



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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**Priests of the Institute of Charity
(Rosminians)**

Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
and 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

August 10, 2014
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time,
Year A



As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified. But at once Jesus said to them, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

~Matthew 14:22-33

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday	August 9
4:30 p.m.	†Frank Pumbo by Mary Elizabeth Pumbo
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass †Sergio Montes by Argentina Montes
Sunday	August 10
8:30 a.m.	†Mary Ann Casale by James Casale
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis
4:30 p.m.	†Shirley Indessi by Jeanne Sancel
Monday	August 11
8:00 a.m.	†Enrique Oliu by Marilyn Oliu
Tuesday	August 12
8:00 a.m.	†Gertrude Coffey Kasel
Wednesday	August 13
8:00 a.m.	†William & Mary Joyce by Bernadette Suppa
Thursday	August 14
8:00 a.m.	†Pauline Miller by Rachel Harlor <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass</i>
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
7:30 p.m.	†Rev. David Czartorynski
Friday	August 15
	<i>Holy Day of Obligation Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Billie Morrow by Frances Strickland
7:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday	August 16
4:30 p.m.	†Bernard Ferris, Sr. by Marilyn Paquette
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday	August 17
8:30 a.m.	†Maryann Casale by James Casale
10:30 a.m.	†Peter Monti by Catherine Monti
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, *especially for the following:*

Fr. Fitzgerald, Benjamin John McFaul, Jim Miller, Ambrose, Adam Alexan- Pat McDonough, Cindy der, Warren Ashton, James Mellon, Rina & Luis Barkow, Mary Baron, Deb- Maura, Alberta Migue, bie Beckering, Ernest & Heidi Louise Miller, Car- Heather Berard, Brittany leen & Jim Mingle, Ed Bourassa, Pat Brinley, Dee Murray, Helen O'Connor, Brown, Dolores Budden- John Openlander, James brock, Jimmy & James Pederson, Mary Elizabeth Burke, Raymond Burke, Pumbo, Richard Pope, Goldie Buggert, Dana Cal- Rev. Joseph Presley, I.C., vani, Yovanna Campos June Fay Roberts, Pat Cabrere, Vincent Constan- Racic, Frances Radis, Karin tino, Patty Capitano, Mi- Slater Reinert, Emilsa & chael Casagrande, John Emilsa Juliana Robicheaux, Cushwa, Edward DeMars, Helen Sakevich, Catherine Carmen Connors, Delia Schaefer, Mary Schembri, Devine, Richard Ellis, Ruth Bill Shumsky, Laura Erlendsson, Rosemarie Spivey, Evelyn Steen, Gabriel, Ed George, Mary Andy Stramel, Jr., Stanton Geraci, Paula Goodman, Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Kenny Gay, Patricia Graf, Betty Valleri, Isabel Val- Joy Grimm, Rachel Harlor, dez, Frank Vass, Al Vei- Adrianna Helton, Marlene notte, Alice Veinotte, Lucy Hill, Charlie Homs, Ann Vessa, Martin Vicari, Johnson, Helen Kate, Ste- Gabriel Wagner, George ven Lauria, Fr. Demetrio Wagner, Brittney Wilbur, Lordan, Anne & Frankie and the Homebound and Mansis, Aliceia Marrone, their Caregivers.

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

Daniel Hutton	Helen Castillo	John Andrew Marple
Karen Castillo	Derrick M. Shea	James E. Desaulniers
Aran Miller	Rafael E. Santiago	Brennan Tyska
Jarred Taracido	Nathan Berry	James Kropp
Joseph Michalek	Devon Michael Callicoot	Robin Brown
Juan Cruz	Matt Daniels	Josh Silva
Christian Morelo	Jack Vine	Charles Laing III
Adam Murray	Jesse Witt	Christa Seals
Kris Urquhart	Brittany L. Jones Baker	Joshua Eicholz
Stefan Tyska	Adam Baker	Kurt Datol
Mickey Reese	Cameron Trinkle	Kevin Lime
Christopher Heacox	Zachary Trinkle	
Ryan Levy Cruz	Brandon Trinkle	
Jeff Calvani	Dan Holder	
Robert Lewis	Jesse Doyle	
Greg Bender	Kenneth Urquhart	
Ryan Hurley	Aaron C. Lint	
J.P. Zotomayor	Lawrence Morgan Null	



Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We **extend a special welcome** to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy and the green "*Parish Registration*" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

PRESENCE

It is difficult to be truly present to another. We speak of putting in an appearance or showing up. Even when we arrive, we are often distracted. We think ahead, or we review an unsettled past. Nonetheless, we are at our best when we truly show up. We are most fully ourselves when we are absorbed in something worthy of us: creative work, good conversation, prayer. In these instances we are wholly ourselves and wholly outside ourselves.

Elijah knew this kind of engagement. He was one of God's great prophets. In today's first reading, he follows God's command to journey to that most holy place, Mount Horeb. And there in great silence, Elijah encounters God.

As for Peter and the apostles, they discover the presence of God after the storm at sea. They and the sea and the winds are stunned into silent reverence.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Those moments arise for each of us when we come face to face with death or the possibility of real failure. Then it is no longer so easy or so enticing to step off the roller coaster platform, for suddenly the ride is no longer carefree or without risk. Yet through the risk, it is possible that life in God may be found.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

This Sunday's Gospel features Jesus picking his way to a boat of disciples through a storm of windy darkness over a sea of nighttime waves. At three in the morning, he finds them being tossed about in their own storm of windy fear. Then Peter, who always seems to say the right thing by saying the wrong thing at the right time, calls out across the tumult, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." So Jesus calls back and says, "Come."

That is when Peter must decide if he will step off the platform and into the roller coaster, or if he will play it safe. Amazingly, Peter decides not to play it safe but rather steps into the swirling storm of life. There he begins to sink and drown, but it's also there that he discovers God reaching out and grasping him. Had he played it safe and stayed in the boat, he might never have known God's saving hand. He also realizes that what Jesus came preaching was not an amusement park of fun and games but rather a kingdom where life is known only through great risk.

Such is the story of all of our lives when we must choose between a life of apparent security and the real life that is always revealed through risk and trust. Such choices may arise when we face the prospect of marriage counseling or first-time parenting or late-life parenting or job loss or spouse loss or health loss or even what may appear to be loss of faith. At these times, not to step out of the boat and into the swirling storm, not to risk all for the sake of all is to lose all. On the other hand, to step out, even though it be with great fear, is to meet our saving God.

~ Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Psalms 148:1-2, 11-14; Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ezekiel 2:8 — 3:4; Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Psalms 113:1-6; Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Psalms 78:56-59, 61-62; Matthew 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Vigil:
1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
Psalms 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;
1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

Day:

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Psalms 45:10-12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27;
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32;
Psalms 51:12-15, 18-19; Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Ministries Schedule August 16th & 17th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Bristol, D.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Chordas, T.**E.M.H.C.:** Subko; Benn; Murray, G.; Lanctot;
Caskey; Chordas; Buehler**Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Veinotte, T.**Altar Servers:** O'Connor, D.; O'Connor, J.**Lector:** Puleo, S.**E.M.H.C.:** Shoemaker; Veinotte; Bull; Tetreault;
Silva, D. & J.**Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Mabe, J.**Altar Servers:** Harper, K.; Harper, M.**Lector:** Molitor, D.**E.M.H.C.:** Vazquez; Harper, B. & J.; DiRisio;
Quintas, J. & T.**Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Miller, J.**Altar Servers:** Sweeney, S.; Wrobel, T.**Lector:** Wrobel, J.**E.M.H.C.:** LePochat; Murray, A.; Sweeney;
Hazzard; Whitehead; Hunt; Womack;**Homebound E.M.H.C.****1st Group:** Ray & Aggie Mularoni**2nd Group:** Ashita Mukalel & Dottie Mabe**3rd Group:** Jean Hunt & Joyce Womack**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m. or
anytime by appointment with priest.**Anointing of the Sick**For all those threatened by serious illness: available
anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.**Baptisms**

After required instruction, contact parish office.

