



**AUGUST 3, 2025
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
7717 RIVER ROAD - TOWNSEND, TN 37882
865 - 448 - 6070
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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

PASTOR	Rev. Antonio Giraldo	GARDENS & GROUNDS	Ilene Rainwater
DEACON	Deacon Jim Schmall	FACILITIES	David Girard
OFFICE MANAGERS	Katrina Allocco & Lesa Schmall	SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE	JoAnne Romer-Aylward
BOOKKEEPER	Kathleen Halligan	PASTORAL CARE	Suzie Fay
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR	JoAnne Romer-Aylward	ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP	Camilla Sorrell
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED.	Julie Dew	COLUMBARIUM	Bob Eberhardt
RCIA/OCIA	Dc. Jim Schmall	WELCOMING, EVENTS &	All Parishioners
ART & ENVIRONMENT	Michele 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.

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.



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	8/4	8:30 AM	Russell Betts †
Tue	8/5	8:30 AM	Charlotte (Charlie) Graham †
Wed	8/6	NO MORNING MASS	
Thu	8/7	8:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
Fri	8/8	8:30 AM	James Hrom †
Sat	8/9	4:00 PM	Martha Giraldo †
Sun	8/10	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Ann Kirkpatrick †

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, Suzie Fay

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. Thank You!



SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Mark Ruiz given by Judy Ruiz. 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!



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST



Isaiah 55:2

“Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy? Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.”

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	8/4	9:00 AM	Church & Hall Cleaning
Tue	8/5		
Wed	8/6	5:00 PM	SVdP Meeting - PRC
Thu	8/7		
Fri	8/8		
Sat	8/9	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	8/10	9:00 AM	Sunday Mass



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

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



SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS, MATERIAL WEALTH

In various religious texts, the term "fool" is used to describe individuals who act as though there is no higher power and believe that all aspects of their lives are under their own control. For instance, Psalm 14:1 states, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' Their deeds are corrupt and vile, not one of them does right." Similarly, in the book of Sirach/Ecclesiasticus (22:13), readers are advised not to associate with those considered foolish: "Do not waste many words on the stupid, do not go near a dolt, an idiot. Beware of him, or you will have trouble and be tainted by him, keep away from him, and you will have peace of mind and not be exasperated by his folly."

Some interpretations suggest that people may exhibit more foolishness, as described in certain parables, than they realize. These perspectives maintain that enjoying material possessions is not inherently wrong, nor are the possessions themselves or their owners intrinsically negative. However, it is noted that valuing material goods too highly may lead to undesirable outcomes, such as arrogance, dishonesty, exploitation, and self-centeredness. An excessive desire for possessions can, according to these views, result in neglecting spiritual values and the needs of others. The ongoing pursuit of more possessions is observed as a potential source of discontent, impacting relationships and well-being. Some scriptural passages, like Colossians 3:5, advise individuals to "put to death whatever earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry," emphasizing moderation and awareness regarding material desires.

Another common theme is the encouragement to express gratitude for one's circumstances and possessions, recognizing both spiritual and social sources for these benefits. Sharing resources with others is often viewed positively within these discussions.

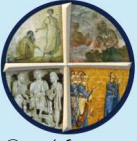
Finally, some interpret religious teachings to mean that spiritual relationships are regarded as more significant than material wealth. These teachings suggest that attachment to status, money, or possessions can influence personal values and interactions with others. Passages such as those found in Ecclesiastes and Colossians encourage reflection on priorities and perspective, advising individuals to focus on non-material values and seek forgiveness or guidance when necessary.



Are you receiving your copy of the East Tennessee Catholic? All parishioners should be receiving this monthly newspaper publication. Several parishioners notified us recently that they were not receiving their copy of the East Tennessee Catholic, so we're trying to make sure everyone is aware of this informative newspaper. Please contact the office if you are not receiving your copy.

