



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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August 17, 2014 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**



Priests of the Institute of Charity (Rosminians)

Pastor: Fr. Michael C. A. O'Neill, I.C.

Pastor Emeritus: Fr. Christopher R. Fitzgerald, I.C.

Priest in Residence: Fr. James McAteer, I.C.

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., 4:30 p.m.

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

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

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

Mass Intentions for the Week



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
Monday	August 18
8:00 a.m.	†Jim Harlor by Rachel Harlor
Tuesday	August 19
8:00 a.m.	†Adeline Baroni by Carmela Blair
Wednesday	August 20
8:00 a.m.	†Julio Abinader
Thursday	August 21
8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Pasden
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Friday	August 22
8:00 a.m.	†Richard Phanuef by Carol Colombo
Saturday	August 23
4:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Francis
6:30 p.m.	Spanish Mass
Sunday	August 24
8:30 a.m.	†Shirley Indessi by Jeanne Sancel
10:30 a.m.	†Virginia Morrison by Dolores, Dyanne & Juanita
4:30 p.m.	†Pierre Casagrande by Josette Cassagrande

Prayer to Avert Storms

Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of Your power into praise of Your goodness. Give us the fine weather we pray for so that we may rejoice in Your gifts of kindness and use them always for Your glory and our good. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit one God forever and ever. Amen.

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

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 Callicoa	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. Zolomayor	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 — Thus says the LORD: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

CALLED TO ACT IN GOD'S NAME

"Let all the nations praise you!" (Psalm 67:4) today's psalm response exclaims. In the psalms and other Hebrew scriptures, this kind of invocation is actually an invitation to God to act, to intervene in human lives in a manner that will cause everyone—not just the Chosen People—to give praise. Stated a bit more strongly, it is something of a "put up or shut up" challenge to God, the sort of strong statement the psalmists of Israel, trusting in their intimate and loving relationship with God, were not afraid to make.

The Gospel has its own exclamation, announcing the appearance of the Canaanite woman with "Behold!" (Matthew 15:22) "Behold!" is a scriptural flag that tells us that God is about to act or announce something through an individual or a situation. In the case of Jesus, God was going to act through this woman, whom nobody among Jesus' followers would have believed to be an agent of the divine will. Like the psalmists, we might passively inform or perhaps even actively challenge God to do something so that everyone will come to belief, but God will always turn the tables on us. **It becomes our calling, our duty (as it was for Jesus) to behold the situations and persons of our daily lives so that God can act through us, so the Kingdom can be announced through our living.**

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

"Beggars can't be choosers!" we might say to a child who asks for a different candy bar from the one we have handed him. "Beggars can't be choosers!" we might think as we watch a struggling mother sort through hand-me-downs at the free store. "Beggars can't be choosers!" we might tell ourselves when we are mistreated by someone we rely on to supply our needs. Those four little words may seem logical and harmless. Yet, how many children, unemployed, elderly, sick, or otherwise vulnerable people have lost their self-respect and stopped voicing their needs because they believe those four little words!

Today's scriptures challenge us to stop using, or even thinking, those four words. They invite us to see that, yes, beggars *can and should* be choosers. The first and second readings seem directed to those who feel they deserve better than others. They show God's mercy extending to all who call on and love the name of the Lord, and remind us that all of us have disobeyed, thus all of us are beggars. The Gospel speaks to those who feel they deserve worse than others. The Canaanite woman is held up as a model to imitate, not someone to be scorned and rejected. We are encouraged never again to let feelings of unworthiness convince us that our needs don't deserve a hearing, respect, and a response.

