

# Divine Providence, St. Francis of Assisi, Holy Apostles, St. Katharine Drexel Parishes



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 22, 2023



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**Holy Apostles Parish at  
St. John the Evangelist Church**

655 East St.  
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**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

1755 Stanley St.  
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**St. Katharine Drexel Parish at  
St. Jerome Church**

1010 Slater Rd.  
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### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

4:00p.m. at St. Jerome

### **SUNDAY**

8:00a.m. at St. Francis

9:00a.m. at St. Joseph

10:00a.m. at St. Francis

11:30a.m. at St. Jerome

### **DAILY MASS**

8:00 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

6:00 pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

### **Confessions**

7:30-7:50 am Monday – Saturday at St. Francis

5:15pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

3:30-3:50 pm Saturday at St. Jerome

### **Adoration**

5pm-5:45pm Monday-Friday at St. Francis

St. Andrew, St. John, St. Peter and St. Maurice Churches are no longer used for regular Masses.

### **Prayer Line**

In need of Prayers? Please Call Mary M. at our Prayer Line between 2 and 4pm 860-225-3890

**January 15, 2023: \$10,849.43**

This amount includes the basket,  
mail in and online donations.

**Mass Attendance for the weekend  
of January 15, 2023: 679**

Thank you to all who support our parish.

## 2022 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax statements for 2022 donations to the Parishes will be provided as follows:

If you use an online giving platform—Tithely, Parish Giving, or OSV—you will be sent your 2022 tax statement automatically by the giving website, via the email you provided when you registered as a user. You can also sign on to your account to get a tax statement.

If you use the envelope system and need a 2022 tax statement, call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 or email [lisa@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:lisa@stfranciscatholic.org) to request a tax statement. Please provide your name, phone number (in case we have questions), and which of the four Parishes you are registered with. **PLEASE NOTE:** Statements will be sent by request only, and are not being automatically sent out to the entire 4 databases.

Most people use one form of donation, either envelopes or online. If you have done a combination of methods during the year—envelopes and online giving—the systems do not consolidate. You will need to receive a tax statement from each form.

## Important Parking Notice

The public parking lot across from St. Francis Church will be closed until summer due to the city's long awaited dredging of the pond. This will make Mass parking significantly more difficult. Please obey all laws when parking on public streets and leave a little extra time when you attend Sunday Mass at St. Francis.



**Saturday, January 21**

**8am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Jason Bessoni

**Sunday, January 22**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** +Ann Cauffman

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Sebatiano, Josephine and  
Elizabeth Giarratana

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Juanita Laccetti

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Suzzane Cenot

**All weekday Masses are at St. Francis:**

**Monday, January 23**

**8:00 am:** +Sr. Mary Rosalie, John Nesci, Patrick  
Pressamarita and Holy Souls of Purgatory

**6:00 pm:** Special Intention

**Tuesday, January 24**

**8:00 am:** +Tim Cote

**6:00 pm:** Intention of the Celebrant

**Wednesday, January 25**

**8:00 am:** +Holy Souls of Purgatory

**6:00 pm:** +Peter Schwartz

**Thursday, January 26**

**8:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant

**6:00 pm:** Special Intention

**Friday, January 27**

**8:00 am:** Intention of the Celebrant

**6:00 pm:** Pro Populo

**Saturday, January 28**

**8am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

**4pm Vigil: St. Jerome:** +Keith and Kathy Beliveau

**Sunday, January 29**

**8:00 am: St. Francis:** Intention of the Celebrant

**9:00 am: St. Joseph:** +Frank and Lena Gombotz and  
Joseph Kulasenski Family

**10:00 am: St. Francis:** +Juanita Laccetti

**11:30 am: St. Jerome:** +Suzzane Cenot

**To Schedule a Mass, please call the Parish office, located at  
St. Jerome at 860-224-2411**



## THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION

The Bible Timeline study program takes you on a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and give you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture.

In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

Through its 24 sessions, The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life. Sessions are offered on Monday at 6:30PM starting January 9th at St. Francis School Cafeteria.

## NBCCW Scholarship

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women is pleased to offer two, \$1,000 scholarships to either 8th graders planning to attend a Catholic High School or high school seniors planning to attend college. The Council is only accepting digital applications and these can be obtained by emailing a request to [nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com](mailto:nbcouncilcatholicwomen@gmail.com) or requesting a digital copy from your parish office. The deadline for submission is May 5th.



## In Baptism, What Does It Mean to “Die with Christ”?

Jesus Christ died for our sins. In baptism, we die with Christ in that original sin and any personal sins are absolved because of the atoning merits of Christ's Paschal Mystery (CCC 1010, 1265-66). And we arise with Christ as a “new creature,” adopted sons and daughters son of God who thus partake of his divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

Credits to: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/in-baptism-what-does-it-mean-to-die-with-christ>



## Saint Thomas Aquinas

Priest and Doctor

Patron Saint of students, Catholic schools, against storms, apologists, book sellers, chastity, philosophers, publishers, scholars, theologians.

1225–1274

Thomas was born in a grand castle in central Italy near the town of Aquino. His father was a nobleman, a knight in the army of the Emperor Frederick II. Thomas began his studies when he was only five at the famous Benedictine monastery, Monte Cassino, where his uncle was abbot. Thomas's parents hoped he would one day become the abbot himself. When he was fourteen, because of military conflicts, Thomas moved from Monte Cassino to the newly founded University of Naples to continue his studies. It was there that he came in contact with the Dominicans who influenced him greatly and who made plans for Thomas to join their newly founded order. Thomas's intellect shone forth at that time as he openly engaged in discussions, and his reputation for brilliance became widely known.

