

The Weekly Franciscan

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, September 29th, 2024

You are welcome to the

8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite I with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher
and

10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher
and the St. Francis Choir

Coffee Hour Follows Each Service in Millen Hall

The 10:00 a.m. Service is also live-streamed on [YouTube](#)

View this Sunday's Worship

Bulletin <http://stfrancisgreatfalls.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024.09.22-18-Pentecost-P20-B-EP-A-1000-ALTAR-FINAL.pdf>

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading | [Proverbs 31:10-31](#)

The Response | [Psalm 1](#)

The Second Reading | [James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a](#)

The Gospel | [Mark 9:30-37](#)

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Rick, Debra, Eileen, Cathy, Taylor, Nancy, Annette, Justin, Toni, Isaac, Elie, Kelly and Alex, Kelly, Nancy, Gene, Nick and Hilary, Linn, Joe and Molly, Steve, Ellen, and Dut.

NOTE: Please remember to wear your name badges on Sundays this fall to help Father Weston as he learns the names of our parishioners.

Giving Statements

Giving Statements for year-to-date giving were sent to some parishioners. If you would like to receive an update to your pledge and giving history, please email me, Molly Reynolds, at: treasurer@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

Thanks to everyone for keeping up on their pledge giving!

Creche Happenings

Creche Back-to-School Night is this evening, Thursday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m. in Millen Hall; for adults only. Hope to see you there!

**Sandwiches for the Homeless
THIS Saturday, September 21st at
12:30 p.m.
in Millen Hall**

Your help is needed this Saturday, September 21st to make sandwiches and bagged meals for DC's hungry and homeless. We will meet in Millen Hall at 12:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. The meals will be delivered by members of St. Francis that evening to the Salvation Army Grate Patrol, which serves the homeless in DC.

For more information, please contact [Ginger Roll](#)

**TABLES OF 8 begins in the Fall
Sign-up by September 29th**

We hope many Franciscans will sign up to participate this Fall. Weston and Lorian plan to join each table once during this season, sign up and get to know them better!

How it works: You sign up as a couple or a single and get placed in a group of 8 people.

Groups gather once a month at each other's homes to enjoy a meal together. The groups are created by the coordinators. Homes are rotated within the group and the host for evening usually provides the main dish, while others in the group provide sides and dessert.

How to sign up: There will be a **sign up sheet in the narthex** or **please email [Kathy Anderson](#)**

We are asking everyone to **sign up by September 29th**. That Sunday we will assign groups and contact those who are participating. We hope to have everyone schedule two dinners before the holidays.

This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow Franciscans and it is so much fun. Please consider joining us this fall. If you have any questions please email **Kathy** at the above email address or call or text at **(571) 225-8831**.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER
Friday, October 4th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
at St. Francis Church

To celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4, St. Francis is hosting a community-wide event to package 15,120 meals to support *Rise Against Hunger's Pathways to End Hunger*. We encourage individuals and families to join us to assemble these meals in this fun and meaningful event at **St. Francis Church on Friday October 4th, 2024 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Please volunteer by signing up at the link below. We need **80 volunteers** to assemble these critical meals.

<http://Tinyurl.com/RAHGF2024>

For more information on the Rise Against Hunger program, go to <https://www.RiseAgainstHunger.org>

Feast of St. Francis observed on
Sunday, October 6th

Regular services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with a **special service for Blessing of the Animals at 5:00 p.m.** in the front church yard. Bring your animals to be blessed by Father Weston.

St. Francis Fall Marketplace

This year, the newly named St. Francis Fall Marketplace will include vendors, bake sale, rummage sale, books, hotdog lunch, and more!

We need volunteers. If you're interested in helping out or are just curious about the event, please contact [Leslie Siegmund](#) or [Sandy Walker](#)

Rummage Sale: 'Ready to get rid of some stuff?'

