



OCTOBER 27, 2024
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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865 - 448 - 6070

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS: Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass) The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass
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 PM (Church confessional)
Sunday Before Mass: 8:15 - 8:40 AM (Church confessional)
Confessions may also be scheduled by calling the parish office for an appointment.

HOLY DAYS: Check bulletin or website

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PASTORRev. Antonio Giraldo	GARDENS & GROUNDSIlene Rainwater
DEACONDeacon Jim Schmall	FACILITIESDavid Girard
OFFICE MANAGERKathy Meyerkord	SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITEJoAnne Romer-Aylward
BOOKKEEPERKathleen Halligan	PASTORAL CARESuzie Fay
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTORJoAnne Romer-Aylward	ST. CLARE GIFT SHOPCamilla Sorrell
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED.Julie Dew	COLUMBARIUMBob Eberhardt
RCIA/OCIABruce Boudin	WELCOMING, EVENTS &All Parishioners
ART & ENVIRONMENTNorene O'Donnell	SOCIALS TEAM (WEST)

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 office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding for planning and preparation.

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.



How can St. Francis of Assisi be of assistance/service to you & your loved ones?
Please contact Suzie Fay with our Pastoral Care Ministry at 423-829-5466 or the Parish office at 865-448-6070.

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

Mon 10/28 8:30 AM Ted Somers
Tue 10/29 8:30 AM Charlie Graham
Wed 10/30 **NO MASS**
Thu 10/31 8:30 AM Brian Barker
Fri 11/1 8:30 AM Marion Cain
Sat 11/2 8:30 AM Kerry O'Brien & Michael O'Brien
Sun 11/3 9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

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, Deb Koehler, Laken DuRussel, Marcus Bolte, Johnny Mallory, Louann Felske, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Anne Pate, Michael Slater, Rocky Brach

SANCTUARY CANDLE: 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 Marion Cain given by Eric and Gail Simons.*

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 one week.



**INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES
TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS
IN THE EUCHARIST**

*St. Faustina
(1905 - 1938)*

*“Holy Communion assures me
that I will win the victory;
and so it is.
I fear the day when I do not
receive Holy Communion.
The bread of the Strong
gives me all the strength I need
to carry on my mission
and to do whatever
the Lord asks of me.”*



Eucharisticrevival.org

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 10/28 9:00 AM Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue 10/29 4:00 PM RCIA Class - PRC
Wed 10/30 1:00 PM Bible Study - PRC
Thu 10/31 6:00 PM All Saints Vigil Mass
Fri 11/1 9:00 AM All Saints Mass
 10:00 AM Adoration & Healing Svc.
 Noon Benediction
Sat 11/2 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sun 11/3 9:00 AM Mass
 4:00 PM Fall Fun Fest—Shea Hall

THE GIFT OF SIGHT: PHYSICAL, MORAL, AND SPIRITUAL



DEACON'S NOTES

Today's first reading from Jeremiah speaks of the rejoicing of the blind as their sight is restored. In the Gospel, Jesus cures the blind man Bartimaeus. This is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering Jerusalem and His passion. Jesus performs this miracle in fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy that in the day of the Messiah the blind would once more see. The point is not what Jesus did for Bartimaeus, but what He can do for us because there are many kinds of blindness.

There is, of course, physical blindness - the absence of vision. Physical sight is vital to all of us. Apart from not being able to see trees and sunsets, the blind person cannot see a car coming, the stranger lurking, the symptoms of a disease, the expression on the face of a person speaking to him or her. Physical blindness is dangerous. So, we can understand the thrill of Bartimaeus' cure. A whole new world opened up for him.

There is another kind of blindness, even more dangerous than physical blindness, and that is moral blindness. Our moral sight or vision is called conscience. We are all born with it. It develops as we grow, is fine-tuned by experiences, and is enlightened by the Gospel. It helps us see right and wrong. The gift of conscience, a kind of moral eyesight, is a magnificent gift that helps us know right from wrong. Following it is another step. It is a gift to know when we have failed, betrayed another, when we have rebelled, when our life is on the wrong track, when we are headed for destruction. It is healthy to feel shame, regret, and guilt because those are the warning signs of a working conscience, our moral radar that helps us get back on track.

Our dignity as human beings is being able to see not just trees, plants, mountains and sunsets but to see right and wrong. Conscience is that very personal space where our Creator calls us from within to follow the light. Physical blindness endangers the body, but moral blindness endangers the soul. The gift of moral sight or conscience is what makes us human beings different from the rest of creation.

