



FEBRUARY 8, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 AM (NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)
WEEKEND MASS: Saturday 4:00PM (Vigil Mass) The Rosary is prayed 35 minutes before each Weekend Mass
Sunday 9:00AM
HOLY DAYS: Vigil Mass 6:00 PM (evening before); Holy Day Mass 9:00 AM (day of)
CONFESSION: Saturday before Mass: 3:00 - 3:40 PM (Church confessional)
Sunday before Mass: 8:15 - 8:40 AM (Church confessional)
By Appointment: 865-448-6070

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

PASTOR.....Fr. Antonio Giraldo
DEACON.....Dc. Jim Schmall
OFFICE MANAGERS.....Katrina Allocco & Lesa Schmall
BOOKKEEPER.....Kathleen Halligan
LITURGY/MUSIC DIRECTOR.....JoAnne Romer-Aylward
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS ED.....Julie Dew
OCIA.....Dc. Jim Schmall
ART & ENVIRONMENT.....Michele Girard & Norene O'Donnell
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 &.....All Parishioners
SOCIALS TEAM (WEST)
PARISH ASSOCIATIONS:
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Debbie Eberhardt
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN: Ilene Rainwater

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 the church office at 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

Mon 2/9 8:30 AM Hunter Quinn †
Tue 2/10 8:30 AM John Joseph McCormick III †
Wed 2/11 **NO MORNING MASS**
Thu 2/12 8:30 AM Irene Seyle †
Fri 2/13 8:30 AM Norman Weiland †
Sat 2/14 4:00 PM Marion Ganley †
Sun 2/15 9:00 AM Jean Wolanek †

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email or in person during office hours. Mass cards are available at the church office. 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): Amy Frink, Pat Sanders, Doreen Mancuso, Claire Cheadle, Elise Martin, Paul Fain, Joyce Fain, Julie Schirack, Marcus Bolte, Stephanie Romer, John & Maria Bermudes, Michael Slater, Marion McCaughey, Sue Corsini, Bill Irby, Teresa Williams, Jeffrey Garrison, Ann Day, Ed Welsh, Dale DuRussel, Robert Schumacher, German Giraldo, Jean Claude Augustin, Connor Dietrich, Sofia Graziano, Mark Reddan, Terry Keran, Mark Gruber

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: 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. Thank You!



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO PROMOTE DEVOTION TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

*St. Pope John XXIII
1881 - 1963
Journal of a Soul*

*"O Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament,
I would like
to be filled with love for You;
keep me
closely united with You,
may my heart
be near to Yours."*



ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	2/9	9:00 AM	Church and Hall Cleaning
Tue	2/10	6:00 PM	OCIA - PRC
Wed	2/11		
Thu	2/12		
Fri	2/13		
Sat	2/14	4:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun	2/15	9:00 AM	Sunday Mass



THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND THE SALT OF THE EARTH

When Jesus calls us the salt of the earth, he means more than it first appears. His original audience understood this phrase differently, and today I'll briefly explain their perspective and its meaning for us.

It's difficult for us to appreciate how valuable salt was during the time of Jesus. Today, salt is so common that it's often one of the least expensive items at the grocery store. However, this wasn't the case in ancient times, salt was much rarer and therefore far more valuable.

Salt was highly valued in ancient times for preserving food, especially before electricity and refrigerators. Roman soldiers sometimes received salt as part of their pay, which is where the word "salary" comes from. The saying "not worth their salt" also reflects this value. Another old Roman phrase claimed, "there is nothing more useful than sun and salt." Being called the "salt of the earth" means being both valuable and useful - to God and to the world.

Christians fulfill their purpose most fully when they live for Jesus and for others, rather than themselves. The church truly operates as intended only when it serves others, and this applies to every follower of Jesus. We hold great significance in the kingdom, but our importance depends on living beyond self-interest - living for Jesus - and being willing to serve as the salt that seasons, not the main course itself. By dedicating our lives to Jesus, we truly embody being "the salt of the earth."

