

JUNE 2, 2024
THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
 7717 RIVER ROAD - TOWNSEND, TN 37882
 865 - 448 - 6070

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 E-MAIL: STFRANCISTOWNSEND7717@GMAIL.COM



MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS: Saturday – Vigil Mass - 4:00PM
 Sunday – 9:00AM

DAILY MASS: MON, TU, TH & FRI - 8:30AM
(NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)
Check bulletin/website for changes

CONFESSION: Saturday before Mass:
 3:00 - 3:40 (Church confessional)
 Sunday Before Mass:
 8:15 - 8:40 (Church confessional)
 Confessions may also be scheduled
 by calling the parish office for an
 appointment.

HOLY DAYS: Check bulletin or website

The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PASTOR: Rev. Antonio Giraldo
DEACON: Deacon Jim Schmall
OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Meyerkord
BOOKKEEPER: Kathleen Halligan
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION: Julie Dew
OCIA: Bruce Boudin
WELCOMING, EVENTS AND SOCIALS (WEST): All
GARDENS & GROUNDS: Ilene Rainwater
FACILITIES: David Girard
SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
PASTORAL CARE
(SICK & HOMEBOUND): Suzie Fay
ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP: Camilla Sorrell
COLUMBARIUM: Bob Eberhardt

PARISH ASSOCIATIONS

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Ilene Rainwater
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Debbie Eberhardt

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please contact the pastor or ask an usher for a registration form, and then place the completed form in the offertory basket or mail it to the church office. For more information call 865-448-6070.

PARISHIONERS: Please report any change of contact information to the parish office via e-mail, mail or phone.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend the Baptismal Prep Class. Your family must be registered in the parish.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish priest a minimum of six months before the wedding to allow for marriage preparation formation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone entering the hospital or in serious ill health is encouraged to be anointed.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please email Microsoft Word articles to sfbulletin7717@gmail.com with the subject of "Bulletin Announcement" by Tuesday 12:00PM. All submissions are subject to further editing to fit the format of the bulletin. THANKS!

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones? Please contact Suzie Fay at 423-829-5466 or contact the office at 865-448-6070.

MASS INTENTIONS: (Mass cards are available upon request at the office.)

Mon	6/3	8:30 AM	Marion Gremel †
Tue	6/4	8:30 AM	Charlie Graham
Wed	6/5	NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thu	6/6	8:30 AM	Philip Peychal †
Fri	6/7	8:30 AM	Jack Troupe †
Sat	6/8	4:00 PM	Rex Bell, Bernard Eberhardt † and Baby Eberhardt
Sun	6/9	9:00 AM	One Heart Colombia Mission

COMMUNION SERVICES

June 3rd through June 28th

While Fr. Antonio is away, Dc. Jim will be offering communion services on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays June 3rd through June 28th.

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email or in person during office hours. Please specify whether the Mass Intention is for a living or deceased loved one. The usual requested donation for a Mass intention is \$10.00 in the Diocese of Knoxville.



PRAYER REQUESTS: (Homebound, sick or recovering parishioners, friends and relatives): Charlotte Graham, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Naomi Nwadike, Chris Owens, David Holmes, Amy Frink, Myra Montera, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Mike Scully, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Raymond Payne, Sue Ann Tippitt, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Julie Schirack, Kay Walker, Jay Ladner, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Lori O'Toole, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Gary Pavis; Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer

SANCTUARY CANDLE *The sanctuary candle is lit in thanksgiving for the healing of Normand Messier, Jr. given by Joyce Welsh.*

If you would like to donate to the sanctuary candle fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$15 for 1 week.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you would like to donate to the sanctuary flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for two weeks.



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

Open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Mass

Our gift shop has many items that will make perfect gifts for First Communion, graduation, Father's Day, and every other special occasion! Stop by and shop for that special someone!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	6/3	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	6/4		
Wed	6/5	1:00 PM	Gus Lloyd Discussion Group - PRC
		5:00 PM	SVdP Meeting
Thu	6/6		
Fri	6/7	9:00 AM	First Friday Adoration
Sat	6/8	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	6/9	9:00 AM	Mass

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PASTOR'S
NOTES

We Christians are called to contemplate deep mysteries of faith, not least among them The Body and Blood of Christ, shared by God in the last Supper and Passion and made fully present to us and for us in each Eucharist.