In 1252, at the age of twenty-six, Brother Thomas was given the title “Master in Theology” by the pope. For the next twenty-two years, Brother Thomas wrote numerous books, sermons, commentaries of Scripture, and even composed some of our Church's most beautiful hymns. He continued as a teacher, preacher, and papal theologian in Paris, Naples, Orvieto, and Rome. Saint Thomas was not only brilliant, he was also a man of deep faith, who loved God, never stopped contemplating the truths of faith, and courageously introduced new methods by which God became better known and understood. His life of prayer produced a wellspring of supernatural truth that was then organized by his intellect and articulated in ways never seen before.

Credits to: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-28-saint-thomas-aquinas-priest-and-doctor/>

## From Fr. Casey & Nick DiBello, Focus Missionary



Following last week's recap of the SEEK23 conference I was asked to explain a little bit more about FOCUS, what it is, and what they do here in our parish. To do so I teamed up with one of our missionaries, Nick DiBello, who wrote most of what is presented below.

FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) is a campus outreach organization that works on college campuses and in parishes across the country and the world. Focus missionaries invite those they work with to commit to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, build them up in the faith, and prepare them to live a Christ-centered life of virtue, discipleship, and evangelization.

Some sources estimate that over 70% of Catholics who enter college will leave their faith by the time they're done with college. FOCUS aims to reach, invest deeply, and build up these students where they are through friendship, outreach events, prayer, the sacraments, Bible Studies, conferences, mission trips, and more. Once students are built in their faith and have accepted the Gospel message and the call to evangelization, missionaries accompany students as they go out and do the same with others in their classes, clubs, parishes, and lives to lead others to Christ.

Our team of four Focus missionaries serve at CCSU at the invitation of Archbishop Blair. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal directly supports the cost associated with having a full time team on campus. If you would be interested in additional ways to support the ministry of our missionaries, you can email them at [focus@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:focus@stfranciscatholic.org). For more information on FOCUS please visit [focus.org](http://focus.org). A special thanks to Nick for his contribution this week.

## The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship Application

The Martha and Kenneth Revoir Scholarship was established in 2016 by Kenneth Revoir in memory and in honor of his mother, Martha Revoir, a parishioner of St. Maurice Church, now known as Saint Katharine Drexel Parish. In creating the scholarship trust, it was Mr. Revoir's intention that students be able to pursue the education for which they are qualified and which they wish to pursue in order to become successful, productive citizens. The scholarship is primarily to provide financial assistance to eligible students who have been members of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish for at least the year prior to the student's application. If there are no qualified applicants, the Trustees have the authority to award scholarships to students who are members of other Roman Catholic parishes in New Britain for at least one year prior to application.

Scholarships with a minimum of \$2,500 may be awarded to full time students who are enrolled at accredited colleges, universities, or community colleges or are pursuing a course of study which will prepare them for a trade or profession at an accredited educational facility which awards degrees or certificates and has a full time faculty. Scholarships may include assistance with tuition, fees, books, and living expenses. High school seniors who will be enrolled at an accredited educational facility by June for the fall semester are also eligible to apply. To ensure that the information pertaining to the Trust gets sufficient distribution, the Trustees have decided to place this announcement regarding the Trust in each church bulletin throughout New Britain's Catholic Churches.

After reviewing all the applications provided to the Scholarship Committee by students who are members of that parish the scholarship committee will examine the other applications from other New Britain Parishes and shall forward their recommendations to the trustees. To keep the process as streamlined as possible, all applications will be sent to the Scholarship Committee at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Scholarship application that contain all of the requirement needed to apply may be obtained at the Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Office (860) 224-2411 or contact Lisa at [lisa@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:lisa@stfranciscatholic.org).

**It is extremely important that all requirements and deadlines contained in the application process be met in a timely matter.** Failure to enclose the required materials and to meet the deadlines will cause the application to be deemed incomplete and it will not be forwarded to the Trustees for consideration.

## Photos of the Week



The Bible Timeline Series at St. Francis Catholic



## Hospitality Ministers needed

If you are interested in helping with one or more of the following needs of the parish by:

- Welcoming people to Mass
- Assisting with needs during Mass
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## BINGO

Monday Evenings  
**St Jerome Church Hall**  
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Games begin at 6:30pm

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Sunday Afternoons  
**St. Joseph School**  
195 South Main St., New Britain  
Doors open at 11:30am  
Games begin at 2pm



## Prayer Shawls

Do you know someone who is ill, has lost a loved one or is struggling with difficult life situations and could use some comfort? If so, please consider giving them a blessed prayer shawl. There are many colors to choose from. Please stop by the parish office if you would like one. The prayer shawls are given at no charge.

## Pastoral Care Ministry

We are most eager to help anyone who is unable to join us at Mass because of illness, handicap or age. Any parishioner in need of anointing of the sick or sacramental care at, assisted living, hospital or care facility, please call the Parish Office at 860-224-2411 and we will be happy to arrange a visit.



## Vocations

God is calling men to the priesthood. The Office of Vocations can help you hear God's voice and discern His will for your life. If you think God is calling you the time to act is now! To talk about a priestly vocation, contact Fr. Casey, Vocation Director, 860-761-7456.

## AA Meetings

**Wednesdays at 7pm**  
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**Fridays at 7pm**  
 St. Joseph School  
 (Spanish speaking group)

**Saturdays at 7pm**  
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