



JULY 6, 2025
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
DEACON.....Deacon Jim Schmall
OFFICE MANAGERSKatrina Allocco & Lesa Schmall
BOOKKEEPERKathleen Halligan
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR.....JoAnne Romer-Aylward
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED.Julie Dew
RCIA/OCIA.....Dc. Jim Schmall
ART & ENVIRONMENTMichele Girard
GARDENS & GROUNDS..... Ilene Rainwater
FACILITIES David Girard
SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE JoAnne Romer-Aylward
PASTORAL CARE..... Suzie Fay
ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP Camilla Sorrell
COLUMBARIUM Bob Eberhardt
WELCOMING, EVENTS & SOCIALS TEAM (WEST) All Parishioners

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.
ANOIDNTING 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 7/7 8:30 AM James Hrom†
Tue 7/8 8:30 AM Celerino Mondragon Ortiz †
Wed 7/9 **NO MORNING MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE**
Thu 7/10 8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory
Fri 7/11 8:30 AM Martha Giraldo †
Sat 7/12 4:00 PM Tü Van Thi †
Sun 7/13 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, Thomas Fay, Sofia Graziano, Dale DuRussel

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

The Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of Helen and Robert Gibson, given by Suzie and Thomas Fay. 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!



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 7/7 9:00 AM Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue 7/8
Wed 7/9
Thu 7/10
Fri 7/11 9:00 AM Adoration
Sat 7/12 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sun 7/13 9:00 AM Sunday Mass

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.



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

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



This weekend's gospel reading includes an interesting detail at the beginning: It states, "The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." This indicates that there were seventy-two individuals in addition to the apostles.

In the ancient biblical world, it was believed that there were just seventy-two nations. That is, if you count all the descendants of Noah's three sons—Shem, Ham, and Japeth—you come up with seventy-two, the only survivors of the flood and therefore the ancestors of the human race. So, the number seventy-two came to represent all the nations. Thus, in his gospel, Luke is saying that in choosing the seventy-two Jesus is sending his disciples not only to Israel, but to the whole world.

The Lord says, "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals...." It's so easy for us to accumulate things. Both as a Church and as individuals we need to simplify our lives. It's so easy to accumulate things, to get enmeshed by them, weighed down by them, almost trapped by them. We all need a yard sale now and then. When we have to move, for example, we all know how massively things have piled up over the years. We can use these instructions from the Lord to call us to simplify our life, maybe by giving away now some of those possessions that we promised others after we die so we can experience their enjoyment and use of them.

We need to simplify our lives materially because that can help us focus on the spiritual goods of friendship, faith, and family that really make life worth living. There is such a thing as slavery to things and possessions in the hope that they will ensure happiness.

These instructions of the Lord call us to simplify our lives not only materially but spiritually. We can make our spiritual life so complicated and cluttered that we can lose the focus we all need to have on the Cross of Jesus Christ.

These seventy-two were sent to prepare the places where the Lord would come. That is our mission too. We can become very distracted in trying to do great things for Christ only in the big city and miss the opportunities for witness in the town and places where we live. It is not the drama of great results that will be our salvation. It is the faithfulness of our daily living that prepares the way for Christ.

These ancient instructions of Jesus to those unnamed seventy-two still speak to us today - simplify! We all need to simplify our lives materially, so we are free to focus on the spiritual goods of friends, family and faith. We all need to simplify our lives spiritually so we can focus on the Cross of Jesus Christ as the true magnetic north of everything we are and do as a Church.

We all need to simplify the goal of our life on earth so we can focus on the importance of the victory of grace in our soul through daily fidelity. Simplify! One spiritual writer once said it differently, "In the spiritual life, we grow not by addition but by subtraction."



CATECHISM

ORNER



BY: David Quinn

THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Are Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion the same? And is “host” the same thing as Communion and Eucharist? When does the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ? To differentiate each of these terms, it is probably helpful to understand them through their status throughout Mass.

When referring to the host, we need to understand if we are talking about unconsecrated hosts or consecrated hosts. When the host is not consecrated, it is bread. The Church requires a certain set of ingredients for valid host, with the primary requirement being that it is unleavened bread. Leavened bread tends to crumble so we don’t want the bread to crumble for Mass. You may even notice that it usually takes some effort for the priest to break the bread at the Lamb of God.

Likewise, the wine is just wine before being consecrated. The wine needs to meet certain criteria also to be considered a valid form for Eucharist. It turns out even “alcohol free” altar wine has a trace amount of alcohol but not enough to be noticeable.

