

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm English, 7:30pm Spanish

Sunday: 9:00am English

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 6:30pm - 7:15pm

Friday: 9:30am - 10:30am

Saturday: 3:45pm - 4:15pm & 6:45pm - 7:15pm

Sunday: 8:15am - 8:45am

Sunday, November 3, 2024 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31



For anointing of the sick, receiving the Eucharist while homebound/in the hospital, hearing of your confession, or special prayers and/or visit from Father, please contact the church office. For pastoral emergencies after business hours, please use the Emergency Line, 336-246-9151, ext 7.

St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery: Plots are available for purchase during office hours. Payment in full is required at purchase. Prices are: \$750/per full size plot; \$250/per urn size plot.



Flocknote is a way of getting information out to the parish. Stay informed about parish news, schedule changes or cancelations by connecting with us on Flocknote. To be added, text SFA1 to 84576, visit stfrancisofassisi59.flocknote.com, or email the office.



Would you rather give online? Visit the St. Francis of Assisi website at <http://stfrancisofassisi-jefferson.org/> and click on the **Online Giving** tile located in the middle of the home page. For a one-time donation you do not need to use the Sign Up or Log In buttons located in the upper right hand corner of the screen. For recurring donations folks are asked to create an account and sign up.

WELCOME

Father Jacob Mlakar, Pastor

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Susan Smith 336-246-9151, ext 2

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Joánne Kuszaj — Chairperson 336-982-3054

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Faith Formation:

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Home Bound Ministers:

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Parish Commissions & Committees

Commission Chairperson:

Liturgy/Worship — Vickie Herman 336-877-5656

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Baptism Prep Class, Spanish:

Jose Juan Robles 336-977-4612

Bulletin Deadline:

Items for the bulletin must be submitted to the Church Office before 12:00pm on Wednesday.



Interested in joining the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family? We'd love to have you!

Registration forms are available in the vestibule or from the Church Office.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 3

7:45am - Benediction
8:15am - Confessions
8:30am - Rosary
9:00am - Mass, English
12:30pm - BINGO
5:30pm - Youth Faith Formation

Monday, November 4

9:00am - Cleaning of the Church
7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

Tuesday, November 5

12:00pm - Mass, English
6:00pm - Knights of Columbus Council Meeting
5:30pm - Adoration with Confessions
6:15pm - Vespers, Spanish
6:45pm - Mass, Spanish

Wednesday, November 6

10:00am - Book Discussion Group
12:00pm - Mass, English
3:15pm - Tutoring (Youth Faith Formation)

Thursday, November 7

7:30pm - Spanish Choir Practice

Friday, November 8

9:00am - Mass, English
9:30am - Adoration with Confessions
10:15am - Benediction
7:00pm - Young Adults for Christ

Saturday, November 9

12:00pm - Quinceañera Class
3:45pm - Confessions
4:30pm - Mass, English
6:45pm - Confessions
7:00pm - Rosary
7:30pm - Mass, Spanish

Sunday, November 10

8:15am - Confessions
8:30am - Rosary
9:00am - Mass, English
10:00am - Spanish Baptismal Prep Class
10:00am - Thanksgiving Dinner Planning Meeting
5:30pm - Youth Faith Formation



The office will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our newest Catholic parishioners, Jennifer Hardy and Bobby Todd!

After completing their study of the Catholic Faith, Jennifer and Bobby received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the All Souls Day Mass on November 1.

The Altar flowers this weekend were donated by **Cindy & Barry Appleby** in honor of the recovery efforts in Ashe County.

Mass Schedule and Readings

Monday, November 4, No Mass

Scripture: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Luke 14:12-14, or Rom 12:3-13; Ps 89:2-5, 21-22, 25, 27; John 10:11-16

Tuesday, November 5, 12:00pm (English)

Mass Intention: Nabuko Heard+

Scripture: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; John 6:37-40

Wednesday, November 6, 12:00pm (English)

Scripture: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 7, No Mass

Scripture: Phil 3:3-8; Ps 105:2-7; Luke 15:1-10

Friday, November 8, 9:00am (English)

Scripture: Phil 3:17--4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, Nov. 9, 4:30pm (English) & 7:30pm (Spanish)

Mass Intention: Ann Wall+ (4:30pm Mass)

Mass Intention: Juan Carlos Aguirre+ (7:30pm Mass)

Scripture: Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Sunday, November 10, 9:00am (English)

Mass Intention: Parish Community

Scripture: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 or Mark 12:41-44

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 4:30pm

Greeter: Pat C.

Lector: *Tassanee W. **James W.

EMHC: Jim F.

Ushers: Jim & Kathy L.

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 9:00am

Greeter: Pam J.

