At once they left their nets and followed him.

MATTHEW 4:20

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND
Any member of our St. Francis community who is ill or homebound and who needs communion brought to them, Deacon Andy (719) 235-7724.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE - A service for parishioners experiencing hardship such as a serious illness or accident, or a family or friend in peril. For prayers contact Karen Hutcheson at Khutch8152@comcast.net or 598-0758.
Valentine’s Dinner & Dance in the St. Francis Hall on Saturday, Feb. 11th after Mass at 6pm

It’s open to family and friends of the Parish and is brought to you by the St. Francis Knights of Columbus with assistance and Valentine’s spirit from the Ladies Auxiliary.

Advance tickets will go on sale for $20 per adult in the Narthex the weekends of January 28/29 & February 4/5.

Get them while they are available as they’ll go fast.

Where else can you eat, drink, talk to friends and dance for $20?

The meal will be catered by Olive Garden and a DJ, music and lights will be provided by Moore Interactive DJ services.

Child Care will be provided in the St. Clare recreation room, along with games and pizza, for ages 0-12, by the St. Francis Nursery Staff.

Our 4th Saturday for supporting the Marion House Soup Kitchen falls on January 28th! Please let me know if you can help by email at magsbea33@gmail.com by this Tuesday, January 24th.

We have the opportunity of 2 shifts or working the entire time.

Shift 1: 7-10am, preparing the meal to be served.
Shift 2: 10am-1pm, serving the meal.

Thank You!

St Francis Senior Citizen

VALENTINE DINNER and BINGO

Saturday, January 28 following the 5 PM Mass, St Francis Hall

St Francis senior parishioners are invited to attend a free evening out hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the St Francis youth. The Knights will cook a delicious meal which the youth will serve. The meal will be followed by games of Bingo and Valentine prizes.

RSVP to Terrie Hernandez by Jan. 21st to theresah@stfranciscs.org or
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We are happy to announce a Eucharistic Healing Service here in our Church

Wednesday, February 1st at 6:30pm

with Fr. Ken Geraci CPM

This is a unique opportunity to find healing through our Lord in the Eucharist. The service will be attended by Fr. Erin and other priests of the diocese and will include preaching, Adoration, Confession and Music.

2022 Contribution Statements will be emailed by late January.

- Please make sure the Church has your correct information on file!
- If there is no email on file, a hard copy will be mailed by the end of January to those donating $100 or more in 2022.
- Contact Cristi to update any information at 599-5031 x106 or cristisftranciscos.org.

Rectory Dinners are back!

Fr. Erin will host a dinner for 7 parishioners on Saturdays after Mass in the Padre Pio House (rectory). This is to provide a relaxed atmosphere to meet our "new" priest. Dinner will start sometime around 6:30PM and will end at 8PM. There are seven seats available. The group can be one family or multiple families can attend. Sign up below. Please list any allergies in the comment section.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAFA92DA6FBC52-rectory1

An Excerpt from The American Catholic Almanac on Dec 17th—THE WORK

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Marian Devotion Rosary Group meets every Monday at 6pm for a Meal, discussion, & Rosary

At 6pm, we gather for a meal and discussion in the Hall, then at 7pm, in the Church for a Group Rosary.

All are invited for all or part of the evening. For meal planning, RSVP to margie.huntington@gmail.com.

Grow in your devotion to Mary & embrace the power of a Group Rosary!

St. Padre Pio: “Pray and propagate the prayer of the Holy Rosary, it is a scourge to the demons who flee in disbandment. The Holy Rosary makes hell shake when it is prayed with faith and in group. Be Missionaries of the Holy Rosary, consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Our Beloved Mother Mary”.

St. Louis Marie de Montfort: “When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking. It is very easy to break a single stick, but if you join it to others to make a bundle, it cannot be broken. In union, there is strength”

Fr. Hubert Schiffer, one of eight Jesuit priests who survived the Hiroshima atomic bomb, less than a mile from ground zero, (all survived and never got radiation poisoning): “[The Rosary] is more powerful than the atom bomb. ..We believe that we survived because we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the Rosary daily in that home.”

What is Original Sin?

Much of the language in Genesis’ opening chapters is figurative. Nevertheless, the Catholic Church affirms that we find there a reference to a real event in time that took place at the very beginning of the human race—a tragedy unequaled in history, known as the Fall. We know few details, but the basic realities surrounding that fateful development are clear from the teaching of Scripture and Tradition.