During the consecration, when the host is raised, it becomes consecrated. It is at that moment that the bread becomes the body of Christ. The same happens with the wine becoming the blood of Christ during consecration. Once they have been consecrated, they are handled differently because they have become the complete body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. They then get referred to as the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

Holy Communion is the act of receiving the consecrated body and blood of Jesus. During the Mass, we move in communion with one another to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Christ as we process to the front of the church. For Catholics who are worthy of the receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, we bow or kneel in reverence to the Precious Body and Blood. If people are not Catholic or are not worthy at the time of Communion, we still welcome them to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Holy Eucharist is a more encompassing term for everything we have been talking about here. Eucharist includes the consecration, the body and blood, and Holy Communion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states “We must therefore consider the Eucharist as:

- Thanksgiving and praise to the Father;
- The sacrificial memorial of Christ and His Body;
- The presence of Christ by the power of His word and of His Spirit.” [1358]

There is nothing more Catholic than the Eucharist. This sacrament is what should compel us to Mass each Sunday. To physically be in the presence of Jesus and to actually receive Him at Communion is a true blessing and expresses the Catholic faith completely. It is what drives most people to convert to Catholicism.



Eucharist



“ Among the many admirable values of this nation there is one that stands out in particular. It is freedom. The concept of freedom is part of the very fabric of this nation as a political community of free people. Freedom is a great gift, a great blessing of God. ”

—Pope St. John Paul II

from his meeting with President Reagan on September 10, 1987



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members “go out two by two” to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance. Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

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 JULY “PRODUCT OF THE MONTH” SOUP



Thank You for your continued support of SVDP!

FISHES AND LOAVES



The congregation of Camp Ground United Methodist Church, a local Townsend church right down on 321, was very interested in our St. Vincent de Paul ministry and how we serve so many of our local Neighbors in Need. Their Church's Pastor, Janice Keebler, visited our Food Pantry, was informed of our outreach, and was impressed on how we accomplish feeding so many!

Pastor Keebler took the learned information back to the Congregation and they voted to send their "Easter Funds" to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry! A true testament of how Christians, regardless of their religion, live the life of St. Vincent de Paul and help those less fortunate. Please remember Pastor Keebler and their congregation in your prayers, for their generosity and assistance in keeping St. Vincent de Paul's spirit alive in our Beautiful Little Church on the River. Thank You!



LECTOR & COMMENTATOR TRAINING/WORKSHOP SATURDAY, JULY 19TH - 10:00 AM

If you are currently a Lector or Commentator 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).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - 7/11/25



*“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: 8:30 AM
Adoration: 9:00 - Noon
Healing Service: 9:00 AM
(in Shea Hall)
Benediction: Noon

If you are interested in committing to a Holy Hour,
please contact Jackie Wagner at 330-807-8663.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

*St. Teresa of Kolkata
(Mother Teresa)
1910 - 1997*

*“Jesus has made Himself
the Bread of Life
to give us life.
Night and day,
He is there.
If you really want
to grow in love,
come back to the Eucharist,
come back to
that Adoration.”*



HEALING MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH



Our healing ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi 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. When you would like Healing Prayers after the 1st Friday Mass, please come into Shea Hall and a prayer minister will pray for you individually in the Sacristy.

Our Healing Ministry is made up of lay ministers who have been trained to pray for your needs and healing. During our time with you, you will be advised that this is NOT a Sacrament (such as Anointing of the Sick). You will be asked for permission to lay hands on your shoulders while being prayed for and you will be offered Holy Water to use for blessing yourself and then faithfully receive our healing prayers. Healing prayers will be for emotional, physical and/or spiritual healing.

If you would like to be trained to be a part of the healing team, 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)*

DEACON FORMATION



BY: DAVID QUINN

BECOMING A DEACON – LEARNING TO PRAY

You would think someone that is a “Cradle Catholic” would know how to pray. After all, we all know the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, etc. And someone who thinks he could be a deacon must already know how to pray, right? Well, there is praying and then there is praying.

I had mentioned before that we had learned the Examin Prayer as part of the informational sessions. As we formally started Formation, they emphasized the Lectio Divina, which combines Scripture and prayer. They also recommended maintaining a Prayer Journal. They also gave us early exposure to the Liturgy of the Hours, since ordained deacons must pray the Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer each day for the rest of their lives. The Liturgy of the Hours is almost as old as the Church itself. It has a defined structure but with feast days and solemnities scattered throughout the year, it can be difficult to figure out which psalms and antiphons to use on a particular day.



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



WELCOMING EVENTS & SOCIAL TEAM MEETING

Thursday, July 17, 2025

NOON in Shea Hall

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

Please come and join in the Fall and Winter planning activities for our parish!
A light lunch will be served.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
7/19/2025	Lector & Commentator Training/Workshop (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
9/20-10/9/2025	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
9/21/2025	Liturgical Ministry Commissioning at the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass	Online: N/A E-mail: komessenger@gmail.com Phone:
12/14/2025	Parish Christmas Party Tremont Lodge - Townsend, TN	Online: N/A E-Mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070