



**JUNE 9, 2024**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

WEBSITE: [STFRANCISTOWNSEND.ORG](http://STFRANCISTOWNSEND.ORG)  
E-MAIL: [STFRANCISTOWNSEND7717@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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](mailto: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.)

<b>Mon</b>	<b>6/10</b>	8:30 AM	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6/11</b>	8:30 AM	Herma Peychal †
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6/12</b>		<b>NO COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>6/13</b>	8:30 AM	Brian Barker †
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6/14</b>	8:30 AM	Sally Ann Roth
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6/15</b>	4:00 PM	Elias Ventura † & Genoveva Fuentes †
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6/16</b>	9:00 AM	Cecilia Petroskey †

**COMMUNION SERVICES**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** *The sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Jack Troupe given by Mike and Julie Dew.* 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

- First Communions!
- Graduations!
- Father's Day!
- Weddings!
- Anniversaries!

Stop by our gift shop and find the perfect gift for that special someone and special occasion!

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>6/10</b>	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6/11</b>		
<b>Wed</b>	<b>6/12</b>	1:00 PM	Gus Lloyd Discussion Group - PRC
<b>Thu</b>	<b>6/13</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6/14</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6/15</b>	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6/16</b>	9:00 AM	Mass



## THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

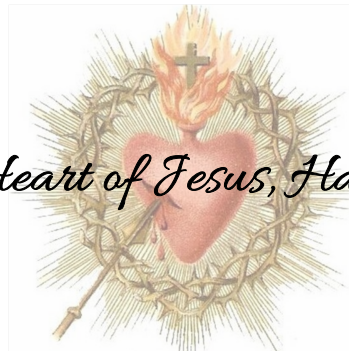
The Feast of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on June 7 this year. It always falls on the first Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. When we think of the human heart, we think of a muscle that pumps blood throughout the human body. To worship such a thing as the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus might sound strange to the ears of a non-Catholic. To a Catholic, however, it is a very moving and thoroughly human way of relating to the Lord.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not about the heart as a muscle but as representing the center, the soul, the deepest truth about the Lord. We can trace the story of God's love throughout history. There is God's love in creating and caring for the people of Israel. There is God's love in becoming human and sharing life on this planet. There is Christ's love in giving His life to reopen the way to salvation. There is Christ's love in sustaining the Church in truth during times of crisis and sending holy ones to show the way to deeper faith. There is Christ's love present in our life guiding, correcting, inspiring, leading and helping.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart has been present in the life of the Church in one way or another through the centuries. It was first expressed through reflection on the blood and water flowing from Jesus' side on the Cross as a river that powers the sacraments. In the Middle Ages, it took the form of meditation on the sacred Humanity of Jesus shown in the crucifixes that portrayed His dying or His death. In the 17th century, devotion to the Sacred Heart manifested itself dramatically in the Lord's apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, giving us His twelve promises and the image of Jesus - as is now commonly portrayed - pointing to His Heart. In our own time, we have the Divine Mercy devotion that draws together the centuries of meditation on Jesus' Sacred Heart.

The loving mercy of Jesus in forgiving repentant sinners is the thread that links all the various forms of the Sacred Heart devotion. By instinct, we are ready to believe in God's judgment. What we find hard to accept and understand is His mercy, perhaps because mercy is not a virtue widely practiced in our world. Maybe through devotion to the Sacred Heart, we can reintroduce the virtue of mercy to those around us. It is difficult to ask for something we are unwilling to give. Showing mercy is an important part of devotion to the Sacred Heart.

For more on the Sacred Heart of Jesus please see: *The Autobiography of Saint Margaret Mary* by Margaret Mary Alacoque and *The Sisters of the Visitation* | Tan Books, Jan 1, 1995.



*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on Us!*

## CATECHISM

### CORNER



Happy Sunday St. Francis of Assisi Parish and welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. For this Corner, we will be “talking” about *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man* from the Nicene Creed.

This Line is so very important because it proclaims, without any doubt, that Jesus Christ, though remaining God, was born into the world just like us from the womb of His mother.

Just as the Arians doubted the divinity of Christ, there were other theologians who doubted the true humanity of Christ and the fact that He was born into the world. It was too much for them to believe that God would stoop so low as to come in the flesh.