- God created our first human parents in a state of holiness, an original justice (righteousness), without sin, and thus without shame. They enjoyed a right and harmonious relationship with God, themselves, each other, and the world around them.
- Through their own free choice, however, they disobeyed God, breaking fellowship with him.
- Their disobedience—a turning away from the Source of all life and order—necessarily brought death and disorder into the world, and above all within themselves. So they “fell” from their previous condition to a state of sinfulness, misery, and ignorance. Their human nature was deeply wounded, though not totally corrupted.
- Our first parents, having lost their original wholeness, could not pass on to their descendants what they themselves no longer possessed. This deprivation is consequently inherited by all human beings and is called “original sin”.
- Unlike personal sin, resulting from the wrong choices of individuals, original sin does not result from our own doing. It is contracted, not committed; we are conceived with it.
- The sacrament of Baptism cleanses us from original sin. It restores us to original righteousness and fellowship with God. But after Baptism we are still left with a certain moral and spiritual weakness (concupiscence), so that even though our wills are free, we are inclined to sin—an inclination we must continually overcome by God’s grace.
- The only two people (after our first parents) to be conceived without original sin are our Lord Jesus Christ and his blessed mother, whose immaculate conception was possible through the merits of her sinless Son.
Our Journey through the Seasons of the Year

Sunday, Jan. 29th 1:30—3:30pm, here in (B-C)
Leader: Sr. Marilyn Uhing OSF, Storyteller: Judy Smith

No charge, donations welcome.
RSVP required by January 23, to Helen at 808-223-7214 or msfwomanstory@gmail.com.

God gave creation seasons of change. Each season brings its own growth and change. In our 2023 Woman’s Story quarterly Gatherings, women will explore the characteristics of each season and discover the relationship between the seasons of the earth and the seasons of their lives. They will discover the presence of God within and around them in each of the seasons.

Winter is considered a season of deepening, a time to slow down. Come to this gathering and learn the benefits of this season for your body, mind and soul and learn the grace of winter for your wholeness using reflections, prayers, storytelling, meditations and small group sharing.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3

Woman’s Story—A program where women share their experiences, hopes & spiritual journeys. Sponsored by Women Partnering & Sisters of St Francis, OSF.

Calling all Mothers!! (Current, soon-to-be and grandmas!)
This is intended as an intergenerational women’s Bible/book study!!

ROCK with Mama (Raising Our Catholic Kids w/ Mama) will begin Friday, January 20, 9:15—11:30 am.

This study will be held most Fridays from January 20—April 7.
Please join us in the nursery of St Francis church to accommodate our mamas with young children. This is for Mamas who want to delve into the heart of a relationship with Jesus and your fellow Sisters in Christ!!! We will begin with a book study. The book will be Lisa Brenninkmeyer’s book, Walking with Purpose—Seven Priorities That Make Life Work and can be purchased at this link for around $6... https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/walking-with-purpose/WWPP.html or Amazon. RSVP and/or questions please contact the2sullivans@hotmail.com.

We have openings for Mentees!
If you desire a prayer partner, are in need of spiritual support or are considering the path God has in store for you, this can help.

This free mentoring program offered by Women’s Story is about women supporting women in their spiritual journey, meeting twice a month for 6 months. They are here for you and meet you where you are.

Call today for information or to sign up, contact Helen Cason (808) 223-7214, or msfwomanstory@gmail.com.

Women’s Story is a program of Women Partnering and is a sponsored ministry of The Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration of Col Springs.

Have you considered Secure Online Giving?
Many people are using Secure Online Giving which allows you to decide how much, how often and which funds to support, using your credit card or bank. You may setup recurring contributions, one-time donations and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. To set it up, go to the online giving tab from our website at www.stfranciscs.org.

If you would like assistance with this or no longer wish to receive monthly offertory envelopes in the mail, please contact Cristi at 599-5031 x106 or email to cristiti@stfranciscs.org. The envelopes are sent out in advance, so please be patient as there will be overlap from the time requested till you stop receiving them.

Knights of Columbus to lead 5th Sunday Rosary, January 29th starting at 9:45am, between the 8:30 and 10:30am Mass.
All are welcome to join us in praising the Lord!
Ordinary Time—Between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, the liturgical year begins a period known as Ordinary Time. That season is interrupted by the seasons of Lent and Easter, and then resumes again after Pentecost. The English translation of the Latin name for this season has received much criticism because of our association of the word “ordinary” with something of lesser value, the opposite of something special. Critics point out that Sunday is the original feast day of the Church, that there is nothing at all “ordinary” about our weekly celebration of the Lord’s dying and rising. Translators explain that in this context the English word “ordinary” retains the root meaning of “ordinal,” something counted “in order,” and that the Sundays are in fact named by their numerical order. It is helpful to understand how all five of the “special” seasons of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter) fit together to unfold the single mystery of Christ. As we continue the year with Ordinary Time, we are mindful that what we celebrate is indeed as “extraordinary” an experience of God’s grace as one could ever imagine.