CATECHISM

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BY: David Quinn

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

People get called to the service of the Lord in various ways. There are a select group that consecrate themselves to the Lord, denying themselves other earthly relationships. These generally are brothers and nuns but there can be others that consecrate themselves. These people are designated by the Church as part of religious orders. This is a beautiful way to express a commitment to God through an eternal promise. However, this is not the sacrament

of Holy Orders.

Holy Orders is a sacrament imparted upon men who commit their lives to God and serving others. It is a life-long commitment that is conferred through the laying on of hands by a bishop, making it part of the Apostolic Succession. The men receiving Holy Orders are either priests or deacons. Priests answer an inward call from the Lord and after years of discernment and theological study, they go before the bishop to pledge their obedience to the Catholic Church and the bishop. Priests make a life-long commitment of chastity so they can focus their attention on the Lord. This reflects Scripture where St. Paul talks about how much better it is that man not be distracted with the ways of the world. Priests may join a specific religious order, like the Jesuits, Franciscans, Paulists, Dominicans, etc., though most priests belong to the diocesan order, serving at the parish level. Only priests can celebrate Mass and consecrate the bread and wine into the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus. Also, only priests can hear confessions and offer "last rites."

Deacons answer an external call to service. The vast majority of deacons are married with families and careers. They become an auxiliary servant of the parish and diocese. After years of preparation and study, they pledge their commitment to the Church and the bishop. Deacons also take a vow of chastity based on their current station in life. In other words, if they are not married, they pledge to never marry. If they are married, they pledge they will not remarry if their wives precede them in death. There are two types of deacons: transitional and permanent. Transitional Deacons are on their way to becoming priests as they are finishing up seminary and gaining a deeper understanding of the commitment of priesthood. Permanent Deacons are not going to become priests but make many of the same commitments. One of the responsibilities of the deacon is to read the Gospel during Mass.

Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, priests and deacons receive an indelible mark on their souls. This is part of the salvific aspect of the sacrament, preparing the priest or deacon for their eternal salvation. Obviously, a key responsibility of priests and deacons is to bring the sacraments to others, helping bring others to their eternal salvation.



Holy Orders

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

PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025
2:30 - 7:30

- Please BYO drinks and a side dish to share
- Please BYO lawn chairs (picnic benches available in the pavilion)
- Both the indoor air-conditioned Clubhouse and the outdoor Pavilion are reserved for our use
- Drop off you side dish at the Clubhouse and pick up your nametag
- Feel free to arrive early! Buffet dinner will begin at 3:00 PM

GATE CODE:
0826#
(5 CHARACTERS)



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

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!

Thank You

for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP AUGUST "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" PASTA & PASTA SAUCE



THANK YOU, *Gather Good News!*

FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS DONATION OF

\$780.00

TO OUR SVDP FOOD PANTRY



Gather Good News is a local Wears Valley monthly electronic publication via subscription. The editor, Bill Gathergood, and all the patrons/subscribers of the newsletter selected St. Vincent de Paul's Townsend Food Pantry as the recipient of their donated subscriptions fees.

Gather Good News currently has 74 subscribers, several of whom donated over and above their subscription fee to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The publication also enjoys readership from people in England and Asia who send money to local charities since it is impossible for them to send their subscriptions directly to *Gather Good News*.

Thank You to *Gather Good News* for the monetary donation! During these times of increased grocery fees, this is a blessing to us. We were able to feed 15 Families the month of June! Additionally, we helped some Neighbors in Need with utility bills.

Together, We Are the Eyes and Hands of Christ!

SECOND COLLECTION AUGUST 9 & 10
CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SUPPORT

Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools



Preparing Scholars, Leaders and Saints

The Catholic schools in our diocese provide spiritual and intellectual growth for over 3,400 students in our two high schools and eight elementary schools. During the pandemic years, our Catholic schools outshined all other public and private schools, meeting all the associated challenges while ensuring the quality of our children's education remained the same. With numerous awards, unbeatable graduation rates and a passion to develop the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow - our Catholic schools not only equip children for the journey of life but, more importantly, help to guide them along their journey to Heaven.

In order to help ensure that a Catholic education is within every family's reach, your help is needed.

