



FEBRUARY 5, 2023 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS: Saturdays – Vigil Mass - 4:00PM
Sundays – 9:00AM

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

CONFESSION: Saturdays before Mass:
3:00 - 3:40 (Church confessional)

Sundays Before Mass:
8:15 - 8:40 (Church confessional)

Confessions may also be scheduled by
calling the parish office for an appoint-
ment.

HOLY DAYS: Check bulletin or website

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PRIEST: Rev. Antonio Giraldo

OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Meyerkord

BOOKKEEPER: Kathleen Halligan

LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: JoAnne Romer-Aylward

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Julie Dew

RCIA/ADULT Ed: 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 / welcoming member 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)

The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass

MON.	2/6	8:30 AM	Debbie Mannino †
TUES.	2/7	8:30 AM	George Szekely †
WED.	2/8		NO DAILY MASS
THURS.	2/9	8:30 AM	Jim Daily †
FRIDAY	2/10	8:30 AM	Ramon Armenta †
SAT.	2/11	4:00 PM	George Ahern †
SUN.	2/12	9:00 AM	Virginia A. Anderson †

To schedule a Mass intention, (at least two weeks in advance), please contact the Parish Office via phone or email. 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, Connie Gooden, Pat Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Julie Bobo, Ann Sorvillo, Naomi Nwadike, Charlotte Stalder, Deacon Larry West, Jerome Hebert, Debi Hartman, Joanna Dogid, Chris Owens, Christopher Kramer, Rosemary Barker, Gayle Burnison, Cam King, David Holmes, Rusty Treadway, Amy Frink, Myra Montero, Ann Rizzo, Elizabeth Quinn, Debbie Williams, Kim Brown, Robert Modisett, Tony Foster, Mary Sellers, Marion Ganley, Claire Cheadle

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: *In Memory of Debbie Mannino given by Eric & 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 two weeks.



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 \$10.00 for 1 week.



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	2/6	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	2/7		
Wed	2/8		
Thu	2/9		
Fri	2/10		
Sat	2/11	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	2/12	9:00 AM	Mass

BISHOP'S APPEAL
for **MINISTRIES**

Building up the Church in East Tennessee

IN-PEW COMMITMENT
THIS WEEKEND



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP
OPEN FOR BUSINESS
AFTER WEEKEND MASSES



5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the salt of the earth," Jesus says. "You are the light of the world." In two phrases, Jesus describes the identity and mission of his followers.

**SALT &
MATTHEW 5:13-16
LIGHT**

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah offers practical ways to make this happen. "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn." Tangible love offered to people who need it most: this is what it means to be light for people in darkness and salt for people who need a taste of hope.

Jesus' words about salt and light come in his sermon of the Mount. In this sermon, Jesus says our words and speech matter; we are not meant to hide the truth with double-speak or empty phrases. In this sermon, Jesus says that the way of peacemaking and reconciliation, of faithfulness in relationships, of love for enemies and prayers for persecutors is what it means to live as salt and light.

When Christians choose gospel influence over any other kind of power and give ourselves away to others, then the world will see that the church is a living and real presence of God who gave himself in love for the world. Then the world will be seasoned properly to keep it from decay and so that others can taste the goodness of the Lord. Then our light will "shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."



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SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

So far, we have only had a few people complete this program. Here are some things to note:

1. If you did not receive an email, you do not need to complete the program again. You are already certified.
2. The email was only sent to those who have not completed the Safe Environment Program. Even if you previously completed the Virtus program, you need to complete this program.
3. If you cannot find your email, please contact the office.
4. Volunteers who **DO NOT** complete this will no longer be allowed to volunteer. This program takes about 1 1/2 hours to watch the videos and answer the questions. It does not need to be completed at one sitting. We'd like to have this completed by February 28. A reminder email will be sent next week.

CATECHISM CORNER

Happy Sunday St. Francis of Assisi! “An exciting journey ahead” as quoted by the National Eucharistic Revival. Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. This journey is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



When I think of the Eucharist, I think of the greatest prayer – the Mass. I have been asked what are the “different” forms/types/kinds of prayer. There are Four Basic Forms of Prayer. Let’s take a brief look.

