



JULY 7, 2024
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 7/8 8:30 AM Kathy Meyerkord
Tue 7/9 8:30 AM Kerry† & Michael O'Brien†
Wed 7/10 **NO MASS**
Thu 7/11 8:30 AM Eugene Mrozinski†
Fri 7/12 8:30 AM Jack Troupe†
Sat 7/13 4:00 PM Jack Troupe†
Sun 7/14 9:00 AM Ralph Pechal†

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, Kay Walker, Julie Schirack, Jay Ladner, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Anne Pate

SANCTUARY CANDLE *The Sanctuary candle is lit in memory of Gabirel Ruiz, given by Mark & Judy Ruiz.* 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: *The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of Jack Troupe, given by Debbie & Bob Eberhardt.* 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

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 7/8 9:00 AM Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue 7/9
Wed 7/10 1:00 PM Gus Lloyd Discussion Group—PRC
Thu 7/11
Fri 7/12
Sat 7/13 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sun 7/14 9:00 AM Mass



WE ARE CALLED TO SPEAK AND LIVE GOD'S WORD

This week's readings are all about the prophets. While the Old Testament prophets can give us a grim picture of humanity, and a stern picture of God, the New Testament prophets, namely John the Baptist and Jesus can give us hope. So, there are three things I'd like to point out about prophets.

First, a prophet is not only someone who predicts the future. Their calling was to be God's agents, to be the conscience of the nation, to be attuned to evils that others ignore, and to alert the people to the spiritual sickness that was growing among them. They spoke about the abuse of the poor by the rich, the moral cancers that were eating away at the nation from disregard of the Commandments, and the blasphemy that occurred when religion became just window dressing rather than a serious commitment. They spoke of the impending disaster if all this continued to go on.

In today's first reading, Ezekial was told that his message would be rejected. But Ezekial persisted and spoke the truth in spite of this.

Secondly there are two kinds of prophets. There were professional prophets who delivered their spiritual diagnosis for a living much like the political commentators we see on television today. Then, there were the biblical prophets who were individually called by God to speak His word. They were inspired by the Holy Spirit who, as we say in the Creed, has spoken through the prophets. They were given a message for Israel but really for all time.

In our second reading, St. Paul speaks about a physical ailment of some kind that seriously debilitated him. St. Paul teaches us that we don't have to be perfect to be instruments of God.

Thirdly, no prophet was ever popular. It's hard to win friends and influence people when all you do is criticize them.

Finally, in today's Gospel reading, Jesus is rejected by His own in His hometown. It isn't easy preaching in your hometown. But He went forward. If people close to us will not listen to us, that doesn't mean that nobody will listen to us. We should not give up speaking the truth. These facts about the prophet's life are relevant to us because as a Church, as a parish, as individual Christians we are called to speak and live God's word in the world around us.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

St. Therese of Lisieux
(1873 - 1897)

*"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you?
for you alone!*

He burns with the desire to come into your heart...

don't listen to the demon,

laugh at him,

and go without fear

to receive the Jesus of peace and love."



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Good and happy Sunday, St. Francis Parishioners!

For the next few weeks, at the request of a parishioner, we will be discussing how the apostles died and I'll add how they lived!

The question that may come to mind first is: What is the difference between an apostle and a disciple. According to the CCC, an Apostle is a "term meaning one who is sent as Jesus was sent by the Father and as He sent His chosen disciples to preach the Gospel to the whole world. He called the Twelve to become His Apostles, chosen witnesses of His Resurrection and the foundation on which the Church is built" CCC 857.

Here's a little tidbit that is interesting: "The apostolic office is permanent in the Church, in order to ensure that the divine mission entrusted to the Apostles by Jesus will continue to the end of time. The bishops receive their office as successors of the Apostles through the Sacrament of Holy Orders" page 867 CCC. A disciple, on the other hand, is defined as: "those who accepted Jesus' message to follow Him. Jesus associated His disciples with His own life, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom to the disciples and gave them a share in His mission. CCC 767, 787.

Disciples were followers of Jesus who devoted themselves to learning from Him or His school of thought while apostles were called by Jesus and "sent out" to spread the gospel. So, to be to brief (which is very uncommon for me) Apostles were chosen/called by Jesus and disciples chose to follow Him. Of course, some disciples that chose to follow Jesus would also be instrumental in spreading the Gospel! (Think of Father Antonio and Deacon Jim!)

As we all know, the Twelve apostles called by Jesus were: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon, the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him. (Matthew 1:2-4). Matthias replaced Judas according to Acts 1:20-26.

We, as Catholic Christians, believe Peter was the "head" of the apostles and the first pope. There is ample evidence in the New Testament that Peter was first in authority among the apostles. Whenever they were named, Peter headed the list (Matt. 10:1-4, Mark 3:16-19, Luke 6:14-16, Acts 1:13); sometimes the apostles were referred to as "Peter and those who were with him" (Luke 9:32). Peter was the one who generally spoke for the apostles (Matt. 18:21, Mark 8:29, Luke 12:41, John 6:68-69), and he figured in many of the most dramatic scenes (Matt. 14:28-32, 17:24-27; Mark 10:23-28). On Pentecost it was Peter who first preached to the crowds (Acts 2:14-40), and he worked the first healing in the Church age (Acts 3:6-7).