The Church points out three important teachings in this line of the Creed: **(1) The Son of God took flesh and was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary.** This rejected the teaching of some theologians who claimed that Jesus only “appeared” to be a man – He didn’t actually assume a human nature. **(2) Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.** There was no sexual intercourse involved in His conception; it was an action on the part of God that allowed Mary to conceive Jesus in her womb. Jesus had no human father like us. **(3) The words, “He became man”** were added to exclude the error that the Son of God merely “dwelt” in Jesus but did not actually become man.

There was a serious heresy in the second and third century that had no doubts about Jesus’ divine nature, but they could not believe that He had a human nature. These folks were called Docetists, from the Greek word “Dokein,” which means to appear or to seem like something real. They refused to believe that God Himself would dwell in a “defiled” human nature. For them, human nature was unfit for anything sacred. It was at the First Council of Constantinople (381) that one of the great saints of the Church, Gregory Nazianzus, proclaimed that “whatever is not assumed is not redeemed.” In other words, whatever Jesus did not assume, He did not redeem. If He did not take humanity fully unto Himself, humanity could not be saved from sin and death. Jesus had to be fully human, just as He was fully divine. This is a very deep thought, so please reflect on this statement for a few moments.

We must always remember that Jesus was not two persons. This was condemned at the Council of Ephesus in 431. They proclaimed that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, fully divine and fully human, was born of the Virgin Mary. Thus, they also proclaimed that Mary was truly the Mother of God, not just the mother of Jesus of Nazareth (His humanity). This teaching helped to clear-up some confusion concerning Christ’s humanity and divinity and the fact that the two cannot be separated – Jesus was a person – not two persons. (stspchurch.com)

By the free choice of Mary, our Mother, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God took on flesh. Jesus Christ, the uncreated Word through which all things were made, condescended to share in our humanity. The almighty God emptied Himself and took on the form of a slave, to use the language of St. Paul. In the Latin Rite, there is a tradition of bowing during this paragraph in honor of the Incarnation. The Incarnation is literally the “enfleshment” of Jesus; it is what we celebrate at Christmas. This paragraph marks one of the most important moments in human history. Our God became one of us. (catholic-link.org)

It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that God became man in Jesus. The more we reflect on this mystery, the more astounded we should be by the amazing love that God has for us. Let’s consider what we mean by the Incarnation. First of all, God became what we are (short of sin) – weak creatures, tied down by limitation of space and time. Various theologians of the past attempted to explain this mystery but failed; they could not

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



accept the full reality that God became man. Some said that Jesus was only a holy man who was “adopted” by God and elevated to the level of divine. Others claimed that Jesus, though God Himself, only appeared to be a man, not actually made of flesh and blood as we are. All these theories come down to one thing – they deny that Jesus Christ is both True God and True Man.

I can only imagine the “conversations” at these councils! Take some time today and reflect on today’s Corner and thank God for these men who fought for the Truth.

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



### THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today, Jesus looking around those seated in the circle said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**Through your almsgiving you are indeed doing the will of God and your gift placed in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box indeed brings Christ’s love and compassion to the poor.**

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 information.

SVDP meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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”



### 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](http://Eucharisticrevival.org)

***St. Dominic Savio  
(1842-1857)***

*“I need nothing in this world in order to be happy. I only need to see Jesus in heaven, whom I now see and adore on the altar with the eyes of faith.”*

## 2024 Mission Trip

June 13-27



Pray for our missionaries Fr. Antonio, Ilene Rainwater, and Grace & Rosie Rapien as they embark on their mission trip to

Marsella, Colombia.

One Heart Colombia, founded by Fr. Antonio, is a Christian non-profit mission dedicated to helping the most vulnerable in Colombia. While our missionaries are in Colombia they will attend daily Mass, visit the homebound, assist in facilitating a Vacation Bible School (VBS) for approximately 200 children, distribute food bags to needy families, and immerse themselves in daily Colombian life. Please pray for a safe journey, a safe visit, and a safe return with a lifetime of memories.

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—6/2/2024 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Attendance: 176

Sunday Offertory.....	\$2,940.00
Donation Box .....	00.00
Holy Days .....	00.00
Other Donations* .....	<u>210.00</u>
Donations for the Week .....	\$3,150.00
Year-to-Date Donations .....	\$169,919.73
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations.....	<u>173,495.99</u>
Year-to-Date Donation <b>Deficit</b> .....	<b>(\$3,576.26)</b>

### Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund .....	\$560.00
Parish Charity .....	00.00
Second Collection.....	00.00
Other:.....	00.00
Total Non-Budget Donations.....	<u>\$560.00</u>

\* Mass Intentions, Flowers, Candles, Facility Use, etc.