~ Virginia Stillwell

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deuteronomy 32:18-21; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalms 23:1-6; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalms 51:12-15, 18-19; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 107:2-9; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Psalms 85:9ab, 10-14; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Canaanite woman seems to convert Jesus by expressing faith in Him and faith in herself. ***How might you express your faith in God, in others, and in yourself? How might God use your faith to convert others?***

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart. ~ George Herbert

Ministries Schedule August 23RD & 24th**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass****Rosary Leader:** Soleau, D.**Altar Servers:** Adult Volunteers**Lector:** Zendegui, S.**E.M.H.C.:** Caskey; Chordas; Toles, C. & C.;

Subko; Angelo, J. & J.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass**Rosary Leader:** Plourde, H.**Altar Servers:** O'Connor, D.; O'Connor, J.**Lector:** Lukban, D.; DeJordy, L.**E.M.H.C.:** Boucher; Mularoni; Simpson; Leone;

Pasden; Plourde

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass**Rosary Leader:** Oliu, M.**Altar Servers:** Kemp, D.; Brown, D.**Lector:** Winiarski, B.**E.M.H.C.:** Harper, B. & J.; Quintas, J. & T.; Carr;

Mussenden

Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass**Rosary Leader:** Hunt, J.**Altar Servers:** Cortes, A.; Cortes, K.**Lector:** Sweeney, K.**E.M.H.C.:** LePochat; Murray, A.; Sweeney;

Hazzard; Whitehead; Hunt; Womack;

Homebound E.M.H.C.**1st Group:** Pete & Henri Plourde**2nd Group:** Janet Ganske & Kathy Carr**3rd Group:** David & Monica Brandies**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**

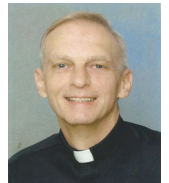
Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis**August 17 - 23, 2014**

Monday August 18	Emaus Group	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday August 19	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
	Pope John XXIII Prayer Group	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday August 20	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
	Bible Study	7:30 p.m.
	MDS Group	7:30 p.m.
Thursday August 21	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
Saturday August 23	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 cake/drink reception will follow Mass in the Social Hall.



*An Invitation from the
Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI)*

Do you feel God calling you to be more? Our Diocese is blessed with many lay women and men who love God and wish to serve Him. The LPMI program provides an integrated process to equip Catholics to "be more" by forming them Spiritually, Intellectually, and Pastorally. A new LPMI Year of Discernment class **begins September 13, 2014**. For more information, contact us at dpb@dosp.org or 727-344-1611, ext. 5458 or visit our website: http://home.catholicweb.com/dosp_lpmi.

JOB SEEKERS -**ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR NEXT JOB INTERVIEW?**

The *St. Stephen Career Transition Ministry* can help, whether it's a phone interview or an HR interview. CTM can go over the questions that may be asked so you will be ready with interesting answers, using your many accomplishments as you answer their questions. Your next employer wants to know what you can do for them and your job interview must reflect how you can help the company to grow or cut their expenses. This is what will impress them! CTM also has a team of professionals who will tweak your resume and help it stand out from the crowd. Our workshops are held **every Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Catholic School**. Don't forget to bring your resume and be prepared to take notes! For more information, please call John or Sheila Nemias at 813-672-2552. or career_transition@ststephencatholic.org

Faith Formation News

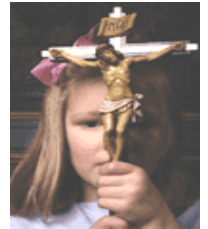
Classes will begin for Faith Formation, kindergarten thru Youth Group, **September 7th**. **Registration will take place after all the Masses this weekend, August 16th & 17th**. If you have received the registration form in the mail, please drop it off at the registration table. *Students must attend 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!!

How Can I Keep My Kids Catholic?

It's a question we've all heard a lot. After all, sending kids to school sometimes seems like sending them to swim in a shark tank. Sometimes it seems like the corruption of our time outdoes even St. Paul's list of vices in Romans 1, and that our children are the ones most fighting a most vigorous rearguard action and possibly even loosing the battle. Parenting today—**more than ever**—is a question of making the truth more attractive than the world's lures.

