



## St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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**Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Saturday: ..... 6:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
 Sunday: ..... 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Holy Day Mass Schedule:** Refer to bulletin

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Monday - Saturday 8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Daily: 9:00 a.m.  
 Saturday: 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. or by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated any  
 Sunday at 12:15 p.m. Parents are required to  
 attend a Preparation Class prior to the Baptism.

**Sick Calls:** Notify the Rectory for hospital visits  
 or Communion to the sick or shut-ins.

**Bulletin deadline:** Monday at Noon

**Child Abuse Line:** 1-888-808-1235

**A Family Perspective** - In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step.

**Ash Wednesday this week**, February 10th, distribution of ashes after the homily at mass 8:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:00 p.m. Distribution of ashes only at 4:00 p.m. Service.

**Fish Fry from 12 - 6:30 p.m. in Finley Hall.**

Come have an exquisite lunch/dinner with us. Usual menu, all the goodies you expect. Take some chances on the **Lottery Frame** to be raffled.

**Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

**Souper Bowl Collection** this weekend as you leave the church building after mass. Our Youth Ministry will accept your gift for the Finleyville Food Pantry who serve over 200 people each month in our community. Please be generous.

**Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild** meet this Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in Finley Hall. All the ladies of our parish and neighbors are invited to attend. You may become a member if you wish or just experience an evening with some fine gals. The program for the evening will be presented by Bea Mansmann. She will tell us about the T'Boli Tribe, and the Service Project of monetary donations will be given to the T'Boli Tribe. Refreshment Committee: Chairperson: Kathy Schirra, Dolores Lani, Mary Kriston, Mary Jubic, Janet Nyga.

**Finleyville Interfaith Council Lenten Services** begin next Sunday, February 14th here at St. Francis. Pastor Glenn McClelland of Mingo Presbyterian Church will be the speaker. Refreshments to follow in Finley Hall. Non-perishable food collection each Sunday to benefit the Finleyville Food Panty.

**Sharing Christ** - Even St. Paul though he was "the least" able to be called Christ-ian. Take time to evaluate how you are Christ-ian in your daily life. Join a great group of searchers - Wednesday evening, April 6 - May 18, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. We welcome all!

**Bingo** - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. The Jack-pot will be \$675.00 in 55 numbers. The Magic Number will be \$239.00 plus this week's take. The 'All Nighter' game will be \$662.00 plus this week's take. Early Bird games begin at 7:15, regular games at 7:30 p.m.

## Lenten Regulations

### Lent begins Wednesday, February 10th

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fast and abstinence. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States.

The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

**Parish Share Program 2016** begins today, February 7th, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. The spirit of renewal growing throughout our diocese, coupled with the increasing needs of those served by the Church, should inspire us to support PSP even more generously than in the past. Our campaign will begin with Mail-in Pledges or donations. Our goal this year is \$67,199. Please return the form that you receive in the mail, with your pledge or donation and return it by way of the collection basket in an envelope marked **PSP 2016**, or mail it to the rectory by Sunday, March 20th. Any amount collected over our assessment stays here at St. Francis and that amount is not taxed/assessed for the next year. Your participation in the Parish Share Program helps to support many diocesan-wide services, including the formation of future priests, as well as the support and care of our retired priests. The Parish Share Program supports the oversight and direction of religious education in our 214 parishes, as well as tuition grants in our more than 100 Catholic schools.

**Tusky-Destination - 2016:** I'm at it again, inviting parishioners to join me on another trip, October 23 - 30, Sunday to Sunday. We travel on the Liberty of the Seas, A 'Royal Caribbean' ship. All cabins have a balcony, price includes all transfers (airport to hotel & back), fees, taxes, and food. Contact the parish secretary for details...my letter with all the specifics. - **fr. t.**

**Ministry Schedule –  
Ash Wednesday, February 10th**

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Ministers: Hamilton, Trovato, Schirra  
Lector: L. Obringer