\*\* Based on Year-to-Date Total Donations minus Year-to-Date Budgeted

## GUS LLOYD CATHOLIC Apologetics

**DISCUSSION GROUP RESUMES!  
WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM  
IN THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)**

Over the next few weeks we will be completing our discussions based on the Gus Lloyd Apologetics CD series. Our sessions last about an hour and are filled with lively, thought-provoking discussions. Please come and join in the discussions! A few bibles and support materials can be made available during the sessions, but feel free to bring your own!

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



“O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble himself like this and hide under the form of a little bread, for our salvation.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

# PRAYERS ANSWERED

Thank you to everyone who prayed for my brother Normand Messier, Jr. !

Last August Norm was scheduled for a "routine" appendectomy. During surgery the doctor found a cancerous tumor about the size of a small lemon wrapped around his appendix and large intestine. Stage 3. After 9 months of chemo, his PET scan showed that he is cancer free. We are so very grateful for his healing and recovery and for all those who lifted him up in prayer. Bless you All! Gratefully yours, Joyce Welsh.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Pilgrimage**  
**July 17-24, 2024**

**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

The diocesan pilgrimage will include round trip transportation, a four-night hotel stay, and admission for all Eucharistic Congress events, speakers, and the closing Mass.

There is also a tickets only option, which excludes transportation and lodging. Buses will depart from Knoxville on July 17, 2024 and return on July, 21, 2024.

The cost and other details can be found at

1. Dioknox.org/Revival,
2. Email at Revival@Dioknox.org,
3. Phone at 423-596-0181.

The pricing ranges from \$541-\$1,098 per pilgrim, depending on the occupancy of the room. This includes 4-night hotel accommodations and admission to all events and speakers.



**Baseball Game (with fireworks)**

**FRIDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**Yee-Haw at the Yard Group Section**

**\$35 for adults, \$33 for children (12 and under)**

**BUFFET DINNER FROM 6:15 - 7:45**

**FIRST PITCH AT 7:00 PM**

Reserve your tickets on the sign up sheets in Shea Hall. Payment is due by July 14. Please make your checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church.

**YOUR KARM DONATIONS  
BENEFIT THE SVDP FOOD PANTRY**

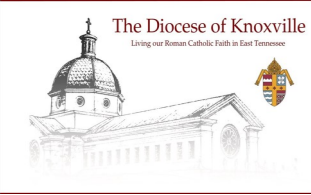


Did you know that your donations to KARM can benefit our food pantry "Neighbors in Need"? All you have to do is take the items you want to donate to any of the KARM locations. Tell them that these donations are to benefit St. Francis of Assisi—Townsend. SVDP then receives gift cards from KARM which we give to our neighbors for purchasing clothing and other items. We have been getting \$100 to \$150 in gift cards each quarter, so your donations are greatly helping! Thank you for helping us and helping your brothers and sisters in need by doing this.



# Upcoming EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
6/15/2024	Marriage Retreat: Living the Marriage God Desires for You St. Thomas in Lenoir City	Online: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/KnoxMarriageRetreat">Tinyurl.com/KnoxMarriageRetreat</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:regnumchristi.knoxville@gmail.com">regnumchristi.knoxville@gmail.com</a> Phone: 865-584-3307, ext. 5739
6/24/2024	National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Chattanooga 11:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Online: <a href="https://dioknox.org/revival">dioknox.org/revival</a> 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: <a href="https://DioKnox.org/Revival">DioKnox.org/Revival</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:Revival@DioKnox.org">Revival@DioKnox.org</a> 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) Signup on sheets in Shea Hall
9/10-19/2024	Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes with Fr. Charles Robinson Coupon Code: Bulletin150	Online: <a href="http://www.QoHTours.com">www.QoHTours.com</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@qohtours.com">info@qohtours.com</a> Phone: 800-213-4295
10/6-11/2024	Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins	Online: <a href="https://www.saintdominickpt.org/">https://www.saintdominickpt.org/</a> E-mail: <a href="mailto:secretary@saintdomchurch.com">secretary@saintdomchurch.com</a> Phone: 423-288-8101





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