Kids will stay Catholic if the Catholicism they see is the **strong**, self-assured, self-confident, assertive kind—and if they see worldliness accompanied by the ugly train of destruction its glamour tries to hide. We parents must show our children from their earliest years why we are Catholic and what makes us Catholic. As their first teachers, we must be examples to them, to show them in all we do our Catholic identity, letting it shine through, both in and outside, our parishes. So, our kids may have their falls and their difficult years, and some rebellion, and that's par for the course; but they'll comeback around if they fell in love **once** with genuine Catholicism.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) PROGRAM NEWS

Have you been away from the Church? Are you thinking about coming back? Do you know someone who wants to come home to the Catholic Church, but is struggling with their faith? Maybe you or someone you know has experienced one of these thoughts:

I grew up Catholic, but for some reason I just sort of stopped going to Church...

I just moved to a new city, I tried going to a couple different parishes, but I never really felt welcomed.

After my marriage ended, I felt uncomfortable around my family, friends and parish...

I just don't understand why the Church teaches what it does! Some teachings seem so outdated...

I tried to contact my parish about getting married but no one got back to me...

If you have experienced one of these situations or thoughts you are not alone. The Church wants you to know that you are a child of God, called by name, precious in His eyes and loved by Him (Isaiah 43:1,4). The Church also wants you to know that you are missed. When one member of the Body of Christ suffers, the entire Body of the Church suffers.

If you are interested in this **life changing program**, or if you have questions, **please call the parish office at 681-9115 and ask to speak with Deacon Dick or one of our other clergy.**

St. Francis Chronicle



Francis: Bluey, from my place in the foyer I can't say I see too many wedding parties passing by. Have church weddings fallen by the wayside?

Blue Jay: Well, dear saint, they are becoming less and less, it seems. You've probably seen more coffins than marriage parties passing by your statue.

Francis: Indeed I have, and even they are becoming less and less.

Blue Jay: Maybe people have found easier and cheaper ways of celebrating marriages and funerals, I mean back in your days it didn't cost thousands of dollars, or lire, to celebrate these important life events.

Francis: Certainly not, we used our own means, cooked our own food, made our own clothing, dug our own graves, and didn't have to spend all our savings to get married or to be buried.....

Blue Jay: I can't say that's what's happening today, but having just a civil marriage saves money, as does having someone cremated.....they are money-savers compared with full church ceremonies.

Francis: Wow, so that's it, Bluey my friend? Well, maybe it's time the church began offering more imaginative ways of celebrating the sacraments instead of cow-towing to the business world's offerings, right?

Blue Jay: Right, dear saint, but what do you suggest? Maybe having a simple Mass at the grave-side instead of paying for carriage to and from the church? Or easing up on all those regulations that govern having a valid marriage in church?

Francis: Bluey, there's the makings of a prophet lost in you! Unfortunately, all these things have to be discussed in high places, but I mean to talk to our pastor about it, you know from the pastor to the deanery meeting, to the Bishop's council, to the national consultative body, to the Pope's ear....viola!

Blue Jay: God bless your simple logic, dear saint, but I wouldn't bet on it!

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 **Elix Castro, Lector...** *Thank you, Elix!!*

Stewardship Reflection

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."

~ Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. **If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.**

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, August 3, 2014

"Charity is above all a hymn of love."

Offertory Collection	\$9,597.31
Children's & Youth Envelope & Loose/Contents	3/\$43.25
On Line Giving/Offertory	\$1,390.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$11,012.56
Total Offertory, week of 2013.....	\$9,911.00
Increase.....	\$1,096.56
Envelopes Issued/Used.....	671/254 (38%)
Building Fund.....	\$50.00
On Line Building Fund	\$10.00
Total Building Fund for this week.....	\$60.00
Budgeted Expense This Month	\$47,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date.....	\$11,067.56
2014 APA.....	\$450.00
On Line 2014 APA.....	\$450.00
Total 2014 APA for this week	\$900.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 180	6:30 p.m. 206
8:30 a.m. 163	10:30 a.m. 304
4:30 p.m. 144	

Total Attendance: 997

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~ For the Week of August 3, 2014 ~