The Eucharist evokes all kinds of questions. In the gospel, before the Last Supper, the disciples ask: Where should we go? What should we do? What will we experience? Whether it's Jesus teaching his friends then, God revealing God's self to the

Israelites, or God continuing to love us now, God always shows the way.

Jesus tells us, "I came that you may have life and may have it to the full." (John 10-10) And the food that will nourish that life is himself. For he tells us "I am the bread of life" (John 6,35) "Whoever eats this bread will live forever." (John 6,58). Today's gospel tells us how he becomes our food.

If many of us have difficulty trusting and especially following the research and expertise of those who advocate eating a well balanced and healthy diet for our bodies, then is not too great of a surprise that many have difficulty trusting and especially following the guidance of Jesus who is our expert on eternal life.

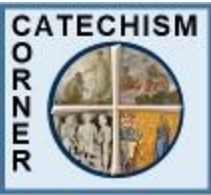
We see a great number of people, even Catholics, who try to tell us Jesus didn't really mean what he said when he said "This is my body." They tell us it's all symbolism. Long before the Last Supper, many of Jesus' followers walked away from him shaking their heads in disbelief when he said to them "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you do not have life within you." (Jn 6, 53) But Jesus did not call them back. He knew they were leaving him because they did not understand what he said to them. At that point, he just turned to his apostles and asked, "Do you also want to leave?" (Jn6,67)

Jesus is our expert in eternal life, and he tells us the food he offers us, which is himself, will nourish us forever. Today's feast challenges our belief in him and in his presence with us in the Eucharist.

There are many who no longer believe that the Eucharist is really and truly the body and blood of Christ. This lack of belief might be connected with the vocation crisis. It could also be the reason Mass attendance has dropped off in many churches. And then, like a domino effect, when people get away from church and Mass attendance, they are getting away from their spiritual roots.

Without a strong spiritual foundation to build our lives on, we are left with fewer values to live by and fewer values to pass on to our children. Certainly, God's love is shown to us in many ways, but the Eucharist helps us to see those ways more clearly in which God's love is present in our lives. It is also in the Eucharist itself, more than in anything else, that tells us that God loves us and that God is with us.





Good and Happy Sunday, St. Francis of Assisi Church!

I do hope you enjoyed the small (and I do mean small) amount of information on the different apparitions of our Heavenly Mother. (LOVE her!) Now, I would like to continue with trying to explain the Nicene Creed. But before we begin, I would like to share with you a “tidbit” about a Church Father who was instrumental and influential with formulating the Creed and combating one of the heresies of his day.

On May 2nd, the Memorial of St. Athanasius, we heard at morning Mass (thank you Deacon Jim) about his condemnation of Arius (where we get the heresy of Arianism) who believed and circulated that Jesus was not divine (God). Arius maintained that the Son of God was created by the Father and therefore neither coeternal with the Father, nor consubstantial. Initially, St. Athanasius was just a secretary of Patriarch (Bishop) Alexander, BUT he took a prominent part in this great Church struggle. It is probable that he even composed the encyclical letter announcing the condemnation of Arius. We know he was there at the Council of Nicaea. When Bishop Alexander died, St. Athanasius succeeded. In spite of his best efforts, there was strong opposition. But thanks be to God, St. Athanasius held to his convictions! After being falsely accused of murder, and other things he was exiled (for 17 years!) but eventually he triumphed. Please look up St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, known as “champion of orthodoxy.” A good reference is Lives of the Saints.

