

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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Pastor's Study

On this Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. After thirty-three years on this Earth, Jesus returns to the divine place from which He had come. In doing so, Jesus is teaching us the meaning of life and of death.

People of every age and every place have wondered about life after death. "Where are my loved ones?" "What will happen to me?"

Jesus talks of Heaven in many ways. He calls Heaven the "kingdom of God". Jesus tells of this place of peace and innocence, of love and joy. Just imagine a whole nation where there is no anger, greed, selfishness, jealousy, hatred, or sin. To prepare for living in this kingdom, we live our Christian life on Earth. Each day we strive to become the heavenly woman, the heavenly man. As much as Heaven is a place, it is also the person we have become while we were on Earth.

Jesus refers to Heaven as 'my Father's house'. If you were blessed to grow up in a Christian home with a loving mother and father and family, you know what this means. A house with love within it is a home. Home is the place you can be fully yourself. Where you are comfortable without anxiety, joyful in your laughter, thoughtful of all those around, welcoming to all.

When I think of those many people in my life now gone from Earth, I think of the beautiful hymn "I'm Just Going Home".

Mass Schedule:

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Sundays at 8:30 am

Sundays at 11:00 am

Sundays on Facebook at 11:00 am

Confession – Saturdays at 4:30 pm

Rectory Office hours:

Monday – closed

Tues – Fri – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Thur	May 20	8:15 am	Guy Yackway
Sat	May 22	5:00 pm	James and Edith Loretta by Marie and grandchildren
Sun	May 23	8:30 am	Rae Grubler by Jack and Sarah Palmer
Sun	May 23	11:00 am	Dr. David Puderbaugh
Sun	May 23	11:00 am	[online Mass] Intentions of the people of the parish

Remember in your prayers...

We lift up those who are sick & those who have asked for our prayers: Peter Anania, Joan Anania, Mary Berry, Sandie Bowen, Mary Berentes, Cyndy Brown, Dolores Buhl, Rudy C. (child), Jim Carey, Eddie Carper, Suzanne Carte, Charles Chandler, Gina Crist, Bertha DeLuca, Dominic (child), Polly Downey, Mary Downing, Louise and George Elliott, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Jose Flores, Deborah Garrett, Robin Gothard, Anthony Graham, Wanda Graham, Dewayne Harris, Tara Harrison, David Harwood, Aubrie Hebb, John Hebb, Laurie Hebb, Carolyn Holstein, Jim Hudson, Larry Hudson, Mary Ellen Hughes, Bud Humphreys, Chris Fletcher, Linda Fletcher, Charlotte Jensen, Jim Johnson, Dawna Kessler, Charles Lacy, Larry Lerosse, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Mike & Sue Martin, Brent Marstellar, Claudia McDonald, Janet McDowell, Karah McKinney, Mary McNeely, Mason Jeffrey Metrie, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Larry Meeks, Dayna Miller, Sue Miller, Lucas Mitchell (child), Mark Moreland, Cheryl Morgan, Leandra Morlan, Dwight Morris, Barbara Murray, Marie Nelson, Sarah Newcomb, Ed Parrish, Harrison Patronik, Jamie Peterson, Walter Pinkerton, Cindy Powers, John Radochio, Angie Ransom, Chuck Ratcliff, Shirley Rectenwald, Amber Rinehart, Angelo Ritson, Susan Robinson, Jensen Rogers, Jim Rose, Eddie Rowan, Jim Ruch, John & Pat Ruddle, Ann Russell, Lee Santiago, Lee Sargent, Scarlett (baby), Pat Scates, Mary Catherine Seli, Mark Shoemaker, Bob Smith, Chuck Smith, Jean Smith, Teresa Smith, Joseph Swanson, Patrick Thompson, Charlie Truitt, Colleen Ullmer, Dorothy Valley, Monica Watkins, Judy Watson, Stan White, Roberta VanHorn, Nancy Vannatter, Pat Vannatter, Robbie Vannatter..

Please join us in prayer as we ask for God's guidance & protection of our military men & women serving in dangerous combat areas of the world: "Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, especially those associated with Saint Francis of Assisi parish."

Matthew Todd Bacchus, Nick Bowen, Christopher Patrick Brown, Justin Cartmill, Robert & William Cremering,

Nicholas Fletcher, Bill & Mike Hebb, Daniel Huffman, Will Knox, Brian Zachary Miller

Immediate prayer needs:

Haidi Moussa

Marie Nelson

Benny & Mary McNeely

Nancy & Robby Vannatter

Carolyn Holstein

Jim Carey

Jensen Rogers

Patrick Thompson

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