Over the past five years, the need for supplemental tuition support has more than doubled. And over this past year, a record of more than \$5.5 million dollars in tuition support was given to assist Catholic families.

With your help, additional children will experience the spiritual and academic advantages of a Catholic school education. Please be generous.



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.



Please, make a visit every so often. Just go into your church for a moment and say, “Hi, Jesus, I’m here. I don’t have much to say.” He knows that....He wants our will, our love, our faith, and our trust. Remember now, you have that, you have everything. Every day, whatever church you belong to, he waits in that tabernacle, hoping when that door opens, it’s you.



- Mother Angelica

OCIA AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



What is OCIA? (Formerly RCIA) OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. This consists of steps, periods, and rites that make up the model of Christian Initiation as restored in the second Vatican Council.

If you or anyone you know are interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home or you have been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic, or you are a practicing Catholic just wanting to learn more about your faith, please consider this a personal invitation to join us.

Classes will begin on Tuesday September 9, 2025 - 6:00 PM.

We will meet here at St. Francis of Assisi in Townsend in the Parish Resource Center (PRC) which is the center of the three white church campus buildings (The church, the PRC, and the Rectory). Classes will run for about an hour and a half.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jim. All are welcome!

Peace,
Deacon Jim ❖ sfdeacon7717@gmail.com ❖ 901-493-2123

A VERY SPECIAL DAY WITH THE BISHOP



You are invited to join Bishop Mark Beckman for a faith-filled day of fun for special needs individuals and their families! "A Very Special Day with the Bishop" will be held on Saturday, August 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. John Neumann, 633 St. John Court in Farragut. Following Mass, there will be activities, skits, and lunch! Please register by July 26 if you plan to attend: <https://tinyurl.com/36wxf2d3> If you have questions, please contact Julie Radachy (knoxcvjulie@gmail.com).

DIOCESAN JOB POSTING - CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

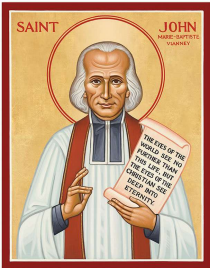
CFO

The Diocese of Knoxville is seeking a mission-driven and highly experienced Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to lead the financial operations of the diocese. For detailed information about this position, please see the job posting document on the Diocesan bulletin board in Shea Hall. Please visit the diocesan website (dioknox.org/employment) to view additional job opportunities within the Diocese.

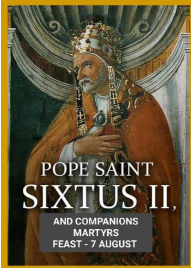
UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
8/2/2025	"A Very Special Day with the Bishop" St. John Neumann, Farragut (Knoxville)	Online: https://tinyurl.com/36wxf2d3 E-mail: knoxcvjulie@gmail.com Phone: 865-862-5753
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
8/29-31/2025	Retrouvaille Weekend Nashville, TN	Online: https://retrouvaille.org E-mail: 3043@helpourmarriage.org Phone: 931-820-2115
9/9/2025	OCIA Classes begin PRC at 6:00 PM	Online: N/A E-mail: sfadeacon7717@gmail.com Phone: 901-493-2123
9/20/2025	Hundredfold Workshop All Saints Church - Knoxville 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Online: dioknox.org E-mail: Scan QR code on poster in Shea Hall Phone: 931-820-2115
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
9/27/2025	Emma Fradd - Unplugged Concert Diocese of Knoxville Young Adult Ministry	Online: dioknox.org E-mail: Scan QR code on poster in Shea Hall Phone: N/A
12/14/2025	Parish Christmas Party Tremont Lodge - Townsend, TN	Online: N/A E-Mail: stfrancistownsend7717@gmail.com Phone: 865-448-6070

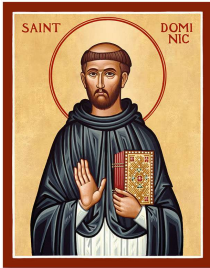
SAINTS BE PRAISED !



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