

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

AUGUST 23, 2026

“ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ”



21st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 16:18-19

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday & Thurs. 8:30 am St. Francis

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4 pm St. Joseph's
6:00 pm St. Francis - July 4—Labor Day
Sunday | 8:30 am St. Francis
10:30 am St. Joseph's

Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's
Sunday | 8:00 am St Francis
Or by appointment

PASTORAL STAFF

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's, are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

Trustees

SJ
Sheila Bleyl
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SF
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ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (August 22)

Stephanie Pischel by Joan Raven
Theresa Ferguson by Pat & Rick Fallis

Sunday (August 23)

Theresa Ferguson by the Jankowski Family
Wanda Marie Daly by Bernie Brooks
Carmie Repka by Sandra Smarup
Mary Della Posta by her Family

Monday (Aug. 24) Fr. Francis Gunn Anniv.

Friday (August 28) Parish Family of SJ

Saturday (August 29)

Theresa Ferguson by Irene Czelusniak
Wanda Marie Daly by Roberta Dombrowski
Verna Downs by Tom & Mary Ellen Downs

Sunday (August 30)

Paul Ippolito by Joe & Barb Trimarchi
Wanda Marie Daly by Sandra Smarup
George Gallagher
by Mr & Mrs. Donald Mellenback



*The Sanctuary Lamp
which burns
continuously in
the sanctuary
reminding us of
the presence of
Jesus in the
Tabernacle can be
memorialized for
your loved one.*

*This week the candle
is burning for
Lucy Wilcox*



ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (August 22)

Mike McGill by Laura McGill

Sunday (August 23)

Lenny Forgette by Ann Forgette

Tuesday (August 25)

Fr. Francis Gunn by SF Parish Family

Thurs. (August 27)

Parish Family of St. Francis

Saturday (August 29)

Marge Christman by The John Christman
Family

Sunday (August 30)

Parish Family of St. Francis

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY: Today we hear Jesus challenge his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" he asks them, after asking them what others say. Saint Peter responds at once, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We are the disciples who Jesus challenges now. How do we answer this question? As we encounter him here today and receive him in the Eucharist, let us think of who Jesus is for us.

GOSPEL MEDITATION— The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "**Who do you say that I am?**" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus. *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

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St. Monica's feast day is this Thursday, August 27.

St. Augustine's feast day is this Friday, August 28.

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,

Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry.

Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings.

Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

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St. Joseph

Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & would like to receive communion at home or in the hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them. St. Francis' office, 863-4736 St. Joseph's office, 883-3774

Catholic Home Missions collection this weekend.

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St. Joseph's Parish Census form: Please help us update our parish records. You may have moved, changed your phone number or email, gotten married, or have a new family member. We would appreciate it if you would take the time today to fill out the enclosed form, even if there are no changes, and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Thank you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
Each Wednesday-SF 2 pm Prayer Group, John Paul II Hall - (No Prayer Group Wednesday, August 26)
July 4 to Labor Day - SF Saturday Mass 6 pm
This Fri., August 28, SF, Fashion Show, 7:00 pm
Sun., Sept. 20, Faith Formation Classes Begin
Sat., Oct. 10, SF—Annual Craft Fair
* Save the Dates* - July 16, 17, 18, 2027 St. Joseph Festival

Faith Formation Class Schedule 2026-2027

September 20, 27	October 4,18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	December 6, 13, 20
January 3, 10, 24, 31	February 7, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21	April 4, 11, 18, 25

Mass as a class at St. Joseph's: September 27, October 18, November 15, December 13, January 10, February 21, March 14, and April 25.

If you would like to help as a catechist, or have any questions, please call Bonnie Aldi at the parish office or email her at religion.sfnjsb@yahoo.com

The Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration: Couples marking a special wedding anniversary are invited to attend this celebration on Sunday, September 27, at 3 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Bishop Mark will celebrate the Liturgy and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall after Mass, with an opportunity for photos with each couple. Please register through the parish office or you may email Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org. **Deadline is September 20.**

*"Remember where your treasure is,
your heart is also." Mathew 6:21*

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Aug. 2	SJ 4:00 / 10:30	SF 6:00/8:30
Attendance	69 /114	47/175
Contribution	\$1,311.00 / \$950.00	\$175.00 / \$1,831.00
7/27—7/31 E-Giving	\$ 228.10	\$ 76.35
Votive Candles	\$.00	\$ 134.00

St. Francis

We are seeking a dedicated and energetic part-time **Church Custodian and Handyman** to maintain the cleanliness, safety, and overall appearance of our church facilities. Working hours are primarily 9:00am - 1:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday. We are looking for an individual that is reliable, punctual, has strong adherence to schedule and proactive communicator. Please apply in person during office hours, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays.

St. Francis of Assisi's Prayer Group will not meet next Wednesday, August 26.

Fall Preview Fashion Show

by 'Just Because Boutique' **this Friday, August 28, at 7:00 pm in the John Paul II Hall.** Come see the latest fashions and accessories for the Fall.  Donation is \$10 at the door. Refreshments provided. Take a chance on the Raffles. Hosted by St. Francis' Rosary Society.

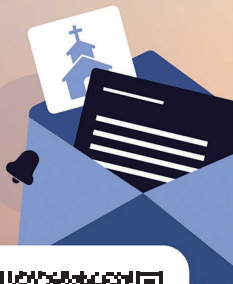
CRAFT FAIR

Please keep **Saturday, Oct. 10**, open on your calendars for St. Francis' "Annual Craft Fair"! We need your help! We will need crafts, raffle baskets, and new, or like-new items to help raise money for our church. Please call Carmen Durkin (518) 213-3536 or text (518) 335-5472. We are also in need of helpers during the sale. Please consider volunteering an hour or two on that day. Thank you.

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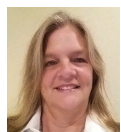
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