So, here was a little of Catholic Apologetics regarding the Office of the Pope! I pray you all have a most blessed week filled with the many gifts of our Father in heaven which He freely gives. Until next week!





THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel the people ask : "How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands?" Because of your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul many "miraculous deeds" are accomplished for the poor.

This week put a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box, knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way.

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 typically meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM in the PRC. However, **we will not meet again until the 7th of August.** At that time (and as always) all are welcome to attend!

Thank You
for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP JULY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" TOILET PAPER AND TISSUES



GATHER GOOD NEWS!

Long-time parishioner Bill Gathergood, author of the bimonthly (1st and 3rd Saturdays) *Gather Good News* online publication, has, once again, donated his subscription fees to our local St. Vincent de Paul organization. Bill has been making this donation for the last four years averaging a donation of \$600 - \$650.00. However, this year, with rising subscriptions/readership, his donation totaled \$720.00.

Gather Good News attracts 60 readers worldwide. If you would like to know more about this publication or would like to subscribe (\$20 annual subscription fee), please contact Bill at gathergood.1@comcast.net.



Thank you, Bill for this very generous donation!

THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS!

Your Kroger shopping during March - May, 2024 (24 households) has earned St. Francis of Assisi Parish

\$ 68.94!

If you do not yet know this, your Kroger shopping can earn money for St. Francis of Assisi Church at no additional cost to you! Kroger's Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to St. Francis of Assisi Church, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. For detailed (super simple) instructions on how to join and link your card, visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. **Our NPO number is XP941.**





**SMOKIES BALL GAME
AUGUST 9TH**

**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 28th. Please make your checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church.

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**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—6/30/2024
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Attendance: 165

Sunday Offertory.....	\$2,179.00
Donation Box	00.00
Holy Days	00.00
Other Donations*	20.00
Donations for the Week	\$2,199.00
Year-to-Date Donations	\$180,583.73
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations.....	195,910.26
Year-to-Date Donation Deficit**	(\$15,326.53)

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$75.00
Parish Charity	00.00
Second Collection (Peter's Pence).....	815.00
Other:.....	00.00
Total Non-Budget Donations.....	\$890.00

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

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

Please note that an error was detected in the spreadsheet used to calculate the Year-to-Date Actual Income versus the Year-to-Date Budgeted Income.

It is important to remember that this information is based only on budgeted versus actual **INCOME** and doesn't take into consideration actual **EXPENSES**.

The Actual Year-to-Date numbers are calculated by our bookkeeper and take into account all other miscellaneous income such as interest income.

Once all year end expenses and miscellaneous income information is received from the various sources, the final balance sheet will be prepared and will be shared with the Parish.

*Have a
Safe, Blessed,
& Happy
4th of July
Weekend!*

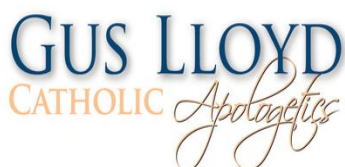
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“ Among the many admirable values of this nation there is one that stands out in particular. It is freedom. The concept of freedom is part of the very fabric of this nation as a political community of free people. Freedom is a great gift, a great blessing of God.”

—Pope St. John Paul II

from his meeting with President Reagan on September 10, 1987



**DISCUSSION GROUP
WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM
PARISH RESOURCE CENTER**

We are wrapping up 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

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Mark Beckman July 26, 2024



Bishop-elect James Mark Beckman will be ordained and installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville on

**Friday, July 26 at 2 p.m.
at the Knoxville Convention Center**

Tickets are required to attend. The registration link for tickets, located below, will open on Monday, June 24, at 9 a.m. Eastern Time. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. For links, and more information, please visit:

<https://dioknox.org/episcopal-ordination>

- Ticket link - opens Monday, 6/24 at 9:00 AM E.T.
- Hotel link - opens Monday, 6/24 at 9:00 AM E.T.
- Parking Map and Shuttle Schedule
- Bishop, Priest, and VIP Parking Map
- Convention Center Map
- DioKnoxTV (live-stream hosting information)

Upcoming EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
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
7/26/24	Installation/Ordination Mass at 2:00 PM for Bishop Elect Mark Beckman at Knoxville Convention Center	Online: https://dioknox.org/episcopal-ordination E-mail: To Be Announced Phone: To Be Announced
8/2/2024	The Firing Squad Movie in Theaters	Online: FiringSquadFilm.com E-mail: service@firingsquadfilm.com Phone: 424-360-9306; 833-310-1196
8/9/2024	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: www.QoHTours.com E-mail: info@qohtours.com Phone: 800-213-4295
10/6-11/2024	Yellowstone National Park Retreat with Fr. Michael Cummins	Online: https://www.saintdominickpt.org/ E-mail: secretary@saintdomchurch.com

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. Our parishioners and visitors have really been enjoying this ministry!

YOUR help is needed to supply the pastries each week and to keep this ministry active. 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.

Please contact Donna Czerniewski with your questions or for more information: (847-668-4074).



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. Pricing ranges from \$541-\$1,098 per pilgrim, depending on the occupancy of the room. 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. See the table above for additional information.