

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish

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Mass Schedule: St. Ann's Sunday @ 9:30 am/Holy Family Saturday @ 4:30 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

August 2nd, 2026 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pilgrimage to Saint Francis of Assisi Shrine Sunday at Skiff Lake (Saint John the Baptist Parish). This year marks the **800th Anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's death** and has been designated as a 'Jubilee Year of Saint Francis'.

Prayer to St. Francis of Assisi

Dear St. Francis, patron of animals and the environment, help us to embrace a spirit of peace and love. Guide us in our efforts to care for creation and to show compassion to all living beings.

Inspire us to be instruments of your peace, showing love where there is hatred, bringing hope where there is despair, and sharing joy where there is sadness. May we learn from your example to live simply and joyfully, trusting in God's providence.

Intercede for us, St. Francis, that we may grow in faith and kindness, and reflect the light of Christ in our lives. Amen.

SIGN-UP NOW! Travel to the Shrine at no cost. **The sign-up sheet in the lobby of Holy Family Church and St. Ann's Church** or contact Judy Kelly via email at office@stkateri.ca or call 506-444-6021.

Schedule for Sunday, August 9th:

8:15am: bus leaves from Holy Family Church parking lot*

9:00am: bus leaves Wulastukw Convenient Store parking lot*

3:15pm: Bus Departs after healing service

***Please note that all departure times will be as indicated in the schedule to allow for arrival time for morning Mass and the return trip home.**

We invite you to join us for a meaningful journey of prayer, song and healing. All are welcome.

There is no fee to enter the Shrine but there will be an offertory during Mass; a kiosk selling medals, etc.

and there is an opportunity to light a tea light in the small chapel on site. There is a donation box there if you wish to contribute to the support of the upkeep of the Shrine.



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103rd St. Francis of Assisi Shrine Sunday Pilgrimage

August 9, 2026

413 Upper Skiff Lake Road, Skiff Lake NB

Solemn Patronal Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Mass and Healing Service celebrated by:

Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC



10:00 am - Chapel open for Mass

11:00 am - Open Air Mass

12:15 pm - Picnic lunch following Mass

1:00 pm - Rosary prayed in several languages

2:00 pm - Healing Service

Rain or shine, bring your lawn chair. Canteen available with sandwiches, sweets, hot dogs, water and soft drinks...or bring your own lunch.

Driving Directions: Take Exit 212 at Meductic. Turn on to Route 122 towards Canterbury. Take Mill Street to Upper Skiff Lake Road. Follow the signs or drive on Route 122 to just past Skiff Lake. Turn right onto the Upper Skiff Lake Rd. Follow the signs.



UN World Food Programme. On June 22, 2026 Pope Leo XIV visited the headquarters of the UN World Food Programme in Rome and was invited to speak. In his address, Pope Leo stated, "Food is a fundamental human right. I wish to appeal to the governments and peoples of the world to renew and strengthen their commitment, to increase the resources dedicated to combating hunger and its root causes, and to remove obstacles that prevent aid from reaching those in need." To read the Pope's entire address, click on the following link: [Address by Pope Leo XIV](#)



HAPPY NEW BRUNSWICK DAY!



August 15th & 16th - Ugpi'ganjig First Nation Annual Pow Wow – Eel River Bar. Annual Celebration hosted by the Eel River Bar First Nation brings together dancers, singers and visitors to honor Mi'gmaq culture, traditions and community. Featured Host Drum this year is New Agency, a first time to bringing their sound East. The Pow Wow will be held at the Aboriginal Heritage Garden, end of route 280/Cover Road at Eel River Bar, NB. Everyone is invited to this special celebration of Indigenous heritage. Eel River Bar looks forward to welcoming you to their community.

Back to School Supply Drive for the Foodbank:

Rising living costs and inflation are placing a heavy burden on many families in our community, making the purchase of back-to-school essentials a difficult challenge.

Most of us are feeling the financial pinch right now, and we likely all know someone who is quietly struggling. Your generosity can make a real difference for a child starting the new school year. With this in mind, we have decided to try and help with a collection of school supplies. Items needed are: backpacks, calculators, earbuds, pens, pencils, color pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters, and glue sticks. **(Please note: Notebooks (scribblers) and looseleaf paper are not required as the Foodbank already has a good supply of these items).** We will be **collecting until Labour Day weekend**, and for those who wish to donate funds towards school supplies, envelopes will be available in the lobby of the church. Please only donate what you can, and if you are struggling in any way, please remember that all prayers are heard.





Shelter & Foodbank Donations. Sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Ann's Church and Holy Family Church, alongside

the residents of Shannex, for your generous contributions to last weekend's Cookie Sunday event. We collected 187 dozen cookies or over 2,200 smiles and much-needed tomato and pasta products.

Your gifts and prayers bring help to those in need. Thank you for giving so generously!

Summer Readers Schedule at Holy Family: Thank you to everyone who signed up for time slots for reading over the summer months. You will find a copy of the Summer Readers Schedule in the lobby of the Church.

Readings for August 2nd

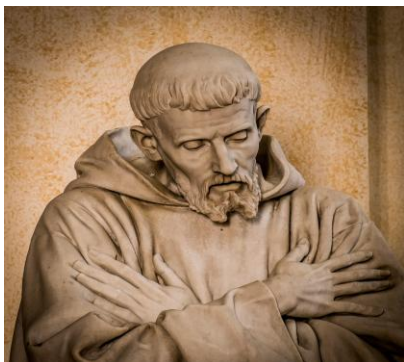
1st: Isaiah 55:1-3

2nd: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Psalm: You open your hand to feed us, Lord, and satisfy our needs.