MarriageContact office at least six months before desired date
and before setting date.**Business Office Hours**

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis**August 10 - 16, 2014**

Monday August 11	Emaus Group	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday August 12	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
	Pope John XXIII Prayer Group	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday August 13	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
	Bible Study	7:30 p.m.
	MDS Group	7:30 p.m.
Thursday August 14	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
Saturday August 16	Catechist Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Youth Group	5:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.

In Memory of...

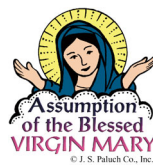
Please join us on **Saturday, August 23rd at 10:30 a.m.** for a Memorial Mass to honor **Fr. David Czartorynski**, who recently passed away. A luncheon will follow Mass in the Social Hall.

Knights of Columbus News**Blessed Antonio Rosmini Council #14278**This weekend, August 9th & 10th, the Knights of Columbus will have a Membership Drive.

The Knights of Columbus have four core principles.

"All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism."

For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Steve Jarosz at 813-685-2021.

**Feast of the****Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary****Friday, August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**A Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, **Aug. 14th at 7:30 p.m.** Mass times on **Friday, Aug. 15th are 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.** A Mass in Spanish will also be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.**GOD'S IMAGE**

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

~ Blaise Pascal

Faith Formation News

Classes will begin for Faith Formation, kindergarten thru Youth Group, **September 7th**. **Registration will take place after all the Masses next weekend, August 16th & 17th**. If you have received the registration form in the mail, please drop it off at the registration table next weekend. *Students must attend two consecutive years of Faith Formation to prepare for receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation.*

We are looking for a few catechists, assistants and substitutes. Please call Judy at 813-244-2853, if you are interested in *teaching our children our Faith*. NO experience is necessary!!

RCIA PROGRAM NEWS

Do you feel a nudge in one of the following ways? RCIA Classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 7:15 p.m.

1. As a *non-Catholic*, do you want to learn more about the Catholic Faith?
2. As a *Catholic*, do you want to learn more about your faith?
3. As a *Catholic* who has not received all the sacraments God has blessed us with, is this your time to do so?
4. As a *Catholic*, would you like to sponsor someone who wants to enter the church?

If you are interested in this *life changing program* or if you have questions, please contact Deacon Dick thru parish office at 681-9115.

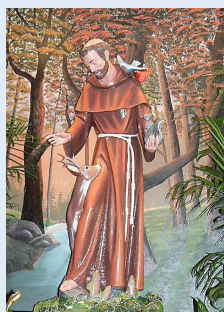
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Husbands and Wives: *What have you done for your marriage today?* Successful marriages don't work on automatic pilot – at least not for long. Like a garden, they require constant attention: fertilizing, watering, and weeding. Healthy marriages, like gardens, don't die suddenly. More often they fade away from a gradual lack of attentiveness, letting things slide, taking each other for granted. Join us for a *Worldwide Marriage Encounter* and discover God's plan for joy, romance and passion in your marriage. The next weekend in this diocese is **August 22-24**. For more information or to apply, call (813) 270-7832 or go on-line at www.wwme-tampabay.org.

Back to School Bash

Women's Resource Center is getting ready for another big *Back to School Bash* **August 15th & 16th**. We provide back packs, school supplies, new socks, new underwear, new or slightly used shoes, and new or gently used clothes. It is a big 2 day event! During the event, we encourage children to work with personal shoppers to pick out their own clothing and school supplies. Kids self esteem is bolstered when they make independent, successful choices. It also increases their sense of personal responsibility. In addition this event provides much needed financial relieve to the parents. Please call the Women's Resource Center at 661-3696 x 242 to set up an appointment.