There is a third kind of blindness beside the physical kind and the moral kind, and that is the blindness of unbelief. Faith gives us vision to see beyond the senses, beyond the world around us to its deeper truth that it has come from God and is the place of our journey back to God.

Faith enables us to see that we are more than cells and bones, more than our DNA, more than the chemicals and events that happen inside us. We are more than our emotions and feelings, more than our IQ. We have a soul, a purpose, and a destiny. Through the glasses of faith, we can see that however others may see us, God sees in us a person with an immortal soul who has a destiny to live with God forever. Faith enables us to see more in ourselves than others see.

When Jesus cured Bartimaeus, He was acknowledging and teaching the immense value every person has in His sight. It is too bad that we often look at ourselves through the eyes of others rather than through the eyes of God.

Physical sight comes through our eyes; moral sight comes through our conscience; spiritual sight comes through our faith. As we hear the story of blind Bartimaeus, let us thank God for the gift of sight and resolve to take care to respect and not endanger the gift of physical sight, the gift of moral sight called conscience, and the gift of spiritual sight called faith.



CATECHISM

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APOSTLES, MARTYRS, AND SAINTS

Good and happy Sunday, St. Francis! I do hope you enjoyed the time we spent with the Apostles. I know I got "VERY LONG" with most of them, and that was with just **touching** the surface of the information!

The Twelve Apostles of Jesus were twelve common Jewish men who walked upon the face of our earth with the Son of God. They were fishermen, farmers, and a tax collector. None of the men were scholars or politicians. They all had the blessing of listening to Jesus in person as He preached the Good News of the Kingdom of God. They were with Him as He worked His many miracles. The Apostles shared with Jesus their meals, their lodgings, and the sweat and dirt and all of the other hardships of being on the road. They were witnesses to our Lord's humanity, His infinite love and human frustrations, and His occasional anger and personal grief. From the most ordinary of daily tasks to the glory of His Resurrection, they were with Him. Yes, even though they all abandoned Him at the Cross, except for John, Jesus did not abandon them! After the Lord's ascension into heaven and the first Pentecost, these twelve men (I'm including Matthias) would all dedicate their lives to spreading His Good News of salvation to the entire known world. And in the end, this devotion to delivering the Word of God would cost all of them their lives.

I know that there is a belief among some Christian sects that all that truly matters is the Living Word of God that the Twelve Apostles shared with the world - that choosing to visit their graves or to pray for intercessory help is a waste of time. These same people will say this about the martyrs and all of the other Christian saints! I DO beg to differ with this thinking. Is it wrong to honor their memories, to reflect on their lives so that my life may be better? And to ask for intercessory prayer? Especially with the Twelve, we KNOW they are in the presence of Love Himself, what better person to ask to pray for you than them?

Reflecting on my last comments above, I wish for you all to contemplate on our next special feast day in the calendar of the Church. This coming week we will be celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Then for the month of November our parish has designated a special area of the church for all of us to bring pictures of our deceased loved ones. I always love and look forward to when our parish provides a time for our families in heaven.

"The devotion to the saints that is so much a part of our Catholic tradition began with devotion to the martyrs. The early Christians saw their fellow Christians display magnificent heroism in the face of persecution even to the point of giving their life. They then prayed to these martyrs, now their friends in heaven, that they would have the same kind of courage when faced with trial and possible death. We can turn to the martyrs when our faith is weak or seems to have dried up. They can intercede for us to renew our faith, be strong in our trust in Christ, and be bold in our practice of the faith. We should remember that the Church's martyrs are not confined to the first four centuries of the Church's life. Today, there are martyrs in South America, Eastern Europe and Africa. When we read about a modern-day martyr, we can ask for his or her intercession that we would be strong in an age of weakness, firm in a time of compromise, and faithful in a world of second thoughts." This quoted paragraph is taken from a daily Mass homily by Deacon Jim on the feast day of St. Januarius, September 19, 2024. Thank you, Deacon!

Which reminds me, if you have a question for the "Corner" or would like to write a "Corner," PLEASE don't hesitate to contact me after Mass or email me at: jdewtn20118@att.net. Have a most blessed week glorifying God with every word you speak and step you take!

