



**JUNE 22, 2025
THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 MANAGERSKatrina Allocco & Lesa Schmall	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/OCIADc. Jim Schmall	WELCOMING, EVENTS &All Parishioners
ART & ENVIRONMENTMichele Girard	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.

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 sfabulletin7717@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	6/23	8:30 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue	6/24	8:30 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed	6/25	NO MORNING MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thu	6/26	8:30 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE Jesse F. Colvin
Fri	6/27	8:30 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE Ruben Fraire
Sat	6/28	4:00 PM	Annette Carter
Sun	6/29	9:00 AM	Elias, Genoveva & Graciela Ventura

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):
 Pat Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Naomi Nwadike, David Holmes, Amy Frink, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Charles Tippitt, Emmanuel Nwadike, Julie Schirack, Laken DuRussel, Marcus Bolte, Louann Felske, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Michael Slater, Rocky Brach, Dennis Richards, Jeff Herzog, Marion McCaughey, Sue Wood, Sue Corsini, Adela Mauer, Bill Irby, Teresa Williams, Jeffrey Garrison, Ann Day, Layla Sexton, Ed Welsh, Joyce Welsh, Thomas Fay

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

If you would like to donate to the altar flowers fund in memory of or in honor of someone, contact the Parish Office via phone or email. The cost is \$40.00 for 1 week. Thank You!



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.



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

*“Recognize in this bread
 what hung on the cross
 and in this chalice
 what flowed from His side.”*

*St. Augustine of Hippo
 354 - 430*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	6/23	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	6/24		
Wed	6/25		
Thu	6/26		
Fri	6/27		
Sat	6/28	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	6/29	9:00 AM	Sunday Mass



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

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



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. In today's gospel from Luke we hear Jesus ask his disciples, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes. Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed.

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 are going into a "summertime" meeting mode and our upcoming meetings for the summertime are: August 6th, and August 20th.

SVDP JUNE "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH"


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Thank You for your continued support of SVDP!



HELP FILL OUR SVDP PANTRY

Are you a BJ's Member? If so, would you like to help fill our SVdP pantry too? Below is a list of products we use from BJ's (but of course we will take any non-perishable item!). These are some of the items we have identified as being a good value:

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| Canned Chicken | Paper Towels | Kleenex | Ramen Noodle Soup |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Saltine Crackers | Toothpaste | Chips (individual size) |
| Peanut Butter Crackers | Bath Tissues | Bar Soap | Toothbrushes |
| Microwave Popcorn | Canned Tuna | Vienna Sausages (canned) | |

Purchased items can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul food basket located in Shea Hall. We appreciate all you do to help us help those in need – Thank You!

YOUR KARM DONATIONS BENEFIT OUR FOOD PANTRY

Do you know that your donations to KARM can benefit our "Neighbors in Need" food pantry? All you have to do is take your donation items to any of the KARM locations. Tell them that your donations are to benefit St. Francis of Assisi - **Townsend**. SVDP then receives gift cards from KARM which we give to our neighbors for purchasing clothing and other items. We have been getting \$100 to \$150 in gift cards each quarter, so your donations are greatly helping! Thank you for helping us and helping your brothers and sisters in need!



Parish Picnic


Sunday, August 3, 2025

2:30 - 7:30

- The Parish will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments
- Parishioners, please BYO drinks and a side dish to share
- Please BYO lawn chairs (picnic benches available in the pavilion)
- Please sign up in Shea Hall




CONCORD YACHT CLUB
11600 South Northshore Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37922
concordyachtclub.org



Be a sign of
mercy.
lifeforthchurch.com/donate

JUNE 28-29

SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE
Peter's Pence Collection



SECOND COLLECTION

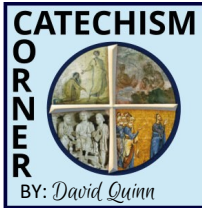
JUNE 28 & 29, 2025

The "Peter's Pence" collection that will be taken up on June 28 & 29 will assist the Holy Father with his charitable works.

