AQd8>
- ✓ An adult or college-age co-leader/assistant is needed to help with supervision and projects.
- ✓ **Many snacks are needed** to feed the hungry explorers! Please sign up on the lists at the VBS table in the church to donate items. Non-perishable items can be brought to the FLC kitchen weekdays, 9 am- 4:30 pm by June 17 and perishables/ refrigerated food on Sunday, June 19, 8 am-6:00 pm.
- ✓ **May we borrow** any of these items for decorations and props? Electric kids' jeeps, Pop-up camping tents, canopy tents, wall maps, globes, old luggage, stuffed / toy animals / decorations from the regions of a South American rain forest (sloth, toucan, parrot, snake, alligator/ croc, artificial greenery & plants, grass skirts, bamboo), Antarctica (penguin, seal, batting, packing peanuts), Egypt (camel, cobra, costumes) Himalayan Mountains (snow leopard, red panda, eagle, hiking gear). Also needed are empty paper towel rolls and toilet tissue rolls. Bring items to the FLC, 8:30 am-4:30 pm weekdays, please.
- ✓ We can only hold VBS with *your* help! Please contact Mary Catherine at [mc.george@stfrancismadison.org](mailto:mc.george@stfrancismadison.org) or mark how you can help on the registration form if you can help in any of the ways listed.
- ✓ **First Communion children's banners** can be picked up from the "green room" in the church. Pictures should be in soon!

## 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Teen and Youth Ministry:

- ✓ **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers for VBS (June 20-23)** are needed to decorate & prepare supplies in the FLC **this Tuesday, 1:30-5 pm** and **Thursday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm**. Assistants are needed during VBS. A **VBS youth volunteer meeting** will be held **this Wednesday, 5:30-6:00 pm** for all youth who will be helping in any way during VBS. Volunteers, please complete the volunteer sign up form at <https://forms.gle/rCz75pD9rVb812fy6>.

## Offertory Contributions

Weekly Goal:	\$30,000.00
Collection Basket	\$11,813.00
Children's Offering	\$ 92.55
Online	\$ 3,877.50
Total	\$15,783.05

SUNDAY OFFERING



### Second Collection:

Teach Our Faith, St. Anthony School Tuition Assistance, June 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>.

Peter's Pence, June 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>. A worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

In the book "Becoming Catholic" by David Yamane, he studied the reasons people enter an RCIA program. Did you know 72% of respondents say their family was the main reason they joined the Catholic Church? Many express it was a direct invitation from a family member that prompted their entry to the RCIA program. If you have a spouse or other family member who has expressed interest or attends Mass with you, maybe it is time to extend an invitation. Did you know that some of the members of RCIA have expressed their emotions with tears after taking the true body and blood of Christ? Information about the RCIA program can be found on the St. Francis Parish website or by calling the church office at 601-856-5556.



### BAPTISM CLASS

A Baptism class is scheduled  
next Sunday, June 12 at 3:30 pm in St. Clare Hall  
for all parents who want to Baptize their child.

**NOTE:** Baptism classes are every other month.  
Please call the church office to register.

### Calling all 5th & 6th grade Boys!!



The Jr Bruin tackle football team is looking for additional players to add to the roster for the 2022 fall season! Practices start in late July and games are late August through early October. If interested, please email for info at [athletics@stanthonyeagles.org](mailto:athletics@stanthonyeagles.org).



In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust

**Daniel O'Beirne**

Brother of our parishioners Noreen Bozeman & Pat Rogers.  
Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Let perpetual light shine upon him**

**May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen**



This weekend flowers are in memory of

**Tena Pellegrine**

**by Louis Pellegrine**

**In life and death we belong to the Lord. Romans 8:38-39**



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11;  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;  
Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10;  
Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;  
Jn 16:12-15

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Jun. 4** 5:00 PM **VIGIL MASS**  
Mass SI - Beth Gaston

**Sun., Jun. 5** 8:00 AM **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
9:10 AM Mass SI - Hilma Rosa Moncada  
10:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine (+) Calvin Hopper  
5:00 PM Mass Church | Live Streamed Mass  
Mass (+) Peter Louis Mertz Jr.

**Mon., Jun. 6** 7:00 AM **MEMORIAL DAY**  
Mass (+) Bill Davenport

**Tue., Jun. 7** 7:00 AM **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
8:30 AM Mass (+) Joseph Gandolini  
Mass - St. Catherine  
(+) William Stanford Luckett

**Wed., Jun. 8** 7:00 AM **ST. JUSTIN**  
Mass (+) Tena Pellegrine

**Thurs., Jun. 9** 7:00 AM **ST. MARCELLINUS**  
8:30 AM Mass (+) Berna Silva  
8:30 AM Mass - St. Catherine  
(+) Mary Louise Atkinson  
5:00 PM Adoration in the Daily Chapel  
6:30 PM Prayer of the Divine Mercy

**Fri., Jun. 10** 7:00 AM **ST. CHARLES LWANGA**  
8:30 AM Mass (+) Mary Claire & Roger Barrett  
Mass - St. Catherine (+) Thomas East  
(+) Praying for Deceased SI Praying for Special Intention



### PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Revell Patterson, Mark Vincent,  
Christopher Hanneke, Brian Flaherty,  
Will Walenta, Garrett Kennedy,  
and Caroline Grace Smith.

Thank you for protecting our country.  
May the Lord keep you safe.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR Healing

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*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*

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June 2022

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## One Minute Meditations

### Take your rightful place

As a baptized Catholic, your parish is your home by right.

As such, you have the right to a seat at your parish table.



