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401-871-8936

Masses

SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday --------------------- 7:00 am
Saturday ----------------------------------------- 4:30 pm
Sunday ----------------------------------------- 9:00 am and 11:00 am

SAINT ROMUALD CHAPEL / Summer Schedule
Saturday ----------------------------------------- 5:30 pm
Sunday ----------------------------------------- 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday at 3:30 - 4:00 pm in Saint Francis Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
First Sunday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to speak with Father Bodah. Due to the reduction in priests we can no longer accommodate Sunday weddings.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
Please call the rectory.

Welcome Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday From 9:00 am—12:30 pm
Dear Parishioners,

I've been the pastor a little over a week and we've had no disasters so I think we're off to a good start! I want to thank everyone for their very warm welcome last weekend. I had a real sense of your joy and faith during the Masses. I look forward to being with the Chapel community this weekend.

I have been asked by a number of parishioners, "Father, what changes are you planning on making?" It's always a sensitive time when a new pastor begins. What does he think? What is his personality? How will he be different? I want to assure you that it is not my plan to make any changes these first months I'm with you. The pastors before me have done a wonderful job and fostered a beautiful parish community.

This is the time to get to know each other and learn about each other. Then as time goes on, together we can build a vision and mission for St. Francis Parish. It is not the job of the pastor to impose his will on a parish, but to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit. As we get to know each other better, let's start praying about what God wants for our community!

Until then, if we’ve been far from God or others this past week, in the words of St. Francis, "Let us begin again!"

In Christ,
Fr. Young
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. —Mark 6:7-13

Let the Children Come to Me
2021-2022 Religious Education Registration

Those families which are new to the parish and families with children entering 1st grade must register their children. Catholic school students in grade 2, 7 & 8 must register for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Students currently enrolled and active in the program are promoted to the next grade each year and do not need to register again.

The online registration form may be found at www.stfranciswakefield.com

Vacation Bible School will run for two days this August!
Do you have room in your schedule for two days of VBS fun?
Two mornings of non-stop fun all while learning cool things about your faith!!
We will hold all activities outside, weather permitting!
Don't miss out! Be sure to register!!

We will be training to be Champions for Christ!
Children who have completed Grades: Kdg. – 4th are invited to attend!!
When: August 11th-12th
Time: 9:00-11:30
Cost: $20.00 per child

All CDC guidelines for summer camps will be followed.

Registration forms may be found at the entrances to the church. Please submit no later than August 6th.

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS contact Mrs. Cullen at 792-8684 or email: cullen_stfrancis@verizon.net.
Monday, July 12
7:30-11:00am Adoration (Church)

Thursday, July 15
6:00pm Opening the Word/Bible Study (FGC)

The parish office is open 9am to 4pm Monday through Thursday and 9am to 12:30 on Friday.

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Just a reminder that our St. Vincent de Paul chapter here at St. Francis needs your help. They ask your help by using their poor boxes located in the church and chapel so that they can assist those in need in our area (Gift cards are accepted). If you know of someone in need of assistance, SVDP can be reached at 401-871-8936. Please keep them in your prayers!

Friday Dinners Available

The SVDP dinner program is providing Friday meals for pick up or delivery at no cost. Would you—or someone you know—like a cooked meal? We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals. Call 401-588-4192 or email esweeney1@cox.net to order a meal or volunteer to deliver. Call 401-588-4192.

Welcome to our Church

We are happy to announce that we are planning a holiday craft bazaar on November 6th from 9-1. Crafters, you will be able to rent a table and sell your crafts so use the Summer to get ready! More information regarding the bazaar and contact information to come closer to the date.

We would like to congratulate Paul Tencher & Regan Page who were recently married at St. Romuald Chapel. May God bless you!

Thank you From the Social Outreach Committee

The Social Outreach Committee would like to thank the parishioners for their donations to the spring food drive to benefit the Jonnycake Center. We collected over 300 pounds of food and we are still receiving food that is being dropped off each week. We also received cash donations. Thank you all for your continued generosity in helping to give young people in our community healthy snacks and lunches during the summer months.

Save the Date: Holiday Craft Bazaar!
November 6 from 9am to 1pm

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We are glad that you are here with us this morning. Whether you moved here a while ago or are just here for a brief stay, we welcome you.

If you would like to become a part of this wonderful community, registering in the parish is a quick process that will take about five minutes over the phone (783-4411) or you can see Father Young after Mass to inquire about registering. Again, welcome and God bless!
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