Your donations help the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to the neediest and most disadvantaged throughout the world - especially those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Your contributions will be combined with those of Catholics from around the world to help the Holy Father reach out to the voiceless and most vulnerable in need.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – PART TWO



Last week's Catechism Corner covered the multiple elements that make up the sacrament of Baptism except for the holy water in Baptism. Obviously, the key element of baptism is the water. We bless the water that is being used for baptism as we want God's holiness to be imparted on the child when we pour the water. This part of the rite reflects the importance of prayer that Jesus showed in His life. He prayed when turning water to wine. He prayed before raising Lazarus from the dead. He prayed before breaking the bread at the Last Supper. He prayed in the garden before His Passion. He prayed over the Apostles at Pentecost. Our prayer to bless the water extends our asking God to be present in this sacrament and to be present in the child's life.

When we pour water for the actual Baptism, we pour it in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. This form is critical for a valid Baptism and follows the instructions given by Christ to the Apostles. There are examples in Acts of the Apostles of people thinking they were baptized but they were not using this form. They didn't get the effects of the Holy Spirit but once they were baptized correctly, they felt the Holy Spirit within them.

Water is that element we use to cleanse ourselves. We use it here to cleanse away original sin. Whenever we have a cut or other injury, the first thing we want to do is clean that injury with water to prevent infection. We are cleansing the child of the injury of original sin so that it does not cause greater harm in his/her life. And just like when we get cuts, there is a scar left behind. So, there is a scar from original sin on the child's soul, just like the rest of us. But scars are a reminder of what happened, not what's going to happen. We'll always have that reminder of original sin but Baptism allows the child to start the healing process and to head in the direction of salvation.

Water is also a sign of renewal and rebirth. Jesus says we are to be born again of water and spirit. Stepping out of the bath or shower. Stepping out of a pool. Stepping out of the rain. We feel different in that moment as the water is upon us. It is like an innate or inborn feeling that takes us back to our birth. The child recently experienced birth but we are now going to bring about rebirth in water and spirit in this sacrament through the pouring of the water.

There are many elements that make up the rite of Baptism. Each element represents a part of what makes Baptism the sacrament that initiates us into the Church and leads us to achieve eternal salvation.



Baptism

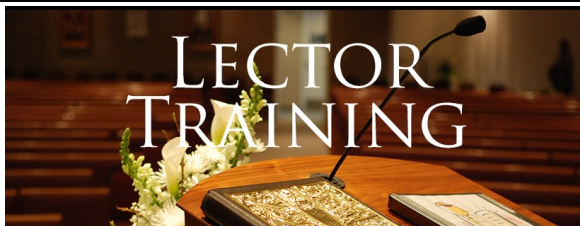


*For in Christ Jesus
you are all sons of God, through faith.
For as many of you
as were baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.
There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free,
there is no male and female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

- Galatians 3:26-28

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
7/19/2025	Lector Training (RESCHEDULED) 10:00 AM In the Church	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
8/3/2025	Parish Picnic at Concord Yacht Club Sunday 2:30PM - 7:30PM	Online: N/A E-mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070
9/21/2025	Liturgical Ministry Commissioning at the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass	Online: N/A E-mail: komessenger@gmail.com Phone:
9/20-10/9/2025	11-Day Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy with Fr. Bill McNeeley	Online: Scan QR code on poster in Shea Hall E-mail: ascensiontourstravel@gmail.com Phone: 800-351-9893
12/14/2025	Parish Christmas Party Tremont Lodge - Townsend, TN	Online: N/A E-Mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070



**SATURDAY, JULY 19TH
10:00 AM
IN THE CHURCH**

If you are currently a Lector for our beautiful little church, or would like to be one, please mark your calendars for a very important training session/workshop on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 AM in the Church.

Martha Frink and Deacon Jim will lead this interactive training session on how to not merely READ the readings, but how to PROCLAIM Scripture! All of the other intricacies that go along with this ministry will be discussed as well.

This training session is for both Proclaimers of the Word and for those who read the Commentaries at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word. It is also for "seasoned Lectors" and new Lectors alike - there will be something for everyone at this training session! Please mark your calendars and plan on attending! For more information and/or questions please contact Martha (865-556-4684) or Dc. Jim (901-493-2123).