You take it when you attend weekend Mass, and seek peace from sacraments such as the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Holy Matrimony.

### Times change; God doesn't

The Bible tells of countless times when God gave his people victory in otherwise hopeless circumstances, provided for them when they had no resources, and guided them in their decisions. God is ready to work as powerfully for you.

*"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4).*



## God waits for our "Yes"

God loves us and wants us to be happy with Him in Heaven forever, but He won't force Himself on us. Out of respect for our free will, God asks that we cooperate with His grace to save us, but leaves it up to us to say, "Yes!"

**Cultivate your faith.** The better we know our Catholic Faith the easier it is to know how to live it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes all major teachings of the Catholic Church. Read an article in it each day and learn a new term from the glossary weekly. Then, there will be no guessing about what Catholics believe.

**Keep your conscience in shape.**

A well-formed conscience signals us when a choice is virtuous (good) or sinful (bad). Review what the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes require. Meditate on the examples of Jesus and Mary in the Gospels and how your behavior compares.

**Stay close to the Sacraments.** Through the Sacraments we directly encounter Christ. Attend Confession monthly and Mass at least weekly. This is the best way to stay close to God and His Heart.

**Perform Works of Mercy.** God uses these opportunities to conform us more fully to Christ. Find ways to serve your parish in time, resources, or gifts. It is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift (Matthew 25:40).



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics use the different titles when we address the clergy?

After Jesus ascended, the Church grew so quickly that the spiritual needs of the Christian community demanded a global hierarchy of clergy to minister to them while maintaining the unity of the Faith. In response, the Apostles ordained deacons to assist so they could

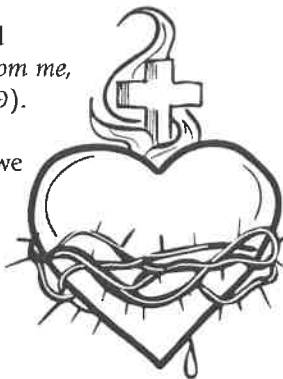


focus on liturgy (Acts 6:2-4). Today, there are different titles for different roles and levels of authority. For example, we are most likely to encounter priests ("Father"), deacons, and bishops ("Your Excellency," or "Your Grace").

## Three invaluable lessons from the Sacred Heart devotion

Attaining holiness can seem overwhelming and complicated, but Jesus makes it simple: *“Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart”* (Matthew 11:29). Follow the lessons of His Sacred Heart.

**Focus on Jesus.** We often get in trouble when we lose sight of who Jesus is (God) and how much He loves us. Actually, God is always close and loves us with an infinite, intense, burning love. Keep an image of the Sacred Heart nearby for when you feel discouraged or disconnected from Him.



**Give Him your “Yes.”** Instead of relying on your own strength and strategy, consecrate yourself to Jesus’ Sacred Heart and let Him form and direct you. He is patient, gentle, and knows what we can handle. Say “Yes” to whatever He asks.

**“Love is not loved!”** Jesus wants our love but is often rejected by our sins. Love Jesus for those who won’t. Spend time with Him and thank Him for what He’s done for you. Offer Him your sufferings for a soul in need.

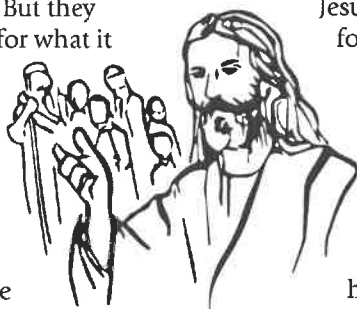
### from Scripture

### Luke 9:51-62, the cost of discipleship

Jesus’ listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and professed eagerness to follow him. But they weren’t always prepared for what it took to be a true disciple.

In this Gospel passage, a young man asked to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that He had no home and none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. Jesus warned that it wouldn’t always be comfortable to follow him.

The timing wasn’t right for the second man. He promised to follow Jesus but



said he needed to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. In truth, Jesus sets the priorities we follow. Our duty is to obey. Finally, Jesus used the example of plowing a field to make His point. If you look back while plowing it can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be His disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But He promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.

### Q Why are there & different lists of Apostles?

Ever wonder why there seem to be different Apostles in different Gospels? For instance, there’s a “Judas, not the Iscariot” at the Last Supper (John 14:22) who isn’t mentioned anywhere else.



Likewise, Nathanael, who asked *“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”* (John 1:46), is absent in the other Gospels.

Usually, the difference is because some of the Apostles had two names. For example, St. Matthew the tax collector, before joining Jesus, is “Levi” (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27). The “other” Judas is called Thaddaeus. Nathanael is in the other Gospels, too, but under his Jewish surname, Bartholomew (Bar-Tolomai, “son of Tolomai”).

Considering that half of the Twelve Apostles would have shared a name with another Apostle, some may have changed names to avoid confusion, e.g. Judas-not-the-Iscariot changing his name to Thaddaeus. All these differences show that the Apostles, who came from diverse backgrounds, were called for one mission of building up the Kingdom. Likewise, God calls us to build up the Kingdom, and gives each an important role in it.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 4 – St. Francis Caracciolo (1608).** St. Francis was born in the Abruzzo region in Italy. He went on to found the Minor Clerks Regular with St. John Adorno. The Order was approved in 1588, and St. Francis became its superior for life.

**June 6 – Mary, Mother of the Church (2018).** On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

**June 19 – Corpus Christi Sunday.**

On this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

**June 23 – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (1st century).** Before St. John was born, his father, Zechariah received a message from the angel Gabriel foretelling his birth. His doubt was punished by his being struck speechless until John’s birth.



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