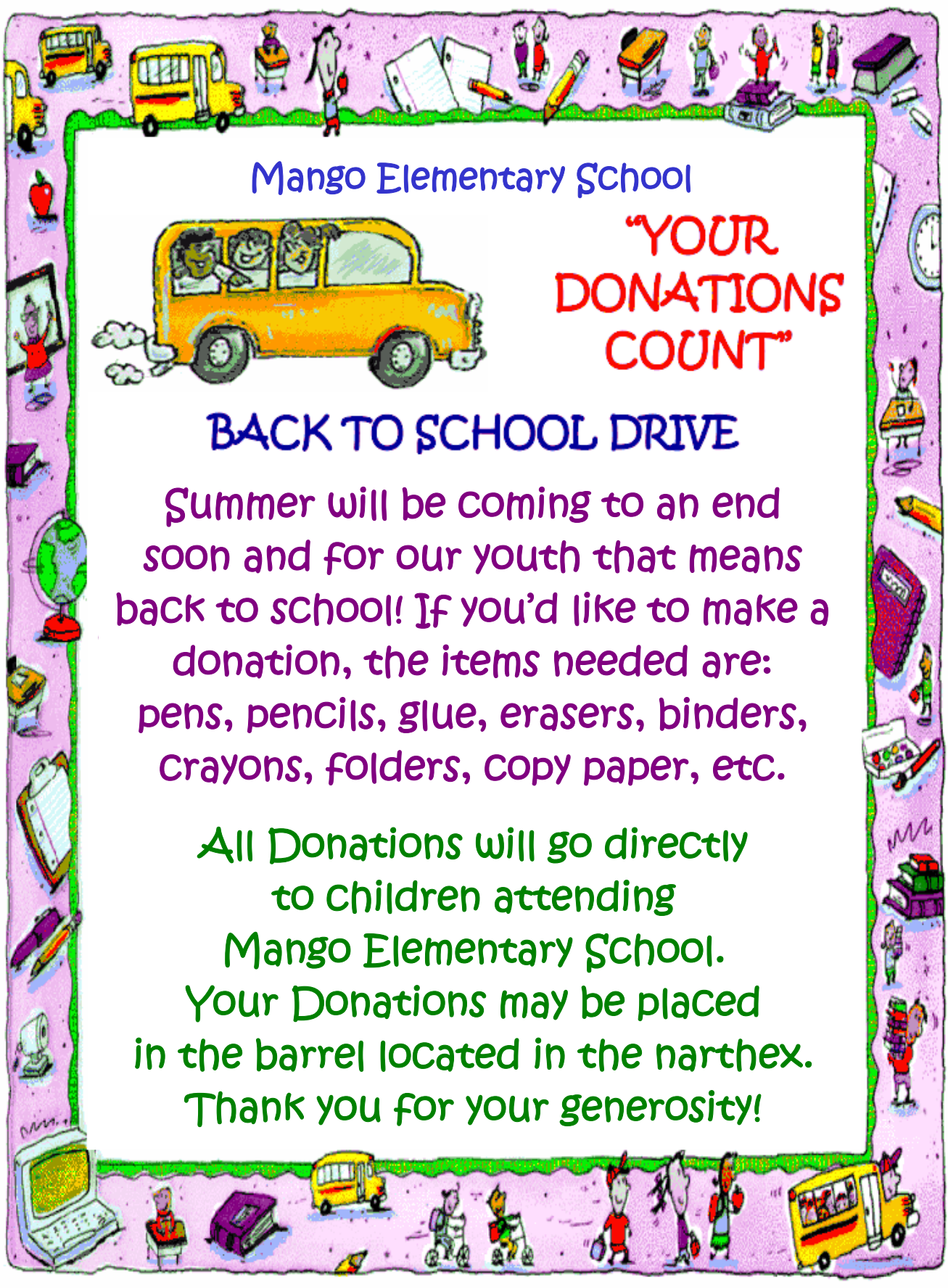
POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$164.06

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$249.88

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!!*



Mango Elementary School



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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!