REFLECTION CORNER



“O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; not so much to be understood as to understand; not so much to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned.”

St. Francis of Assisi

READERS AT ST. ANN'S

Aug 2nd Stacey Chessie
Aug 9th Elaine Geldart
Aug 16th Carolanne Doherty
Aug 23rd Betty Colligan
Aug 30th Mike Solomon

Mass Intentions at St. Ann's

Aug 2nd For the People
Aug 9th Fred Sabattis
Aug 16th Alden McLenaghan
Aug 23rd For the People
Aug 30th Shelley Cameron

Mass Intentions at Holy Family

Aug 1st Father Ken Weir
Aug 2nd For the People
Aug 8th Vaughn McManus
Shirley, June, Pauline Cashen
Mary Albuquerque
Aug 9th For the People
Aug 15th Bernie McCann
Aug 16th For the People
Aug 22nd Tyler Messer
Graham & Walter Randall
Aug 23rd Eugene and Theresa Brennan
Roy Schadeck and Deceased Fam Members
Aug 29th Patricia Okoye
Aug 30th Fred and Bethany Burgoon

READERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 1st Joan Sowers and Mona Leblanc
Aug 2nd Victoria Olopade and Jane Buckley
Aug 8th Judy Kelly / Margie Snell
Aug 9th Ray and Anita Allain

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT HOLY FAMILY

Aug 1st Wanda Cairns and Margie Snell
Aug 2nd Sharon Watts and Bettyanne McMackin
Aug 8th Ron Breau / Judy Kelly
Aug 9th Ewart Kenney / Patrick Burgoon

Note to Parishioners: Please be mindful of those who are sensitive to scented products and refrain from wearing perfumes/colognes when attending Mass. Thank you!



Our Sacred Stories

Jesus: A Revelation of God's Compassion and Love (Fr. John Jennings)

One of the realities of life is that we live in a world marked by both pleasure and pain. Frequently, it appears the morning or evening news conveys little but bad news. We seem to hear of wars and violence, natural disasters and human folly. Our world and our humanity seem so filled with hate and greed, with self-centeredness and hostility. It can be a depressing picture.

Looking at the stories of Jesus in the gospels, did you ever notice how often Jesus is presented the speaking to crowds? Sometimes they are hostile (Pharisees), sometimes, friendly (disciples), often they are in need, searching for something. This picture is, in so many ways...us. The gospel story this Sunday (Matt.14:13-21) is a story of Jesus' encounter with a crowd in need... and his response.

As the story unfolds, we see that as so often happened, Jesus sought to find a quiet place, but a large crowd of people followed him. As always, he had compassion for their needs and cured many. When evening came, his disciples advised him to send the crowd to the surrounding towns for food. Jesus responded to this advice by saying: "You give them something to eat." This confused his friends and they exclaimed that they had nothing to give.

What did Jesus do? In a wonder-filled way Jesus showed them how to respond to this need. He gathered the crowd and proceeded to bless the food that was available and then had his disciples distribute it among the people. As it turned out, there was more than enough to feed all and with some left over. What is the miracle here? Perhaps there are various ways to identify the wonder in the story.

Of course there is the one that might first come to mind. Jesus performed a "miraculous" act of producing food where there had been none. It was a truly divine act of creation from nothing, a suspension of the laws of nature.

Perhaps, however, what took place was an even greater wonder or miracle and one which did not suspend the laws of nature. Could it be that the true miracle was one of God touching the hearts and hands of the crowd? As Jesus pursued his mission and message of the Kingdom of God, the people were so moved that they began to share food with one another so that all were fed. There was in fact, more than enough to feed everyone. Such a vision of love, care and sharing is a taste of the Kingdom. It is also a revelation of message and the mission of Jesus.

It stands at the center of the Good News that Jesus handed on to all his disciples. That Good News expresses the compassion and life-giving love of God for all humanity and creation.

This is a true miracle, one which reveals how, as the Kingdom of God enters our lives, we are transformed, changed. We become the humanity God intends us to be. We move beyond ourselves to live in harmony, love, respect and mutual care for one another. In such a miracle, God can touch the hearts and hands of all of our world. In doing so the Kingdom we are called to build from the mission and message of Jesus comes alive. What a kingdom! What a miracle! What a wonder!

Q/ What one or two things (even small things) can I do to bring God's Kingdom into my own place in the world?

4th Annual High School Youth Rally

All high school youth are invited to join us on Sunday, August 16, from 12:30–6:30 pm at the Villa Madonna Retreat House for our Diocesan Youth Rally. The day will include: inspiring talks, small group discussions, food, fun, and Mass with Bishop Christian.

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this joyful gathering of faith, friendship, and community.

A Summary of Support for July 18 & 19

Regular/Loose	\$3,299.65
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,633.11
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.	

A Summary of Support for July 25 & 26

Regular/Loose	\$3,110.80
PAD (wkly. average)	2,298.46
St. Patrick's Cemetery	45.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,454.26
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OPTIONS FOR OFFERTORY DONATIONS:

1. **Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD).** Forms are at the entrance of the churches. Return to parish office.
2. **Mail:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1500 Hanwell Road, Fredericton NB E3C 1N3.