



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Pastor:** Reverend Richard Smith  
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Holy Days: please call for Mass times

**St. Francis Mass: Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**  
Confessions: By appointment  
**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.**

*All times subject to change*

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 4, 2010



What is the significance of Jesus appointing seventy disciples to the ministry of the word? Seventy was a significant number in biblical times. Moses chose seventy elders to help him in the task of leading the people through the wilderness. The Jewish Sanhedrin, the governing council for the nation of Israel, was composed of seventy members. In Jesus' times seventy was held to be the number of nations throughout the world. Jesus commissioned the

seventy to a two-fold task: to speak in his name and to act with his power. Jesus gave them instructions for how they were to carry out their ministry. They must go and serve as people without guile, full of charity and peace, and simplicity. They must give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by other lesser things. They must travel light – only take what was essential and leave behind whatever would distract them – in order to concentrate on the task of speaking the word of the God. They must do their work, not for what they can get out of it, but for what they can give freely to others, without expecting reward or payment. "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. Jesus ends his instructions with a warning: If people reject God's invitation and refuse his word, then they bring condemnation on themselves. When God gives us his word there comes with it the great responsibility to respond. Indifference will not do. We are either for or against God in how we respond to his word. God gives us his word that we may have abundant life in him. He wills to work through and in each of us for his glory. God shares his word with us and he commissions us to speak it boldly and simply to others. Do you witness the truth and joy of the gospel by word and example to those around you? *Used with permission, <http://www.dailyscripture.net/>, Don Schwager*

**Marilyn Fulper:** Former parishioner, Marilyn Fulper, passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2010. Her obituary is on the bulletin board in the parish hall or you can view Marilyn's online obituary and leave a condolence message for the family at [www.nlrfh.com](http://www.nlrfh.com).

**Religious Education Registration:** Registration forms for Religious Education need be filled out for each child who will be attending Sunday School classes in the 2010-2011 academic year. Forms (in both English & Spanish) are located on the table in the narthex. Deadline for registration is July 31, 2010. Classes will begin after Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2010.

**Catholic Service Appeal:** As of June 22, St. Francis has pledged \$2,375 with 8 donors. Last year we pledged \$1,561 with 14 donors. **Great job!** The Diocese thanks everyone for their contributions and encourages everyone to consider making a donation. Envelopes are in the back of the church or you can go online to [www.catholicserviceappeal.org](http://www.catholicserviceappeal.org) to hear more from Bishop Latino or to make an online donation.



**Aluminum Cans:** If you have a collection of aluminum cans you'd like to donate to the church, please place them outside the kitchen door for recycling. We are also still collecting the pull-tabs for Corinth. Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

**We are always looking** for Eucharistic Minister, Lectors, people to help clean, and Music Ministers. If interested, please talk to Sheila or call the parish office.

**We are in need** of Catechists at all levels. College students, grandparents, parents and adults are all eligible to help us with this request. No formal training required...just a love of children of all ages and enthusiasm to share knowledge of our Catholic faith.

**PLEASE!** If anyone is ill or hospitalized, call the office at 662-728-7509. We want to bring the Eucharist, visit, etc. so we need to be informed. Thanks!



## Have a safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

**Parish Ecology Action:** "...Today, any form of war on a global scale would lead to incalculable ecological damage. But even local or regional wars, however limited, not only destroy human life and social structures, but also damage the land, ruining crops and vegetation as well as poisoning the soil and water. The survivors of war are forced to begin a new life in very difficult environmental conditions, which in turn create situations of extreme social unrest, with further negative consequences for the environment." *Pope John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message*

Please pray for those listed in our **Parish Prayer Journal** including the following: Richard H. McIntosh, Blakely family, CJ & Mark McCoy.

### COLLECTION

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, June 27, 2010

Envelopes	\$505.00
Loose	31.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$536.00</b>
Candles	2.25
Recycling	27.00

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, July 11, 2010

Lector 1	Mary Williams
Lector 2	Carolyn Lenske
Euch. Ministers	Marla & Cindy
Intercessory Prayers	Jim Goo
Gift Bearers	Linda & Joanie