The section we will be concentrating on from the Creed is ***through Him all things were made*** and ***For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven.***

Through Him all things were made. Now, you might ask, how can this be? The first line of the Creed proclaims that God the Father is the maker of heaven and earth. How can Jesus then be the One through whom all things were made? The Church here wanted to make it clear that Jesus existed from all eternity with the Father, even though He had not yet come in the flesh. This emphasizes the point that God cannot be separated. When one of the persons acts, all act together – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (same substance). So, when we speak about Jesus, we must always remember that He is not only the Son of God; He also existed from the beginning. Why is this so important? Because, if Jesus Christ was only a human person like us, created in time out of nothing then He could not save us. If Jesus was only a human person, His death on the Cross would have been meaningless – an end in itself.

For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven. This next line proclaims the very reason why Jesus came down from heaven and was born into our world – what we call the “Incarnation.” It was solely for our salvation. “For God so loved the world that He sent His own Son, so that all who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Jesus, the Son of God, would recover the innocence of the human person that was lost through original sin. Having lost God’s grace through original sin, we needed some way to repair the barrier between God and us. Since the human person could not save himself from sin, could not by his own efforts regain the grace of God, God had to become human. Jesus, being divine, was the only person who could restore unity between God and us. (stspchurch.com)

Any questions or suggestions for future “Corners” please don’t hesitate to contact me at jdewtn2018@att.net.

What Is the
Nicene Creed and
What Does It Mean
for Catholics?



Have a most wonderful week, my brothers and sisters in Christ!



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Contact Debbie Eberhardt at 865-312-0141 for more

SVDP meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC.

All Are Welcome!

Thank You

for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP JUNE "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL - 1810 HOWARD RD. KNOXVILLE, 37918

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 (8:00 -3:00) & SATURDAY, JUNE 8 (8:00-2:00)

Donations of household items, furniture, toys, clothes, etc. will be accepted starting Tuesday, May 28 through Tuesday, June 4 from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM every day except Sunday OR by appointment. Please bring items to the old gym entrance at the front of the building. Note: Large TVs and children's car seats are not accepted. Proceeds benefit the outreach and educational efforts of Tennessee Right to Life. For more information contact trlknox@prolifeknox.com or 865.689.1339.

SUNDAY MORNINGS COFFEE, PASTRIES, AND FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, the congregation is invited into Shea Hall for Coffee, Pastries, and Fellowship. **YOUR** help is needed to supply the pastries each week. If you are enjoying this ministry and would be able to help out supplying pastries, please sign up on the clipboard hanging in the kitchen area in Shea Hall. We need your help to keep this ministry active! Please contact Donna Czerniewski (847-668-4074) with questions or for more information.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



Eucharisticrevival.org

Pope St. Leo the Great
(c 400 - 461)

"Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ has no other purpose than to transform us into that which we receive"



DISCUSSION GROUP RESUMES!

**WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM IN THE
PARISH RESOURCE CENTER**

Our discussion group resumes THIS coming Wednesday, June 5th. Any questions, please contact Julie Dew: 954-749-3929; jdewtn2018@att.net

LET US PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES



The Armed Services bulletin board in Shea Hall is getting a cosmetic facelift! If you have any relatives or loved ones in the armed services whose picture and information you would

like to have placed on the bulletin board during their period of service, please contact JoAnne to get it posted:
joannera.726@gmail.com or 859-361-4561;

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—5/26/2024 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Attendance: 187

Sunday Offertory.....	\$1,858.00
Donation Box	45.00
Holy Days	00.00
Other Donations*	105.00
Donations for the Week	<u>\$2,008.00</u>

Year-to-Date Donations	\$166,769.73
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations	<u>169,959.98</u>
Year-to-Date Donation Deficit	(\$3,190.25)

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$50.00
Parish Charity	30.00
Second Collection.....	00.00
Other:.....	475.00
Total Non-Budget Donations.....	<u>\$555.00</u>

* Mass Intentions, Flowers, Candles, Facility Use, etc.
** Based on Year-to-Date Total Donations minus Year-to-Date Budgeted

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - 6/7/24

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."

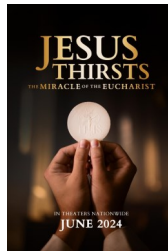
ST. PADRE PIO

Mass: 8:30 AM
Adoration: 9:00 - Noon
Benediction: Noon



If you are interested in committing to a Holy Hour, please contact Jackie Wagner at 330-807-8663.

Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist



is a captivating documentary that explores the transformative power of the Eucharist. Through discussions with Catholic leaders and personal narratives, the film reveals the Eucharist as Jesus Christ Himself, eager to fulfill our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

IN THEATERS NATIONWIDE

June 4, 5, & 6 ONLY

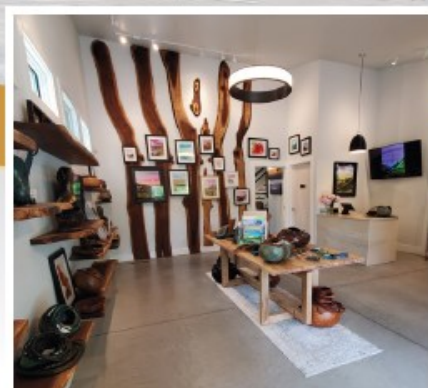
Foothills 12 Theatre - Maryville:

Tuesday, 6/4 & Wednesday, 6/5: 4 and 7 PM

Regal Downtown West Knoxville:

Thursday, 6/6 at 4 and 7 PM

These are just a few of the movie dates and times. Please visit <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/jesus-thirsts-the-miracle-of-the-eucharist/> for a full schedule of movie dates and times and a very easy way to purchase your tickets online.



Please Join Kathy Janke after
Church for a Grand Opening

Celebration

Saturday, June 1st, 5 p.m. for Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

– or –

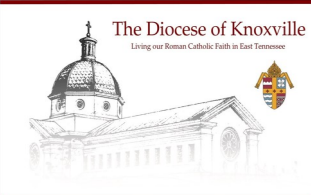
Sunday, June 2nd • 10 a.m. for Pastries

Gracehill Fine Art and Basketry
110 Mountain Ave • Townsend, TN 37882
(Corner of Hwy 321 & Mountain Ave. across from the Gulf Gas Station)

Kathleen A. Janke • 865-660-6400 • GracehillArt.com • Info@GracehillArt.com

Upcoming EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
6/1-2/2024	Gracehill Fine Art and Basketry Open House (Sat 5:00 PM, Sun 10:00 AM)	Online: GracehillArt.com Email: info@gracehillArt.com Phone: 865-660-6400
6/7-8/2024	Tennessee Right to Life Annual Rumage Sale St. Joseph School (Knox)	Online: www.trtl.org E-mail: trlknox@prolifeknox.com Phone: 865-689-1339
6/15/2024	Marriage Retreat: Living the Marriage God Desires for You St. Thomas in Lenoir City	Online: Tinyurl.com/KnoxMarriageRetreat E-mail: regnumchristi.knoxville@gmail.com Phone: 865-584-3307, ext. 5739
6/24/2024	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Chattanooga 11:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Online: dioknox.org/revival Other: Scan QR code (Bulletin or Shea Hall poster)
7/17-24/2024	Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN	Online: DioKnox.org/Revival E-mail: Revival@DioKnox.org Phone: 423-596-0181
7/26/2024	Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game Yee-Haw At the Yard Group Section	\$35.00 for adults; \$33.00 for children (12 and under) Contact the Parish Office to reserve tickets
9/10-19/2024	Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. Charles Robinson Coupon Code: Bulletin150	Online: Www.QoHTours.com E-mail: info@qohtours.com
10/6-11/2024	Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins	Online: https://www.saintdominickpt.org/ E-mail: secretary@saintdomchurch.com Phone: 423-288-8101



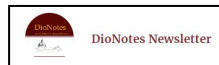
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Living our Roman Catholic Faith in East Tennessee

DioNotes

a newsletter for our parishioners

Are you receiving your weekly Diocesan DioNotes e-mails? DioNotes is an electronic/online newsletter covering the news, events, and the ministries of the Diocese of Knoxville. If you are not yet on the mailing list, and would like to be, go to www.DioKnox.org, scroll down to the bottom of the page and

❶ click on the DioNotes Newsletter area:



❷ fill in the form that pops up

❸ click on the **SUBMIT** button at the bottom of the form.

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