



JUNE 11, 2023 THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

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
OFFICE MANAGER: Kathy Meyerkord
BOOKKEEPER: Kathleen Halligan
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR: JoAnne Romer-Aylward
**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION:** Julie Dew
RCIA: 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 at the office.)

MON. 6/12 8:30 AM Virginia A. Anderson †
TUES. 6/13 8:30 AM Sally Ann Roth
WED. 6/14 **NO MORNING MASS**
THURS. 6/15 8:30 AM Edward B. † & Marion E. † Ganley
FRIDAY 6/16 8:30 AM Marissa Pendas
SAT. 6/17 4:00 PM John & Yvonne Peychal
SUN. 6/18 9:00 AM Michael Harwell †

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, Connie Gooden, Pat Sanders, Judy Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Ann Sorvillo, Naomi Nwadike, Charlotte Stalder, Deacon Larry West, Jerome Hebert, Debi Hartman, Joanna Dogid, Chris Owens, Christopher Kramer, Rosemary Barker, Cam King, David Holmes, Rusty Treadway, Amy Frink, Myra Montera, Ann Rizzo, Kim Brown, Robert Modisett, Tony Foster, Mary Sellers, Claire Cheadle, Bea Daily, Annette Zion Baker, Kathy Janke, Charlotte Fernandez, Lee Robey, Jennifer Reed, Dan Hogan, Elise Martin, Paula Watson, Mike Lauer, Tom Beasley



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.



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.



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS PILGRIMAGE



The Diocese of Knoxville is ready to roll to Indianapolis for the **10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024**. An overview and details are posted on the bulletin board in Shea Hall. These details can also be found at Dioknox.org/Revival, by email at Revival@Dioknox.org, or by 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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	6/12	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	6/13		
Wed	6/14		
Thu	6/15		
Fri	6/16		
Sat	6/17	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	6/18	9:00 AM	Mass



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate one of the great feast days of our faith – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the feast of Corpus Christi. The greatest gift that Christ gave to the church was the total gift of self in the form of bread – truly, his body and blood.

Every week, we are invited to the banquet table to feed on him, the source of our eternal life. We gather, as the apostles did on that first Holy Thursday, in remembrance of him, for he died for us, conquering sin and death and promising all who believed in him life everlasting.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses admonishes the Israelites that while they wandered for forty years in the desert, God fed them with manna from heaven to sustain them and to show them that bread alone does not suffice. One must be nourished by the living bread of God's word. The Israelites were quick to forget all that God has done for them. God kept them safe for forty years as they wandered through the harsh and dry desert without food or water. He quenched their thirst and fed their hunger because he loved them and desired to be in intimate relationship with them.

In his first letter, Paul tells the Corinthians and us today, that we do not simply participate in the Body and Blood of Christ. No. We are one Body eating of the one loaf. The Eucharist unites us to Christ and to one another. The Eucharist makes us one with Christ Jesus – not male or female; not black, white, red, yellow or brown; but one family.

In today's gospel from John, Jesus tells us that he is God's supernatural provision both of eternal life and of all that is needed to sustain that life up to the very time of our resurrection.

Christ is giving us a foretaste of the way in which he is going to bring salvation through his brokenness, when he says, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."

Every time we celebrate this mystery, that same sacrifice is made present to us. The Eucharist is a "memorial" in the biblical sense of the word: "not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become present and real.

The Eucharist is not just a reminder; it is a real sacrifice and a real gift. "In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross." Whenever we celebrate the Mass, we participate in a representation of Jesus' death and resurrection. When we receive Jesus with a disposition of faith and love, we enter into those actual events of his life-giving sacrifice. We not only receive bread and wine – or flesh and blood, for that matter. We receive salvation. Let us rejoice that Jesus has given this gift to all generations until he returns in glory.

CATECHISM CORNER

Today is the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commonly known as Corpus Christi. As Catholics, we believe that a miracle occurs at every Mass: bread and wine truly become Jesus Christ—body, blood, soul, and divinity—while seeming, according to the senses, to remain bread and wine. This feast was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264. The Feast of Corpus Christi, (from Latin, meaning the Body of Christ) came about from dozens, even hundreds, of documented eucharistic miracles through the centuries! We had a very informative and educational presentation about several documented Eucharistic miracles at one of our Stations of the Cross suppers! I would like to thank and recognize our Eucharistic Revival Leader – Karen Messenger for leading us in this National Revival! Looking forward to this coming year with all the “happenings” within the Parish!

Today's Spiritual Work of Mercy is to “instruct the Uninformed” (ignorant). Since the word ignorant has a derogatory undertone, I've decided to use the word uninformed (even though both words mean the same!). We sometimes think that it is an insult to say that someone is ignorant, but in reality, it simply means that the person is without knowledge — of something that they would benefit from knowing. To give knowledge — to give someone the Truth, who is Jesus Christ — is a great work of mercy because it is to give the greatest gift of all: knowledge that will help that person on their journey to eternal life in Christ. This comes straight from Jesus because of His “instruction and education” of His Apostles!