Apostles, Martyrs, and Saints



Pray for Us

**Diocese of Knoxville
Catholic Schools**
*Preparing Scholars,
Leaders, &
Saints*



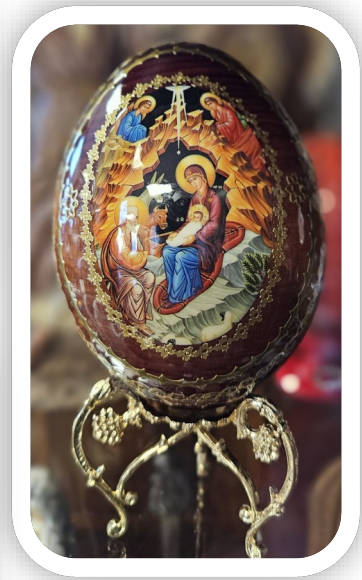
SECOND COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 10, 2024 CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SUPPORT

A second collection will be taken on November 10th for Diocesan Catholic School Tuition support. The Catholic schools in our diocese provide spiritual and intellectual growth for 3,100 students in our two high schools and eight elementary schools. During the pandemic years, our Catholic schools outshined all other public and private schools, meeting all the associated challenges while ensuring the quality of our children's education remained the same. With numerous awards, unbeatable graduation rates and a passion to develop the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow – our Catholic schools not only equip children for the journey of life but, more importantly, help to guide them along their journey to Heaven. In order to help ensure that a Catholic education is within every family's reach, we need your help. While there are many ways we seek support for our schools, no one way fully meets the growing need each year. Over the past five years, the need for supplemental tuition support has more than doubled. And over this past year, a record \$5.2 million dollars in tuition support was given to families. But with your help, additional children will experience the spiritual and academic advantages of a Catholic school education. Please be generous.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH.

ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

Stop in at the Gift Shop and see all of our new items that have arrived in perfect time for your early Christmas Shopping! The gift shop is open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Masses.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - 11/1/24



“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: 9:00 AM
Adoration: 10:00 - Noon
Healing Service: 10:00 (in Shea Hall)
Benediction: Noon

Interested in committing to a Holy Hour?
Please contact Jackie Wagner at 330-807-8663.

“Life can be so noisy and distracting! By taking a few quiet moments, we are able to calm our mind and body; we can focus on our tasks too, really being in the present moment.”

DR. GREGORY BOTTARO
& BARBRA BOTTARO
Sitting Like a Saint

Take a few quiet moments
at Adoration on Friday!

 DynamicCatholic.com



Our RCIA classes continue! Whether you are inquiring about the Catholic faith or are already a Catholic wishing to learn more about your faith, please join us in the PRC (Parish Resource Center) on Tuesdays at 4:00 PM! All are welcome - even if you haven't been with us since the first session! Bring your Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jim: sfadeacon7717@gmail.com OR 901-493-2123.

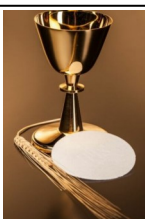
HEALING MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH



Do you know that we have a healing ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi that complements our First Friday of the Month Mass and Adoration?

The healing service is offered concurrently with adoration. Healing ministers are available in Shea Hall and the sacristy while Adoration is available in the church. If you would like to be trained to be a part of the healing team that will pray over individuals after the First Friday Mass, please call Darlene Leitz at 574-238-1705 or email darby321@comcast.net for more information.

“Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise.” (Jeremiah 17:14)



training

EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH - 10:00 AM

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please join us for the November training session.

Liturgical ministers have the wonderful privilege of helping others participate in this transforming reality we call the Church's liturgy. Whether we are proclaiming a Scripture reading, taking up the collection, distributing Communion, carrying a candle, or preparing the liturgical environment, our goal is the same: to help others find in the liturgy what we have found - a community of believers, a school of holiness, and a place of encounter with Jesus Christ.

When we go to Mass, we never come out the same, because liturgy is meant to change us. No wonder then, that the Church puts such emphasis on participation in the liturgy. If we participate fully, consciously, and actively in the liturgy, we cannot fail to be transformed and do our part to transform the world we live in. As liturgical ministers we are called to do just that, and to help others do the same. Everyone participates at Mass on some level. For more information please contact Karen Messenger: komessenger@gmail.com, 225-572-7663.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

® This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to families by providing food and financial assistance for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

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 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 PM
in the PRC. All are welcome to attend!

