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Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (4)

Date May	Place	Time	Liturgy	Intention/Donor
SAT 27	SHJ	5pm	 <p>Pentecost Sunday</p>	Needs & Intentions of Our Parish Family
SUN 28	SJM	9am		Art Schell [RIP] Bonnie & Kris Rylski
	SFA	11am Incense Used		Patricia & Anne Nicholson [RIP] Their Family
MON 29	SFA	11:30am Incense Used	Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of the Church	Paul LeClair [RIP] Vera Jordan
TUE 30	SFA	9am	Ferial	George & Anne Oltean [RIP] Veronica Hendrick
WED 31	SFA	9am Incense Used	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Exposition	Melanija Dolisni [RIP] Toni Kirby
	SJM	3:30pm		
JUNE THR 01	SFA	9am	St Justin	Most Neglected Souls in Purgatory Jules Hubert
FRI 02	SJM	9:15am	Ferial	
SAT 03	SHJ	5pm	The Most Holy Trinity	Pat Belej [RIP] Vera Jordan
SUN 04	SJM	9am		Needs and Intentions of Our Parish Family
	SFA	11am Incense Used		Aldea & Joseph Amberg [RIP] Toni Kirby

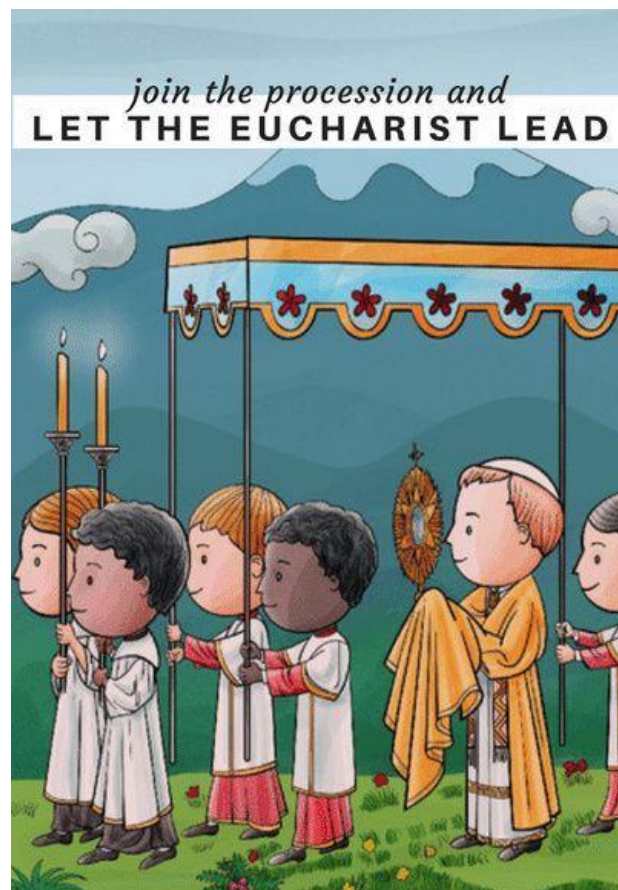
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Lay Ministers

Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, May 27 Sun, May 28	Lector – Al Bourgeois	Lector – Donna Kerby Usher – H. Scanlan
Date	Sacred Heart	St. James
Sat, June 3 Sun, June 4	Lector – Terry O’Shea	Lector – Brian Kerby Usher – J. Forestell

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of

Christ: I invite you to join the Parish in this supreme act of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday, 11th June 2023** at St Francis of Assisi, 300 Riverside Parkway, Frankford, ON. Sung Mass, incense will be used, begins **at 11a.m.** After the Final Blessing & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the procession (weather-permitting) will proceed along the periphery of the Parish cemetery. One stop in the Parish Cemetery will be made to pray for the repose of the souls of the Faithful Departed. The procession will conclude in the church at approximately 12:45pm with solemn benediction and reposition.



Since March 2020 when the COVID-19

Pandemic first began and churches had to be closed and Mass schedules staggered and attendance drastically reduced, we have had few opportunities as a Parish to join together in celebration of our Faith. **Sunday 11th June** is a unique opportunity for all Parishioners from our three churches of Frankford, Stirling, and Batawa to manifest publicly our belief in the Blessed Sacrament. To this end, I am asking the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, Batawa, the Catholic Women’s League, Stirling, and the Knights of Columbus Council 11655 to carry their respective banners in the procession. The regular Saturday and Sunday Mass schedule will remain as usual, but I urge those of you who can to come instead to the Sunday 11a.m. Mass at

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St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford to lend me and your fellow-parishioners your support. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join us.

Father Don Oberwarth

10 Ways to Strengthen Your Eucharistic Belief: Belief in the Real Presence of Christ within the Eucharist (Holy Communion) is declining. Why is that? You alone are best equipped to answer that question. In preparation for the great Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ on Sunday, 10th June, I urge all parishioners to take a look at the following link:

<https://www.catholicdigest.com/amp/faith/spirituality/10-ways-to-strengthen-your-eucharistic-belief/>. When our belief in the Real Presence wanes and yet we continue to receive Holy Communion, we are at best just deceiving ourselves. St. Paul, however, warns us that we may be doing yet great harm to ourselves: *Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord [receives Holy Communion] in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves* (1Cor 11:27-32). Let's make sure, my friends, that that never befalls us.

Time & Talent & Treasure: As a small rural Parish, our three churches are always in need of parishioners to keep us afloat spiritually by attending Mass regularly, to defray our many financials costs by making regular financial donations, and ministerially by volunteering to assist at Mass or with a Parish organisation. If any of the ministries or organisations below-mentioned is of interest to you, please send an email to the contact person. If you do not have an email, please speak to the pastor or the ushers before or after Mass and they will pass along your name and telephone number. **Thank you for supporting our Parish.**

Ministry Organisation	Overview	Contact Person	Contact Email
Lector	To read at weekday or weekend Masses	Fr Don Oberwarth	assisi@sympatico.ca

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Ushers	To meet, greet, and seat parishioners and visitors at weekend Masses	Fr Don Oberwarth	assisi@sympatico.ca
Cleaners	To clean the church of St. Francis, Frankford	Fr Don Oberwarth	assisi@sympatico.ca
Ladies of the Sacred Heart	To join the Ladies to support Sacred Heart, Batawa	Mrs. Anne-Marie Coward	amaquino.reach.net@gmail.com
Catholic Women's League	To join the League to support St. James, Stirling	Mrs. Joanne Belanger	joannek.belanger@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus Council 11655	To join the Council to support the Parish outreach programs	Mr. Garry Austin	garry1austin@hotmail.com
St Vincent de Paul Society	To volunteer in the Society to support the community	Mr. Jim Best	jim@rentxtrans.com



New Parishioners: Our Parish is blest to have received over the last few months many new parishioners into the fold. If you notice a new face in the congregation, please be sure to extend a warm welcome.

Snow Plowing 2022-2023: As many of you will know who own your own homes or businesses, the removal of snow to ensure safe and easy access is a top priority. Last winter alone - November 2022 to April 2023, the Parish paid \$5,243.20 for access to just two of our three churches – Sacred Heart, Batawa and St. Francis of Assisi, Frankford. The Knights of Columbus Council 11655 contributed this week \$1,000.00 to mitigate our financial burden. Many thanks to the Knights, we are most appreciative.