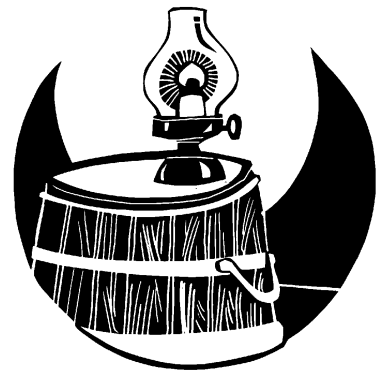
As the old Roman saying goes, nothing is more useful than sun and salt. In Jesus's era, before electricity, light was precious, as was salt. While we often take light for granted today, being described as "the light of the world" underscores our significance and value.

So, Jesus says to us all, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. We use these well-known words at every baptism, to remind us that every baptized Christian can do this. We can all bring glory to God simply by letting our light shine. The smallest act of kindness, the simplest gesture of hospitality and welcome, the humblest sharing of our time or talent - these all give glory to God.

It can feel daunting to be called the light of the world, especially when our efforts seem small. Since we're not Jesus - the true light - how can we fulfill this role?

I find it encouraging, when I feel this way, to look at the moon. When the moon is full, as it is this weekend, and the sky is clear, it is absolutely amazing to see how bright the moon can be. The moon can light up a dark night, that's for sure. But the truth is that even when the moon is at its brightest, it is not providing any light of its own. All it's really doing is reflecting the light of the sun. And I find that very encouraging. Because that is exactly what I believe we are doing when we are being the light of the world. We're not actually providing any light of our own. We're simply reflecting the light of the son. But when we are doing that well, when we are being fully ourselves, the disciples of Jesus that God has called us to be, it is amazing how much light we can offer to the world. And the darker the world around us, the more important the light.

Jesus tells us, "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world." He doesn't say we should strive to become these things - we already are, as his disciples. Our role is to preserve and enhance what's good, reflecting Jesus's light rather than being the source. Let's not lose our purpose or hide our influence, since both are essential for the world today.



RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

In the Disciple Maker Index Survey conducted last year, many of you expressed a desire to have more opportunities for spiritual enrichment. Have I got a deal for you! Listed below is a description of an upcoming retreat at St. Meinrad, in Indiana.

I have been to many retreats at St. Meinrad's and have always come back enriched and fulfilled with the Holy Spirit. It is truly a beautiful place to relax and recharge. The fees include room and meals, and the cost of the retreat itself is included as well.

I have already signed up, and if you think you may want to go you should sign up soon because these things fill up fast. They won't charge you until the weekend of. Also included in the cost is a private tour of all my old haunts around campus including the famous (or infamous?) Un-Stable. LOL!!

St. Meinrad is located in the rolling hills of Southern Indiana about an hour west of Louisville, KY, about a 5-hour drive from Townsend. I'd like to get as many from our parish as possible to attend. ROAD TRIP! Any questions, please call me. Peace, Deacon Jim 901-493-2123 or sfadeacon7717@gmail.com.

FROM THE RETREAT WEBSITE:

Step away from the noise of daily life and experience the peace of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. Whether you're seeking spiritual renewal, discernment, or simply time with God, our Benedictine hospitality, beautiful surroundings, and guided retreats offer a sacred space to listen, pray, and grow.

Check-in time for retreats is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Central Time. Vespers in the Archabbey Church is at 5 p.m., followed by supper. The opening conference typically begins at 7:30 p.m. The retreat concludes with lunch on the last day of the program. A complete schedule will be provided at check-in. If you would like to arrive or depart on dates other than the scheduled retreat start and end, please contact us at guestservices@saintmeinrad.edu or by calling 812-357-6611. To register online, begin by clicking on the title of the retreat that interests you.

Lifted High: A Retreat for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Friday, September 11, 2026 - Sunday, September 13, 2026

Location: Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center

Session Faculty: Fr. Kolbe Wolniakowski, OSB

Fees: Single- \$350; Double- \$550

www.saintmeinrad.org/retreats/

"We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." A retreat centered on the mystery and majesty of the Holy Cross - the instrument of our salvation and the sign of God's unfathomable love. Rooted in the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, this retreat invites you to gaze upon the Cross not as a symbol of defeat, but as the radiant center of Christian hope, mercy, and redemption. This retreat will offer time to come face-to-face with the Cross in your own life and to allow Christ to lift you up through it. Whether you carry burdens of grief, struggle, forgiveness, or surrender, the Cross stands as an invitation to deeper trust, renewal, and union with the crucified and risen Christ.