**GOD’S LOVING CARE**

Two readings refer to ancient Israel: “the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.” Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don’t want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God’s care with “abundant joy and great rejoicing,” Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows his loving care: through the cross. In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are. 

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

**Psalm** — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

**YAM Burrito Sales** will take place in the Narthex after morning Mass, Jan 29th as a fundraiser to help the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) attend World Youth Day.

Are you a young adult in your 20’s or 30’s, married or single? Do you desire to know and deepen your faith along with your peers? View our monthly activity calendar @ www.diocs.org/yam. Contact us at cscatholiccyam@gmail.com or call at (719) 866-6448.

Please join our impromptu, parishioner led Rosary, after daily Mass Monday—Thursday at 9am.

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

Sat, Jan 21, 5pm: † Debbie Curnow
Sun, Jan 22, 8:30am: † Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
10:30am: Parishioners & Visitors
5:30pm: † Wayne and Earlene Hoff
Mon, Jan 23, 8:30am: † James Gregory
Tues, Jan 24, 8:30am: † Evelyn Bachta
Wed, Jan 25, 8:30am: † Johnny & Dorothy Marion
Thur, Jan 26, 8:30am: Burich/Hoffman Families
Fri, Jan 27, 8:30am: † Paul & Hazel Rothermel
Sat, Jan 28, 5pm: † Emily Ramazzotti
Sun, Jan 29, 8:30am: Steve Podraski
10:30am: † Ethel Lichtenberger
5:30pm: Parishioners & Visitors

You may have a Mass offered for the living, deceased (†) or a special need. Contact the office to schedule. No charge but a typical offering is $10.

**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**Welcome to our Church!**

We are happy to have you here with us. If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please visit our website or fill out a registration card and drop in the offertory or to the office. Thank You!

**Why Register?** It is the official way to join a parish community and shows a commitment to practice your faith. It entitles you to receive sacraments, enroll in religious education and serve as a godparent.

Registration creates a two-fold obligation: On one hand, the Pastor and his Apostolate of Lay People take on the obligation to serve the spiritual needs of each parishioner. On the other hand, the parishioner takes on the obligation to support the mission and needs of the parish.

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**Weekly Activities**

**Monday, January 23**
- 7:30am Confession (Church)
- 8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
- 9:00am Quilters (D-E)
- 6:00pm Marriage Convalidation class (D-E)
- 6:00pm Marian Devotion Rosary Group (Hall)
- 7:00pm Rosary after above meal/discussion (Church)
- 7:00pm 1st Corinthians class (St. Clare)

**Tuesday, January 24** (Office hours 9am-4pm)
- 7:30am Confession (Church)
- 8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
- 9:30am Great Adventure Bible class (B-C)
- 9:30am Tai Chi (Hall)
- 6:30pm Born For This (Hall)
- 7:00pm Youth Group (St. Clare, B-C, D-E)

**Wednesday, January 25** (Office hours 9am-4pm)
- 7:30am Confession (Church)
- 8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
- 4:30/7pm Faith Formation (All classrooms)
- 7:00pm James class (St. Clare)
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (Church)

**Thursday, January 26** (Office hours 9am-4pm)
- 7:30am Confession (Church)
- 8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
- 5:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions (Church)
- 6:30pm Boy Scouts (D-E)

**Friday, January 27** (Office closed for weekend)
- 7:30am Confession (Church)
- 8:30am Daily Mass (Church)
- 9:00am Adoration till 3:15 (Rosary 9am, Chaplet 3pm)

**Saturday, January 28**
- 7:00am TMIY (B-C)
- 4:00pm Confession (Church)
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass (Church)
- 6:00pm Senior Citizen Valentine Dinner/Bingo (Hall)

**Sunday, January 29**
- 8:30/10:30am Mass (Church, Hall for donuts)
- 1:30pm Women’s Story Gathering (B-C)
- 5:30pm Mass (Church)

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**A Dating Retreat & Study Series for single Catholics!**

NCSC is hosting a FREE online Dating Retreat with guest speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer, January 27 & 28.

Currently, there are almost 400 single Catholics from around the world signed up and we’re expecting 500+. Don’t miss the opportunity to meet other like-minded singles and go deeper in your faith!

Starting the week of February 6th, NCSC will also be hosting a 6-week study series, “Relationship Ready: A Single Catholic’s Roadmap to Marriage” that will cover topics such as the meaning of love, communication, conflict resolution, male/female complementarity and much more.

To sign up for these programs, visit NationalCatholicSingles.com.

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Mass, Confessions and Thursday’s Holy Hour will be offered regardless of weather but the parish office and all classes will follow D-20; if closed or evening activities are canceled, our parish follows; no changes for a 2 hour delay.