



AUGUST 18, 2024 20TH 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.

ANOIDING 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	8/19	8:30 AM	Zina Murr
Tue	8/20	8:30 AM	Norman A. Weiland
Wed	8/21	NO MASS	
Thu	8/22	8:30 AM	Juan Diego Giraldo
Fri	8/23	8:30 AM	Familia Correa
Sat	8/24	4:00 PM	Lois Szekely
Sun	8/25	9:00 AM	Margaret Jordan

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 Malory, Louann Felske, Kathy Meyerkord, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Anne Pate, Tony Lee Bertsch

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 Bea Daily 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.



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

Open after weekend Masses and by request/appointment after daily Mass



“ The nation...
doesn't simply need
what we have.
It needs
what we are. ”

- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	8/19	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	8/20		
Wed	8/21	1:00 PM	Gospel of John Bible Study - PRC
		5:00 PM	SVdP - PRC
Thu	8/22		
Fri	8/23		
Sat	8/24	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	8/25	9:00 AM	Mass



THE RED LAMP

If you go to any Catholic parish anywhere, like me, you may notice some of the same things that are in our own parish. The Stations of the Cross, the Crucifix, the Altar, the confessional, the statues, etc. The architecture may be a little different, but those things are usually present. One thing that always catches my eye is the red lamp next to the Tabernacle. Let's take a look at what that red lamp really means.

The red lamp (it can be other colors) signals the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is not an emotional or symbolic presence, not even a spiritual presence, but a real presence. When you and I leave here today, the red lamp will continue to burn because the Real Presence of Christ remains even when no one is here.

During the cold days of winter, the red lamp burns because He is here. During the fresh days of spring, with new life everywhere, the red lamp burns because He is here. During the months of summer when we travel, the red lamp burns because He is here. During the changes of autumn, the red lamp burns because He is here. When we are young, He is here. When we are in our adult years and then our senior years, He is here. The Lord stays with us in all the seasons of life. That is one meaning of the red lamp.

A second meaning of the red lamp is that the Lord is here as food. What an immensely loving, simple and powerful way to come to His people, as food, as the Eucharist to be received!

When we see that red lamp, it also reminds us of the sacrificial love of Christ who comes to us in such a simple but significant way. Whether we are rich or poor, young or old, He comes to us as food. The Lord does not look at your background, education, or politics. He looks only at your heart, and the Risen Christ lowers Himself to come to us as food.

A third meaning of that red lamp is that Jesus is always accessible. We can come here before the Lord at any time.

To come before the Lord in the Eucharist is to come to the same place where missionaries throughout the centuries prayed for strength. It is where the great religious orders were born. It is where popes and bishops have sought inspiration, where kings and emperors have come for wisdom, where monks and religious have received courage, where the sick have found inner healing, where parents have prayed, where widows have sought comfort, where many business people stop to begin their day, where people throughout the world come with every prayer, every petition, every need ever known to the human heart, where people who were spiritually lost have found their way.

These are some meanings of that red lamp: Christ's presence; His sacrificial love; His accessibility. The red lamp is the guarantee that you and I are never alone.

Peace,
Deacon Jim



CATECHISM

CORNER



THE APOSTLE PHILIP

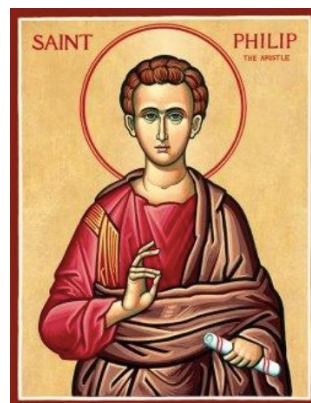
I sincerely hope that you are enjoying reading about the Twelve Apostles. Whenever I would teach about them, it was very generic and.....well.....boring! I'm learning SO much! Thank you, Yvonne Peychal for suggesting this topic!

Today, in the Corner, we will be "talking" about the Apostle Philip. The name Phillip or Philip, is a male name, derived from the Greek Philippos, meaning "horse-loving" or "fond of horses." Because Philip is a Greek name, scholars are confident that he was probably a Greek-educated, Hellenized Jew. It is thought that he was of upper-class status and had some authority outside of his being among Jesus's Twelve (read John 12:20-22). Philip was a Galilean who lived in the town of Bethsaida, the same town from which Peter and Andrew came (John 1:44). And because of this, it is very likely that he was a fisherman as well. Other than including him in their listings of the Twelve, the synoptic Gospels of Mark, Luke, and Matthew say nothing else about the apostle Phillip. Only in John's Gospel do we have an opportunity to learn something of him. There is a theory that since John and Phillip came from the same hometown of Bethsaida, they were very likely childhood friends. Also, and probably more important, their final missionary territories of Ephesus and Hierapolis in Asia Minor (present day Turkey) were only about 120 miles away from each other. This would have given them several years to interact after the Resurrection, and his recollections of Philip would have been fresh in John's memory when he was writing his Gospel (*The Twelve Apostles of Jesus – Their Forgotten History* – Richard Orzeck).