- **Prayer of Blessing and Adoration:** In this prayer we express praise and honor to God. We praise God for giving us life, for the wonder and beauty of our world, and for all the many blessings we enjoy. We open ourselves up to praise God for all the wonders of creation. This form of prayer encourages bodily expression, such as standing with arms raised.
- **Prayer of Petition:** This is probably the most familiar prayer form of prayer. We are often asking God for the things we need, but asking and praying for them are not necessarily the same. When we pray our petitions, we are asking God, who loves us very much, for something that we believe is good—for ourselves or for others. By using this form of prayer, we are mindful of the needs of others as well as of our own needs. We are aware that God wants us to bring our problems and worries to prayer knowing that he will always hear and answer those prayers. God may answer our prayers in a different way (hard to accept) and in a different timeframe (harder to accept!) than we are seeking but God will always give us what we need.
- **Prayers of petition:** serves to remind us that God expects us to care for one another and for all his creation. We can pray about the ordinary experiences of life— for people who are sick, for someone who needs a job, for help in our school work, for a safe trip (I frequently do! I think St. Christopher is tired of “hearing” from me!). We pray for peace in our families and in our world. We can also express our sorrow and contrition to God in our prayer.
- **Prayer of Intercession (asking for what others need):** This form of prayer is prayer on behalf of others. This form of prayer can be a source of blessing upon others, the Church, and our world. Because we know that Our Lady and the saints intercede for us before God, the Church encourages us to pray to them for their intercession. Such prayer can bring us great strength and courage and also great peace of mind and heart.
- **Prayer of Thanksgiving (for what God has given and done):** This form of prayer helps us to be grateful for God’s many blessings, spiritual and temporal, and helps us to recognize and appreciate all the good things God gives to us. Reserving some time to praise and thank God for his gifts—the gift of life; the gift of our families and friends; the gift of food, clothing, and shelter; and the numerous other gifts we often take for granted—helps us to form a true spirit of gratitude.

Remember that prayer is “conversation” with our Lord! Have a beautiful week!

Keep those questions coming at jdewtn2018@att.net!



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Reminder: When contributing to St. Vincent de Paul by check, please make the check payable to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP). The Poor Box is located in the church vestibule.

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 FEBRUARY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"

Thanks for all the jars of jam and jelly you donated in January. For February, we are asking for

Cans of tuna or boxes of Tuna Helper or Hamburger Helper.



"The Best Gift to Give Your Loved Ones" - End of Life Planning February 11, 2023; 10:00AM – 2:00PM; All Saints Parish Hall

We will host three speakers, Janie Mc Cullah, Licensed Funeral Director at Click funeral home, our very own Fr. Doug Owens, and Paul Simoneau Vice Chancellor for the Diocese of Knoxville

"The Mystery of Suffering and End of Life Decisions"-Paul Simoneau

Church's teachings on the salvific meaning of human suffering, care for the seriously ill, and end of life decisions. Important distinctions are made between that which is considered "ordinary care" (e.g., nutrition, hydration, basic care and comfort) and "medical treatment," and the principles that help us to discern between what is obligatory treatment and that which is optional. The subject of palliative care (treating pain) and that of the use or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures will also be covered. The presentation will walk participants through the diocesan approved "Advance Care Plan" (what many call a Living Will) and "Assignment of a Health Care Agent" (someone who can make medical decisions on your behalf should you be incapacitated). Throughout this presentation, the spiritual meaning of this important part of life's journey will be highlighted. Packets of information and resources will be provided.

"Frequently Asked Questions about Funeral Planning"-Janie McCullah

- Here are just a few examples:
- What do I do if a loved one dies at home?
- Who writes my obituary?
- What benefits are available from Social Security?
- What benefits are available for Veterans?

"Why this is the best gift for your loved ones"-Fr. Doug Owens

Email clucheon@dioknox.org with questions. To register, go to All Saints Catholic Parish | End of Life Planning Seminar | Knoxville, TN (allsaintsknoxville.org).

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY
7/1/2022– 12/31/2022

Year-to-Date Total Donations \$ 95,106.76
 Year-to-Date **Actual** Expenses..... 91,744.03
 Year-to-Date Surplus 3,362.73

Note that these numbers will not agree exactly with what is reported under Weekly Stewardship. There are misc. income and expense items which are reported to us by the Diocese monthly (interest income, etc.)

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS
SAVE THE DATES!