St. Francis Chronicle



Francis: Bluey, I hear people talking about changes to our church sanctuary, what's going on?

Blue Jay: Well, dear saint, you realize that our latest building project included reclaiming the north wing of the church which had been used as a reception area....

Francis: ...but what has that to do with the sanctuary?

Blue Jay: Dear Francis, I am coming to that. The fact is that having brought back the church to its original size, we began to look at the sanctuary and see how it could be improved.

Francis: I hope you didn't upset things too much, it was lovely as it was, right?

Blue Jay: Right on, so it was, but maybe a little bit 'cluttered' if you'll forgive the term, maybe too many images across the back wall?

Francis: Including the lovely mosaic of me, St Francis, the patron of the parish!

Blue Jay: Of course, but it was decided to place your image, and Mother Mary's, further to the side and have stained-glass windows in those places instead.....it looks beautiful, honestly..

Francis: Mm-m, I hope so, Bluey, although I have serious doubts about modern art.

Blue Jay: And the music ministry area has been sidelined from the sanctuary area as well.

Francis: Now that should be interesting to observe, and I do hope wherever they end up they are not looking down at the congregation like stage performers!

Blue Jay: Dear Francis, our musicians and singers are there to serve the Lord and will observe what is best for Him, believe me.

Francis: I hope you are right, Bluey, I hope you are right.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Maria LePochat	651-9813
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos	
Adam DeMary	
Clothing Pantry	
Bill Klosterman	982-0377
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erlendsson	661-3091
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Judy Harris	653-0055
Hispanic Ministry	
Sonia Barroso	651-4038
Hispanic Religious Education	
Cristina Garcia	571-5430
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla	657-0218
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Monica & David Brandies	654-1969
Knights of Columbus	
Steve Jarosz	685-2021
Lectors	
Alice Murray	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Marie Colvin	571-8170
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva	649-8957
RCIA	
Deacon Dick Beaudry	689-0769
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey	685-8242
Tender Care/Food Pantry	
John Familetti	681-9115
Ushers	
Ron Mullen	661-5983
Women's Guild	
Becky Kline	685-1977
Youth Group	
Steve Jarosz	685-2021

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we acknowledge and salute **Fran Calvani, Sacristan...** *Thank you, Fran!!*

Stewardship Reflection

"After the fire, there was a small whispering sound."

~ 1 Kings 19:12

For many of us, our prayers are petitions to God, asking Him for something we want. **How many times do we take time, in silence, to ask God what He wants from us? How do we know what God wants us to do unless we listen for Him on a regular basis?**

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, July 27, 2014

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection	\$6,238.59
Children's & Youth Envelope & Loose/Contents	3/\$65.80
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$1,143.00
Total Offertory for this week	\$7,447.39
Total Offertory, week of 2013	\$9,351.00
Decrease	\$1,903.61
Envelopes Issued/Used	734/210 (29%)
Total Building Fund for this week	\$10.00
Budgeted Expense This Month	\$46,275.00
Total Receipts Month to Date	\$35,791.88
2014 APA	\$84100
On Line 2014 APA	\$135.00
Total 2014 APA for this week	\$976.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 160 6:30 p.m. 257

8:30 a.m. 176 10:30 a.m. 282

4:30 p.m. 114

Total Attendance: 989

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Thank You!

~ For the Week of July 27, 2014 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$308.49