Lector: *Vickie H. **Denise B. *Rosary:* Denise B.

EMHC: Jeannie T.

Ushers: Richard B. & Luis de la C.

Altar Linens: Nov. 8: Lila W.

Nov. 15: Evelyn R.



Parishioners, Family Members and Friends in

need of Special Prayer: Lynn Marie Gregor, Patrick Fulkerson, Refugio Calvillo, Patrick Bieber, Martha Esser, Carol Phillips, Renae Fountain, Michael Showfety, Herman Metzler, Terry Hix, Teresa Dohr, Tony Maglione, Jerry White, Wayne Chattaway, Marlies Laghlimi, Aya Laghlimi. May God bless you!



Thanksgiving Dinner: The Parish is sponsoring a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for those parishioners who will not have family in the area to celebrate the Holiday. Both eat-in & take-away service will be provided. However, the number of parishioners that can be accommodated is limited. **If you would like to attend, please sign up on the form in the Vestibule by November 24th.** There is no charge for the dinner. You may also register via email at stfrancis@skybest.com.

Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner. Please come to a short meeting at 10:00am on November 10th. If you can help but can't attend the meeting, contact Joann Cox at 919-621-0852 or joanncox76@gmail.com.

Financial Figures

Offertory October 27:	\$ 3,598.00
Offertory received in October:	\$ 15,818.00
Offertory needed in October:	\$ 20,652.00
Rectory Fund October 27:	\$ 1,077.00
Rectory Fund received in October:	\$ 2,522.00
Mortgage goal needed each month:	\$ 4,442.07
Rectory debt (as of October 16, 2024):	\$365,322.36

Upcoming Second Collections

Seminarian Education:	November 3
Rectory Fund:	November 10 & 17
Catholic Campaign for Human Development:	Nov. 24

Parishioners are strongly encouraged to mail in their offertory or use the online giving option located on the church website as bills still need to be paid.

Checks can be mailed to the following address:
P.O. Box 634, Jefferson, NC 28640

Your support is greatly appreciated.


The 2024 Priests' Retirement Benefits Appeal

Our Fair Share:	\$7,436.00
Amount Given:	\$4,893.00
Amount Needed:	\$2,543.00

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024 "One Body in Christ," is the theme of the 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA). Currently, we are at 92% of \$26,695.00, our fair share of the 2024 DSA. If each family gives \$75, our Parish will meet its obligation. Thank you for your generosity. Pledge envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule, or gifts can be given online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa.

The 2024 Diocesan Support Appeal

Our Fair Share:	\$26,695.00
Amount Given & Pledged:	\$24,667.14
Amount Needed:	\$2,027.86
Number of Donors:	54

 **All Souls Envelopes are available in the vestibule.** If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered in all the Masses during the month of November, please legibly print their name(s) on the envelope and place it in the white Office box located on the wall just outside of the office wing downstairs. All envelopes turned in after this weekend will be added to the envelopes that are placed on the altar during the entire month of November.

 **Join Father Jacob in November for our Book Discussion Group** as we discuss *Saved in Hope (Spe Salvi)* by Pope Benedict XVI.

Schedule:

November 6 at 10:00am: Read paragraph Nos. 1-31
November 20 at 10:00am: Read paragraph Nos. 32-50

ISBN: 978-1586172510, also available for free online (see the printed Fall Book Club Schedule available in the Narthex).



Class meets this weekend - Sunday, November 3 at 5:30pm

Students & Parents: Make sure you get Fr. Jacob to sign your Mass attendance sheet and bring it to each class. The remaining Fall schedule is:

November 3 & 10: 5:30-7:00pm

For questions or additional information, please contact Joáinne Kuszaj at 336-982-3054 or jkuszaj@gmail.com.



Bingo at St. Francis of Assisi! Sunday, November 3rd at 12:30pm.

Veteran players - bring a new friend and get half price on your admission! **New players** - bring a friend and get half price admission!

Admission is \$20.

Come enjoy a fun time while also supporting our Parish.

For more information, email:

knightscouncil16839bingo@gmail.com



Successful Food Drive for Ashe Harvest Ministries!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the parish's recent food drive for Ashe Harvest Ministries. Your thoughtful planning, hard work, and generous donations—both food and financial—made a meaningful impact! Several parish volunteers helped load and unload the van, sort and store food, box items for families, and assist with distributions. As we move into winter, Ashe Harvest Ministries is well supplied with food and, in addition to its monthly distribution to needy families, will be opening its pantry several days a week. In the early days of the hurricane aftermath, Ashe Harvest Ministries also shared food and cleaning supplies with the Creston food pantry which had been flooded. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. ...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:34, 40). If you are interested in

helping with our parish Community Outreach, call or text Janine Boudreau 980-228-0406.