The **Women's Group of St. Francis** will be hosting a *Rummage Sale* during the St. Francis Fall Marketplace. We welcome household goods including kitchenware, glassware, small working appliances, linens, gently used clothing, artwork, decorative items, children's toys etc. Small furniture pieces (i.e. end tables, small chairs) accepted. Please, no items heavier than 15 lbs. Items not sold at the rummage sale will be donated to local charities.

Donations will be accepted on Sunday mornings at the church **starting October 6th.**

Questions? Please contact [Janet Durfee](#)
or **612-910-2254** .

Crafters and Woodworkers Needed!

We're planning to sell crafts at the Fall Marketplace, and we need crafters to contribute! Any kind of handmade item is welcome, including Christmas ornaments, baby items, woodcrafts, etc. Call **Clara Sue Ashley** for more information: **571-378-0424**.

Basket Auction at the St. Francis Marketplace

Last year our Basket Auction at the St. Francis Rummage Sale was a HUGE success... So – it will be on again!

We need your creative juices to think about super fun and biddable baskets. They should be based on an exciting concept and filled with corresponding goodies. We know there is no end to the imagination of our fellow Franciscans!

Because of space constraints, we absolutely must know in advance if you plan to donate a basket. [Click here to let us know you will be preparing a basket.](#)

Questions? Contact [Jennifer Murphy](#)

It's Time to Begin Baking for the Country Kitchen!

Cookies, pies, rolls, cakes, scones, breads, muffins, etc. can be prepared now and frozen. If you don't have freezer room, the church freezer has enough space. Please label your donation(s) with your name and the contents of your container. Home canned products are also welcome.

Please contact [Kris Young](#) or **703.430.5705** for more details and to sign up. Thank you!

**Sasha Beresovsky's
Concert:
Saturday, November 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in
Great Falls home**

We still have spots available for a special concert, by our Organist, Sasha Beresovsky to be held on **November 2nd at 4:00 p.m.** Come and enjoy Sasha's marvelous talent **at Ray and Jennifer Murphy's home in Great Falls.** Sasha's lovely sounds will be followed by a festive reception provided by the Ward and Murphy families.

The cost to attend is \$50 per person. Reserve your spot now. To pay on-line, [click here and choose "Auction Concert" from the drop down box](#) or put a check in the Sunday collection plate with "Auction Concert" in the memo line.

Attendees will be furnished the address and parking instructions prior to the event.

Learn more about our life at St. Francis

through our new website stfrancisgreatfalls.org:

- worship services including daily Morning Prayer
- community concerts
- pastoral care
- Creche preschool ministries
- local and international outreach events
- fellowship opportunities
- Bible studies and small group opportunities

Ongoing Weekly Activities

Morning Prayer offered MON-FRI, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church.

Please note that Evening Prayer has been suspended for now, but if you have an interest in this, please contact the Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews, at rector@stfrancisgreatfalls.org

Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

We hope you can join us again the Fall via Zoom videoconference.

For more information and any questions, please contact the coordinator for the program: [Kathy Anderson](#) or 703-476-9065.

Men's Group Meets WEDNESDAYS 8:35 a.m.

Discussing: The Gospel of John. Join us every WED morning via Zoom.

Questions? Contact [Stu Edwards](#)

St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for casual conversation. Grab your favorite beverage and let's reconnect! Zoom ID: **935 2210 0835**; Passcode: **church**

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) at 5:00 p.m.

Meetings take place Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join TABS and participate in interesting discussions. For further information contact [Amelia Logan](#)

Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15 p.m.

Needed: Volunteers to prepare and deliver Sunday dinners to the Second Story Teen Crisis Center on Gallows Road. Volunteers work solo or in pairs, according to their wishes.

Dinners are made on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count typically ranges from five to 8 persons. It has been as many as 12. Volunteers receive reminders when their Sundays are coming up.

Please contact [Jennifer Murphy](#) if you would like to volunteer for this ministry or if you have any questions.