- February 20—Nella Fantasia Concert - See bulletin for more info
- April 21—Movie Night—Father Stu (PG-13 version)
- June 23—Smokies Baseball w/fireworks

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—1/29/2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Attendance: 129

Sunday Offertory \$ 2,615.00
 Donation Box 100.00
 Other Donations* 0.00
 Total Donations for the Week \$ 2,825.00

Year-to-Date Donations \$ 108,540.76
 Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations..... 109,616.31
 Year-to-Date Donation **Deficit**** **\$ 1,075.55**

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund \$ 25.00
 Parish Charity 0.00
 Other 0.00
 Total Non-Budget Donations \$ 25.00

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

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

A REFLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 5 FROM “THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN”

Head knowledge is worthless, unless accompanied by submission of the will and right action.

WEEK 32—52 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION from laudatosimovement.org

Take and keep the Laudato Si Pledge Part 2

Part Two of our Laudato Si Pledge reads (simply)- live more simply. What can this short phrase or prayer mean to those of us who have been so showered with abundance in our lives? “People may well have a growing ecological sensitivity but it has not succeeded in changing their harmful habits of consumption which, rather than decreasing, appear to be growing all the more. A simple example is the increasing use and power of air-conditioning” [LS 55]. The term “overconsumption” may bring to mind shopping bags and large houses with overflowing closets, but more accurately, it is our common and pervasive use of energy that harms the earth through pollution and emissions, and creates wide gaps between global haves and have-nots (ourworldindata.org). All of us living more simply can relax the strain on the earth’s resources and its ability for renewal.

The Care for Creation group meets twice a month on every other Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima. All St. Francis parishioners are welcome to join them. For more information contact Mary Tankersley (maryetank@hotmail.com) or the OLOF Care for Creation Ministry, or laudatosimovement.org.



Esteban Salazar

TENOR



Christian Correa

TENOR



Laura Gómez

SOPRANO

NELLA FANTASIA
CONCERT 

Music Pieces By:

Andrea Bocelli

Il Divo

Leonard Cohen

Ernesto de Curtis

Bart Howard

FEB.20.2023

7:00 PM

Admission is Free.



A Love Offering will be collected.

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NELLA FANTASIA CONCERT DETAILS
FEBRUARY 20, 2023 AT 7 PM

"Finger Food" Reception: 6-7 pm and 8-9 pm

We will be providing light hors d'oeuvres both before and after the concert. The reception after the concert will be your opportunity to meet Esteban, Christian and Laura. since they will be completing their preparation for the concert beforehand.

RSVP Sign-up:

Starting this weekend, there will be sign-up sheets in Shea Hall. We would like to get a rough head count on how many are planning to attend so we know how much food to provide.

Free Will Offering:

We will be taking up a free-will offering in order to assist our musicians with their expenses.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

All Young Adults (ages 18-35) are invited to our first- ever diocesan Young Adult Conference on Saturday, February 18th! You can expect a dynamic, one-day conference with the phenomenal guest speaker, Katie Prejean-McGrady! Katie is an award – winning author, international speaker, daily Catholic radio host, and podcaster.

The conference will be held at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Cathedral Hall from 9 AM – 5 PM. Theme is Bold Faith in a Modern World. Cost is \$35 a person if you register online at dioknox.org before the event or \$40 at the door. Lunch and refreshments are included. For questions, contact Brittany Garcia at bgarcia@dioknox.org or 865-776-9635.

AN INSPIRATION FOR FEBRUARY 5 FROM "THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS"

"Fly from bad companions as from the bite of a poisonous snake. If you keep good companions, I can assure you that you will one day rejoice with the blessed in Heaven; whereas if you keep with those who are bad, you will become bad yourself, and you will be in danger of losing your soul." - St. John Bosco



ALL WOMEN are cordially invited to the **Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention** that will take place at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Lenoir City, April 20, 21 and 22nd, 2023. Come 1, 2 or all 3 days.

The conference brings together women from across the Diocese to share in spirituality and holy sister-hood. Come and see what we are all about.

- On Thursday there will be a Memorial Mass with Bishop Stika, honoring the women from the Diocese who have died in the last year followed by a banquet and our Keynote Speaker Melissa Foley, a Retreat Director who desires that every woman experience the transformative and healing power of God's love! Melissa will also speak on Friday morning.
- Friday participants will enjoy a variety of dynamic, creative, and inter-active small group breakout sessions sure to uplift and entertain.
- Saturday Father Orr will be our guest speaker and will speak on the Eucharist as the food for our journey.

More information can be found on the KDCCW.Org website.