What this work of mercy means, first of all, is accepting our God-given responsibility to be the primary source of religious education and formation for our children. Some Catholics may be surprised to learn that it is not the local Catholic school or CCD program upon whom this responsibility primarily rests. Rather, it is the parents. Please read CCC 2223 and 2225. From an early age, it means providing them with a steady diet of good Christian books, CDs and videos and weeding out all the dubious ones from our collection that can only cause the loss of their innocence and the confusion of their developing moral characters. In other words, it means tight restriction on the cultural rot flowing into our homes through the TV set and the Internet (all forms of the media). I'm not saying that we have to turn our homes into monasteries and convents, but we do have to be mindful of what St. Paul said in Romans 12:2: “Do not be conformed to this world, be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”

Beyond our homes, of course, the need for instruction in the True Faith is equally urgent. We must be patient with God's work in other people's lives. We must never harass, pressure, or manipulate anyone. Often there is no more effective (and no less threatening) way to share the Catholic faith with our non-Catholics friends than to do so in the natural course of friendship by being a good listener, by telling them how much you care and show them how much you care! A good friend teaches you how to become a better person. One suggestion that I have often followed is to share a good Catholic book. I've given out several different books from Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! Both of these Evangelists/Apologetists have wonderful books about Catholicism! Check out our library for some great material!

Venerable Servant of God Fulton J. Sheen said, “There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.” – a very good reason to be ready and educated in your Catholic Faith when asked questions by your non-Catholic friends!

Next week: “Counsel the Doubtful.” May our God shower your week with many blessings!



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

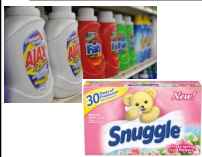
Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

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.

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 MAY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"

Thanks for all of the wonderful donations in May.

Our Products of the Month for June are

Laundry Detergent (smaller bottles) and Fabric Softener Sheets

RCIA SUMMER CONFERENCE—JUNE 24, 2023

The RCIA Summer Conference will be held Saturday, June 24, 2023 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Lenoir City. The theme is "Leading Them Home: Catechetical and pastoral insights for the divorced and seeking. There will be 3 sessions:

- One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism: How Protestants are Already Catholic,
- The Hardness of Our Hearts: Becoming Catholic Without a Declaration of Nullity, and
- Before the Beginning and After the End: Matters of Inquiry and Mystagogy for RCIA Catechists.

More details are posted on the bulletin board in Shea Hall.

Living the Beatitudes Retreat

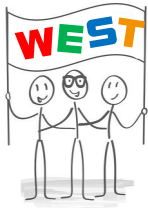


"Blessed are the pure of heart, they shall see God."

In his sermon on the mount, Jesus outlined the secret to true happiness in eight simple yet paradoxical blessings, or beatitudes. Deepen your appreciation of this divine wisdom and learn how to make these beatitudes a part of your daily life.

The retreat is August 25-27 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. There'll be a mix of thoughtful presentations and practical applications, plus time for Adoration, confession, spiritual direction, and more...

Visit www.catholicconference.org/beatitude, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828.327.7441. Register before July 31 and receive a \$50 Early Bird discount!



WES TEAM NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Meeting—July 20 at Noon in Shea Hall; All are welcome! Lunch will be served.

Smokies Baseball Game w/Fireworks

June 23, 7:00 PM; Buffet at 6:00 PM

- ◆ Tickets will be distributed to you before game day.

Pet Blessing—September 30, 11:00 AM

Fall Pot Luck—October 8, 4:00 PM

Christmas Party—December 10, 4:00 PM at the Barn Event Center

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP—6/4/2023

Most Holy Trinity Sunday—Attendance: 188

Sunday Offertory	\$4,106.00
Donation Box.....	20.00
Other Donations*	10.00
Total Donations for the Week.....	\$ 4,136.00

Year-to-Date Donations	\$ 169,473.83
Year-to-Date Budgeted Donations	173,264.49
Year-to-Date Donation ** (Deficit)	(\$ 3,790.66)

Other Donations Not in Budget

Maintenance Fund	\$ 833.00
Parish Charity.....	5.00
Other	0.00
Total Non-Budget Donations	\$ 838.00

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

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

WEEK 50—52 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION from laudatosimovement.org

Ecological Virtue 6- Sobriety

It was a surprise to me one day to learn that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops had released an official statement on climate change back in 2001 entitled Prudence and the Common Good containing quotes such as “Human behavior and activity are contributing to a warming of the earth’s climate”, “It could be quite serious”, and “The US bears a special responsibility in its stewardship of God’s creation to shape responses that serve the entire human family”. Sobriety, our sixth Ecological Virtue, is defined in Laudato Si as a realization of this seriousness, and a “Christian spirituality... marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. Such sobriety, when lived freely and consciously, is liberating. It is not a lesser life or one lived with less intensity. On the contrary, it is a way of living life to the full” [LS 222, 223]. In harmony with our praise and gratitude to God, let us work to maintain this thoughtful, sober lifestyle!

The Care for Creation group meets twice a month on the **first and third Thursday of every month** 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.

A REFLECTION FOR JUNE 11 FROM “THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN”

“Our humor and disposition are not so much the reflection of the weather or the wrong side of the bed, as they are the reflections of the state of our soul.”