**12:00 Noon**

Ministers: Jaki, Kovscek, Fox  
Lector: E. Garry

**4:00 p.m. Liturgical Service**

Ministers: K. Pitzer, Deacon Vic

**7:00 p.m. Mass**

Ministers: A. & S. Parker, Checque  
Lector: K. Lewis  
Servers: A. Parker, E. MacKenzie, K. Brant

**February 13/14****6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Ministers: Brucker, Hoover, Checque, Thropp,  
Wietrzykowski, Lewis, Weisdack

Lector: K. Lewis

Servers: E. MacKenzie, K. Lewis, K. Brant

**8:00 a.m. Sunday**

Ministers: Schirra, Sherred, Barner, Yesionek,  
Drahnak, Jaki, Durost

Lector: K. Jasko

Servers: A. Kolano, D. Drahnak, R. Funtal

**11:00 a.m. Sunday**

Ministers: Pitzer, Hamilton, Folz, Battaglia, Bublak,  
Trovato, Kims

Lector: J. Mansmann

Servers: K. & K. Gindele, G. Mucci

**The next Ministry Schedule** will include Holy Week and Easter. Let us know what masses you would like to serve for March 24th, Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass; March 25th Good Friday Liturgical Service; March 26th Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.; March 27th Easter Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please call by Monday, February 22nd.

**Marriage Moments** - Mardi Gras allows us a last fling before the Lenten penitential season. Do something frivolous together today. Eat something decadent, give each other a massage, wear wild make-up, enjoy being foolish. If you're the uptight type, let go. You'll have six weeks to exercise your over-responsible side.

**Parenting Pointers** - Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Prepare for Lent by talking with your family about how this can be a time of generosity and mercy (forgiveness). For the next 7 weeks, I'll give you ideas about how your family can live more simply. Use this week to think of your own.

**Meals on Wheels** of Peters Township need drivers to deliver meals between 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on weekday mornings. Also kitchen volunteers from 8:15 - 10:30 a.m. and "at home bakers" for our desserts. Call 724-969-1000 if you are willing and able to help. Location is 245 E. McMurray Rd., above Peters Twp. Fire Department.

**Today, February 7, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11*

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Leo Miltenberger - Sharon Frankel  
8:00 a.m. Dolores Mazzeo - Bill & Nancy Lang  
11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**Monday, February 8, Weekday Mass**

*1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56*

8:30 a.m. Helen Stropman - Rege & Debbie Straka

**Tuesday, February 9, Weekday Mass**

*1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13*

8:30 a.m. In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

**Wednesday, February 10, Ash Wednesday**

*Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18*

8:30 a.m. John Oliverio- Jim & Nancie McNally

12 noon Leo Miltenberger - Paul & Joan

Owens & Family

4:00 p.m. Liturgical Service & Distribution of Ashes

7:00 p.m. Albert Wilson - Amann Family

**Thursday, February 11, Thursday after Ash**

**Wednesday** *Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25*

8:30 a.m. George Kollar - Winkler Family

**Friday, February 12, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

*Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15*

8:30 a.m. Brian Rudy - Vic & Mary Ann Satter

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction

**Saturday, February 13, Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

*Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32*

8:30 a.m. Martin, Mary, Thomas & Sr. Peggy

Flaherty - Dorothy Flaherty Weldon

**Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily****Sunday, February 14, First Sunday of Lent**

*Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13*

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Ronald Ciesielski - Carolyn Prendergast

8:00 a.m. Vera Gatalski - Cheryl & John Hrycko

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Interfaith Lenten Service

**Home With Christ** - Please pray for the souls of *Stanley Mocniak*, father of Jim Mocniak, and for *Margaret Underwood* of our Parish. *May they rest in peace.*

**The Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week *"In Memory of Dolores Lang"* requested by Peg & Gene Chabrier.

**"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"***The Flowers on our Altar today are presented***"In Memory of Anna Woistman"**requested by Grandchildren - Michael,  
Karen, Leonard, & Christine.**"In Memory of Don Fox"**  
requested by Wife, Eileen.