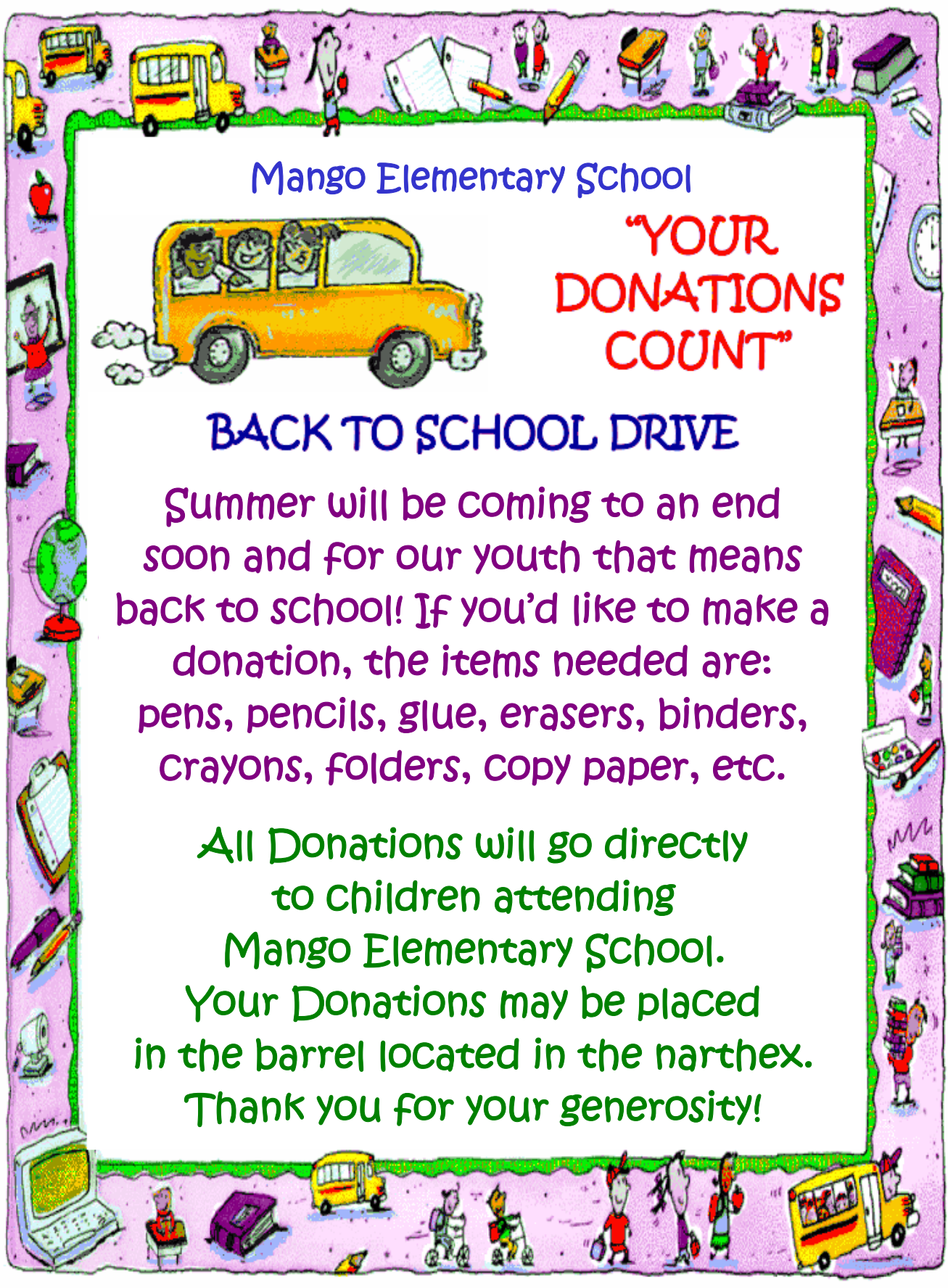
DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$418.40

Thanks to all who so generously support our Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because of your support, we are able to help those in need. *Thank you and God bless!!*

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ Himself. ~ St. Louise de Marillac



Mango Elementary School



**"YOUR
DONATIONS
COUNT"**

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Summer will be coming to an end soon and for our youth that means back to school! If you'd like to make a donation, the items needed are: pens, pencils, glue, erasers, binders, crayons, folders, copy paper, etc.

All Donations will go directly to Children attending Mango Elementary School.
Your Donations may be placed in the barrel located in the narthex.
Thank you for your generosity!