

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Fr. Juan Areiza, Pastor

Third Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

Refreshing Your Soul Right here at St. Francis of Assisi

Spanish Parish Retreat (Mar 7-9 pm) with Fr. Ivo from Mexico City, secretary of the Pontifical Mission Society. Fr. Juan will give us the details.

Vigil Project Concert (Mar 11 @6 pm) Sunday evening of witness, worship and song with Vigil Project, a Catholic praise and worship band from Louisiana, A MUST this during this season of Lent. Bring a friend!

Halfway through Lent We are halfway through Lent. How is it going? Have you made it to a daily Mass yet? Maintained your fast? Given money and time to the needy? Yes? Yes? YES? God bless you!

“Lent summons us, and enables us,
to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly
and in every aspect of our life.”

Pope Francis message for Lent 2018

Worship at St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Schedule

Sat/Sun: 4:30 PM/ 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM Sp.

Daily Mass: Mon to Sat: 9:00 AM

Adoration: Mon to Fri: 9:45 – 12:00 PM

Reconciliation: Sat: 3:30-4:15 or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS: 10-4:30 Mon-Thurs

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Priest in Residence: Fr. Richard Wise

Deacons: Dcn. Larry Casey, Dcn. Paul Dietz,
Dcn. John McGuire, Dcn. John Barone



Journey to the Foot of the Cross Learning to Love Like Him

Be patient with yourself.

When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

Reach out in charity.

As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

Learn to love like Christ.

Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love to like him. *Bishop David L. Ricken, Green Bay, WI*

MASS INTENTIONS this week

Third Sunday of Lent

(Mar 4 - Mar 10, 2018)

Sat	4:30 p	†	Departed Bonsey Family <i>by Debbie Sprigs</i>
Sun	8:30 a	†	Jerry Albers <i>by Dorothy Albers</i>
Sun	11:00 a	L	Savannah Lyon <i>by Lyon Family</i>
Sun	1:00 p		People of St. Francis <i>by Fr. Juan</i>
9a	Mon	L	Joanna McConnell (SI) <i>by Judy Supinie</i>
9a	Tue		Leaders of America <i>by Grizio Family</i>
9a	Wed	†	Arthur /Carol Breslin <i>by Marge Breslin</i>
9a	Thu	L	Judy O'Bryan <i>by Betty Mendenhall</i>
9a	Fri	†	Mary Massey <i>by Tim Massey</i>
9a	Sat	†	Luke Balchunas <i>by Merry Balchunas</i>
11 a	Sat	†	Marianne Shaputis Funeral <i>Parishioners welcome.</i>
4:30p	Sat	†	Bob/Betty Bond <i>by Betty Mendenhall</i>



We are privileged to have The VIGIL PROECT at St. Francis next Sunday evening (Mar 11 @ 6 pm) for a Lenten Night of Worship. Great Christian Music – you will come away spiritually refreshed. Free admission.



Luke Porter	Wayne Weibe
Joan Tufford	Dell O'Neill
Afra Beggy	Roseanne Danchy
Tarah Burrell	Maureen Wilson
Martha Brown	Thomas Biddle
Jo Schilling	Linda Bernhardt

SIMPLE SUPPER HOSTS

- March 9 – Franciscans (OSF)/Wednesday Prayer Group
- Mar 16 – Finance Council & Parish Council
- Mar 23 – Evangelization & Young Adult

THIRTY-HOUR ADORATION

March 23 -24th from 9:30 am until 4 pm Saturday
We keep company with our Lord while the blessed sacrament is exposed on the altar. Sign-up sheet out this week.



ST. PATRICK DAY DINNER DANCE

March 17, 2018 @ 6 pm

You don't want to miss the St. Patrick Day Dinner Dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$13 ea. 2/\$25. Music, Food, Fellowship. BYOB.



February 25, 2018

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Second Collection

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the repose of the soul
of

Jerry Albers

requested by

Dorothy Albers

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<https://app.flocknote.com/StFrancisblairsville>

Parish Mission Statement: Grounded in the gospel of faith, bonded as a Catholic Eucharistic Community, committed to walk as Jesus did, united we reach out to one another in love, extend our hand to all in need, and worship in a spirit of reverence and celebration.

Parish News

Funeral for Marianne Shaputis – Sat, Mar 10 @ 11 am. Marianne Shaputis, parishioner, who died January 4, 2018 at Clay County Care Center, will be buried in St. Clare Garden following the Funeral Mass on Sat. March 10th. Marianne was very active in the parish. Reception will follow in Marian Hall. Side dishes would be appreciated for the reception.



March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph and the day of our parish penance service. Yes. We have embraced the disciplines of Lent (prayer, fasting, giving) and now we celebrate God's mercy. 7 pm.



Calling all grandmothers/moms/dads to help supply candy and plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt On April 1st. Candy must be individually wrapped and fit in an egg or the office staff will eat it. Forewarned.

How Your Donations to St. Vincent de Paul Help the Needy of our Community

Living on the Edge of Poverty

Many of our client's income are in the poverty level or just slightly above it. This season we have had an extremely cold winter with temperatures being 10 to 15 degrees below normal over a 3-month period. Many of our clients heat with either propane or heat pump. We are seeing power bills 50% higher than a year ago and many more propane request. The demand for these two sources of heat has set many clients far in the red.

Two main charities in the area are SVdP and Hope House, working closely together to aid as many clients as possible. Even with all our efforts many clients are just scrapping by "robbing Peter to pay Paul". In the bible it advises us to embrace a life of poverty, it is a lot easier when you make the conscious decision to do so and not be forced into it. Our interviews always end with prayer and the clients are so grateful for the help received that it brings tears to all. We live in a religious area where GOD is easily acknowledged thanked.

SVdP thanks GOD for sending our chapter the wonderful people of this church. You are making a difference.

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

CAMINO A LA LIBERTAD

La mayoría de nosotros, si nos preguntaran "¿Aparece la frase 'Los diez mandamientos' en la Biblia?" daríamos la respuesta errónea, pues la respuesta es "no". "Los diez mandamientos" es una frase post-bíblica, que se desarrolló junto con una imagen de Dios como 'policía' la cual no se encuentra en el pasaje de hoy del libro del Éxodo. La primera frase es clave: Dios es el que nos sacó de la esclavitud; cumplir las leyes o mandamientos de Dios es nuestro camino a la libertad. Los cambistas a quienes Jesús echó del templo no estaban violando ninguno de los mandamientos, pero tampoco estaban ayudando a la gente a encontrar el camino hacia la libertad de Dios cuando llegaban al Templo a rezar. Esta es una lección de la Cuaresma importante para nosotros. Tenemos que dejar de preguntarnos si estamos o no violando alguna regla o reglamento específico, y en cambio examinar nuestra vida para ver si verdaderamente estamos siguiendo un camino hacia la libertad de Dios por medio de Cristo.

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RECORDAR

A la gente le hace falta más frecuentemente que se le recuerde a que se le informe.

—Samuel Johnson

TRAER LA PAZ

Guarda primero la paz en ti mismo, y después podrás traer la paz a los demás.

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