Christmas Gift Project: We are continuing to take sign-ups for the red tags for the **Ashe County Children's Christmas Project (ACCCP)**. Tags for ACCCP will be available after November 4.



We are also participating in the **Project STAR program for the Senior Citizens.**

Sign up forms for ACCCP and Project STAR are in the Vestibule. See the Bulletin handout for more information. Monetary donations are also accepted. If interested in helping with this project, contact Joáinne Kuszaj at jkuszaj@gmail.com.

Hurricane Relief: How You Can Get Help

If you or someone you know has been affected by Hurricane Helene, resources and assistance are available.



Catholic Charities is here to support you with a variety of needs. The case coordinator for our area is Sylvia Echeverria. If you need help, please contact **Sylvia Echeverria at 828-434-5710 or smecheverria@ccdoc.org** and let her know your need. Sylvia is fluent in English and Spanish and ready to help.



The **Ashe County Chamber of Commerce** updates a comprehensive **Service Providers and Resources List** weekly, which has information on where to get help, including a list of specific trades to help with repairs.



Scan to access the Service Providers and Resources List

Saints and Feasts for the Week



- November 4: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- November 5: Sts. Zachary & Elizabeth
- November 6: St. Leonard of Limoges
- November 7: St. Engelbert
- November 8: Four Crowned Martyrs - Severus, Severian, Carpophorus & Victorinus
- November 9: Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica
- November 10: St. Leo the Great

All Holy Angels and Saints, Pray For Us!

RAFFLE WIN \$500! The Knights of Columbus Council 16839 is holding a raffle to fund the 2025 Annual Scholarship of \$1,000 given to a Parish High School graduate and to support their programs for the 2024-2025 year. Tickets have been mailed out and we are once again looking for your generous support. Drawing will be on December 3, 2024.



Altar Flowers

The November sign up sheet is available in the Vestibule to donate flowers for the altar, along with the envelopes, labeled with weekend dates. Checks made out to St. Francis of Assisi with Altar Flowers in the memo line can be placed in the collection basket or in the white office mailbox located downstairs. Please contact Vickie Herman at 336-877-5656 or vherman@skybest.com for more information.



Are you passionate about helping others and building a strong, vibrant parish community?

We have a wonderful opportunity for you! **Be the Chairperson of the Parish Life Commission.** This is a wonderful ministry that means so much to our Parish and our community. No experience? No problem! Mentorship is available. If you feel called to serve in this role or want more information, contact the Church Office.



There is an opening for **Chairman of the Home Bound Ministry**, which takes the Eucharist to those who are homebound and unable to attend Mass. If you are interested in taking on this meaningful role, please contact Linda Sheridan at 336-977-6893 or Vickie Herman at 336-877-5656.



Catholic Grandparents Assoc. (CGA) is now on the road! Join them on **Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 10:00am** at St. Joseph's Seminary in Mt. Holly, NC. for a free event. **Fr. Matthew Kauth**, Seminary Rector, will speak on the topic,

Guardian Angels are Real! Everyone has one! Learn what the church teaches on this exciting topic for yourself and your grandchildren. Afterwards, they will go to lunch in Belmont, NC. Pre-registration required at cgakac24@gmail.com. More details will be sent to you following registration.



Help save lives in Charlotte!

The 2024 Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign is running now through November 3. Join others from around the Diocese of Charlotte to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood facility at 700 Torrence St. in Charlotte. The times are 7:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Saturday. When even one person prays outside, the no show rate for abortions can go as high as 75%. For more information or to sign up, go to 40daysforlife.com/en/charlotte or just show up. There will be a closing rally on Sunday, November 3 at 3:00pm in front of the Planned Parenthood facility at 700 Torrence St., Charlotte.



New Year's Retreat at the Catholic Conference Center.

Jesus used questions to promote healing, forgive the past, repair brokenness, and instill hope. The retreat, "Questions Jesus Asks You for the New Year", will invite you to answer the same life-altering questions. There will be five engaging reflections, Mass, confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus, plenty of time to reflect upon the New Year in our sacred spaces while enjoying the fireplace in our lounge or exploring the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Two nights, **December 30-January 1**. As a special treat, there will be a New Year's Eve banquet with traditional festivities. The last two years have sold out, so register now at www.catholicconference.org/new-years. For more information email info@catholicconference.org or call 828.327.7441.



Thank you to all who donated to the Diocese of Charlotte's Helene Recovery Fund!

If you were unable to donate and would like to do so, feel free to put your check made payable to the parish and marked "Helene Relief Effort" in the offertory basket, or scan the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you for your kindness.



What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!