Thank You
for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP NOVEMBER "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" DISH SOAP AND SPONGES



IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

We honor the dead during the month of November. Our *Names of the Dead* book will be placed on the tables in the St. Padre Pio/St Clare alcove in the church for the month of November.

BOOK OF THE DEAD: Please feel free to write the names of loved ones who have died **this past year** (November 1, 2023 - November 1, 2024) in the book so that the repose of their souls may be prayed over.

REMEMBRANCE TABLES: Please bring framed photos of loved ones who have died (**not restricted** to this past year) and place the photos on the remembrance tables in the church alcove.

The book and framed photos will remain in church throughout the month of November. The names written in the book will be honored (collectively) at each weekend Mass throughout the month of November.

ANNUAL ALL SOULS ROSARY AT CALVARY CEMETERY



The annual rosary for All Souls will be held Sunday, November 3 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery 1916 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave, in Knoxville.

November is the month when we pray for and remember those who have died. Praying the rosary at Calvary for All Souls dates back to 1899!

A tour of the cemetery will follow the rosary.



“ *The Eucharist is the meeting of your flesh with Christ's, and taken in the right state, his Heart can be touched and consoled. We can give him that moment of harmony and rightness. We can embrace him as he embraces us.* ”

- Sally Read
from her book, *Annunciation: A Call to Faith in a Broken World*

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
11/3/2024	All Souls Rosary at Calvary Cemetery in Knoxville at 2:00 PM	Online: dioknox.org E-mail: N/A Phone: N/A
11/3/2024	Parish Family Fall Fun Fest Shea Hall 4:00 PM	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
11/16/2024	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training Shea Hall 10:00 AM	Online: N/A E-mail: komessenger@gmail.com Phone: 225-572-7663
12/7-8/2024	Parish Advent Retreat Shea Hall and Church Sat 9 - 2:30 / Sun 10:30 - 12:30	Online: N/A E-mail: jdewtn2018@gmail.com Phone: 954-749-3929
12/14-16/2024	The Nativity Pageant of Knoxville, Inc. Knoxville Civic Coliseum 3:00, 3:00, and 7:00 PM Respectively	Online: KnoxvilleNativity.com QRcode: See flyer in Shea Hall Donation: See flyer in Shea Hall
12/15/2024	Parish Christmas Party at The Barn Event Center in Townsend	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
12/22/2024	Santa Visits St. Francis of Assisi! Sunday 4:00 PM	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
2/21/2025	SAVE THE DATE!!!! Esteban Salazar & Friends in Concert Church and Hall	Online: N/A E-mail: joannera.726@gmail.com Phone: 859-361-4561



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH CHRISTMAS BOX OF JOY PROGRAM

If you are filling your own box of joy, the box must be dropped off at the church office by **Noon on Monday November 4th**. Just as a reminder: CCW will pay the \$9.00 shipping fee to ship your Box of Joy.

It's not too late to participate in this program online!
Direct your browser to <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>
and then click on "Donate a Box of Joy Online."

If you have any questions, please contact Ilene Rainwater at 865-748-1873.

Thank you for your generosity and overwhelming support of this project!





Parish Christmas Party

December 15th

4 - 7:00 PM

*The Barn Event Center
in Townsend*

**Wine Bar with Cheese Tray
Rosemary Chicken Breast
Black Angus Roast Beef Au Jus
Spring Mix Green Salad
with Ranch or Italian Dressing
Dinner Rolls**

**Roasted Red Potatoes
with Butter & Parsley
Seasonal Vegetable Medley
Cobbler with Ice Cream
Tea/Coffee**

\$53 per person.

Full payment due in the church office by December 5th.

Save the Date !

*07 & 08
December*



*Advent Retreat
with Fr. Julian Peters, OSB*

Saturday 12/7 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday 12/8 10:30 AM (after Mass) - 12:30 PM

Fr. Julian Peters, OSB, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, currently serves as director of the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates at Saint Meinrad. He is also a member of the Archabbot's Council, and one of the commuting chaplains for the Benedictine Sisters of the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN.

Fr. Julian was born October 29, 1960, in Toledo, OH. He entered the monastery on August 5, 1982, and professed his solemn vows on August 15, 1986. He was ordained a priest on May 7, 1988. Fr. Julian attended both Saint Meinrad College and School of Theology, receiving a bachelor's degree in Classics (Latin) in 1982 and a Master of Divinity in 1988. In 1994, he received a master's degree in non-profit administration from the University of Notre Dame.

Breakout details of the retreat days to follow!