We learn in the Gospel of John that it was Jesus who actually sought out Philip to be one of His followers and it was Philip who would bring Bartholomew to Jesus. Philip was there when Jesus performed His first miracle at the Wedding at Cana, he was at the feeding of the Five Thousand, where he essentially said that he had no idea what to do (John 6:5-6)! He was also at the Lord's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, the Last Supper and Jesus's Ascension. Like the rest of the Twelve, Philip may have seemed confused and uncertain of Jesus's message during His earthly life, it was after Pentecost, that Philip would redeem himself and become a true "workhorse" (no pun intended with the meaning of the name Philip) in the service of the Lord.

I would like to share an important tidbit about how not to confuse the Apostle Philip with Philip the evangelist (Acts 21:8), even though they both displayed a character for evangelism. They did not know each other, however; Apostle Philip, prayed for and laid hands on Philip the evangelist at the beginning of the latter's deaconship. Philip the evangelist was one of the seven deacons which also included the soon-to-be martyred Stephen that the apostles prayed for (Acts 6:6). Even though they journeyed to nearly opposite regions of the known world, the two are often confused.

Philip preached many years in the southern region of France. There is very little reliable information as to Philip's travels until he arrived at Hieropolis, Egypt (modern day Turkey) – another UNESCO World Heritage site! In the kingdoms of Phrygia and Lydia which is in the region of modern-day central Turkey is where Philip is joined with his daughters and Bartholomew. After a short period of time, they all traveled to Hieropolis. The earliest documentation of Philip's missionary work, martyrdom and burial were in a letter written in 190 AD by the Church Father, Polycrates of Ephesus. If you have a chance look this up – a VERY interesting read! What led to his death is that he performed a healing miracle upon the wife of the Roman proconsul Nicanora which led to her conversion to Christianity.



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Of course, her husband was enraged and ordered Bartholomew and Philip's death by crucifixion. While on the cross, upside down, Philip continued to preach; because of this, Bartholomew was released, but Philip refused! The final resting place for the Apostle Philip is the Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome (*The Twelve Apostles of Jesus – Their Forgotten History* – Richard Orzeck). St. Philip is the patron saint of pastry chefs because of his role in the miracle of the feeding of the multitude. He is also the patron saint of hatters and fishermen as well as many cities, churches, and schools. St. Philip pray for us! Next week St. Bartholomew!



WELCOMING EVENTS & SOCIAL TEAM

Meeting
Thursday, August 29, 2024
At Noon in Shea Hall
(A light lunch will be served)

If you are a member of this parish, you are automatically (😊) a member of this team!

A special “shout-out” to all of our new parishioners: we would love to add your fresh faces and perspectives to our team meetings! Please come and join in the Fall and Winter planning activities for our parish!

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



Eucharisticrevival.org

Fr. Anthony J. Paone, SJ
1913 - 1990

“Never again will I receive You through dull, thoughtless habit. Each reception will be an intelligent and loving approach to You, my God and Savior. Though I cannot prepare as You deserve, I shall at least do my best to receive You more worthily.”

My Daily Bread pages 392-393

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).





SAVE THE DATE!

CHURCH FAMILY

Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 4-7 PM

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024
PARISH RESOURCE (PRC) AT 1:00 PM**



Join the Dr. Allen Hunt Bible Study! This isn't your typical Bible study! It's a nine-session Bible study experience that's perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don't know where to start.

This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won't find anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You'll read stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter's marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times. It's an experience that will introduce you to eight miraculous encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John that will help you encounter Jesus in a new and personal way. To learn more about this study please visit <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com> and search for (top left corner) The Gospel of John.



**NEW HEALING MINISTRY AT
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH!**

We have begun our healing ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi that will complement our First Friday of the Month Mass and Adoration.

The initial response to this new Healing Ministry has been very favorable! Our first Healing Ministry Service will be offered immediately following the First Friday Mass in September:

Friday, September 6, 2024

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will immediately follow the healing service, closing at Noon with benediction.

If you would like to be trained to be a part of the healing team that will pray over individuals after the 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)*



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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!

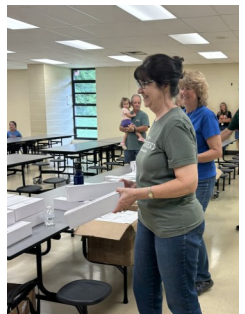
SVDP AUGUST "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" CAKE MIXES AND FROSTING



St. Vincent de Paul participated in welcoming back to school the Townsend Elementary Students!

SVDP supplied each student with a light weight aluminum 12 ounce water bottle! The blue bottles were detailed with the schools name and mascot logo.

This project will help in reducing the cost of classroom supplies and waste by eliminating disposable water cups in the classrooms.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
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 Phone: 423-288-8101
12/15/24	Parish Christmas Party at The Barn Event Center in Townsend	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070



CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH CHRISTMAS BOX OF JOY PROGRAM

Our annual Boxes of Joy will be arriving in September. During the months of September and October you will be able to participate in this wonderful program where Christmas gifts are sent to children in developing countries like Haiti, Malawi and the Dominican Republic. Filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and *The Story of Jesus*, these gifts represent Christ's love. Your donation will demonstrate Christ's compassion to a child who may have never before received a Christmas gift. You can also participate in the Box of Joy program online: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/>



OCIA AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

OCIA Classes (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - formerly RCIA) will begin on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Classes will be held in the PRC on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and again at 4:00 PM. Classes will run for about an hour and a half. Each Tuesday session will cover the same material. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jim: sfdeacon7717@gmail.com OR 901-493-2123.