OCIA AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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 join us! Classes are held every Tuesday in the PRC at 6:00 PM. For more information please contact Deacon Jim: 901-493-2123 or sfadeacon7717@gmail.com.

CATECHISM

CORNER



BY: Julie Dew

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Happy Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (and yes this includes the Vigil Mass on Saturday!) I do hope you enjoyed David's Corner last week. I certainly did! Please keep praying for David as he continues his formation for the Diaconate!

I can't believe we are almost in a new season of the Church's Liturgical Year! I know that I "talk" about this season or that season or the next season, well someone asked me to elaborate a little on what this means and if anyone knows me, they know I like to "talk."

First, remember Who is the Creator of time – OK? God resides in the space of our mortal lives. Our daily lives are ordered by the sequence of time. It (time) marks our coming and our going, determines when we will work, when we will play and when we will pray. Time is sacred. Our lives as Catholic Christians are ordered by the sacred observance of time. Each day is holy, each hour is holy and brings a renewed encounter with the Prince of Peace.

The early Church ordered their entire lives around Jesus' pasch. The pasch identified who they were, how they were to live, how they were to wait for His return. All time was seen in relationship to Jesus Christ. The only set time for prayer and worship in the first two centuries occurred on Sunday. As it became apparent that Jesus' return was not as imminent as once thought, a shift took place in the third century for a need to establish regulated practices of worship for the expanding Church. A new ordering of time emerged!

The practice of praying at various hours of the day, commemoration of martyrs, observance of feasts such as the Nativity, Epiphany, the Ascension, Pentecost etc. were added. Now mind you this is over a course of centuries and remember that in the early Church being a Christian was illegal so there was persecution with the penalty being death! In addition, the early Church had to deal with doctrines and heresies! Whew!

Let's continue: efforts were made to determine literal historical times, dates, and places of the circumstances of Jesus' life. Time was marked by literal observances of events in His ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Recent reforms sought to restore the obvious, natural symbols that speak of Christ's paschal mystery: light, darkness, seasons, and feasts. In this way we immerse ourselves in the mystery of Christ's greatest act of redemption as we wait in hope for His return. The paschal mystery is the centerpiece of all liturgical celebrations and ritual observances. "Christ's saving work is celebrated in sacred memory by the Church on fixed days throughout the year. Each week on the day called the Lord's Day, the Church commemorates the Lord's resurrection. Once a year at Easter the Church honors this resurrection and passion with **utmost solemnity**. Through the yearly cycle, the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and keeps the anniversaries of the saints." *General Norm for the Liturgical Year #1 and Calendar and The Liturgy Documents*.

The Church declares that each day is holy, particularly as it gathers for daily worship. Our observance of Sunday is the earliest Tradition of worship handed to us from the Apostles! "Thus Sunday must be ranked as the first holy day of all." *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #106 in The Liturgy Documents*. Since Sunday is held in such high esteem, nothing pre-empts it except solemnities and feasts of the Lord. "Only nine festivals can displace the celebration of the Sunday itself." *Source-book for Sundays and Seasons* These nine are: 1.) The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 2.) The Epiphany 3.) The Ascension 4.) The Assumption of Mary 5.) All Saints' Day 6.) The Immaculate Conception 7.) The Solemnity of Saint Joseph 8.) The Nativity of John the Baptist and 9.) The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul These solemnities are so significant that they can transfer the Sunday obligation to their celebration (CCC 2177).

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The following are the Seasons of the Liturgical Year:

ADVENT: This season marks the beginning of the liturgical year, starting four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ, both at Christmas and at the end of time. The color of vestments during Advent is purple, (one Sunday is rose), symbolizing penance and reflection.

CHRISTMAS: Following Advent, the Christmas season celebrates the birth of Jesus. It lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The color white or gold is used, representing joy and celebration.

LENT: This is a 40-day period of penance and fasting leading up to Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. The color purple is again used, symbolizing repentance. Lent is a time for reflection on one's life and preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection.

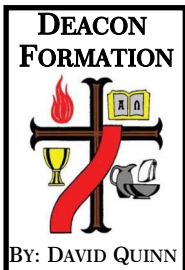
The Triduum is its own distinct liturgical season that begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends at the evening prayer on Easter Sunday. It is not part of Lent but is considered a separate season that commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Triduum includes the Easter Vigil, which is the focal point of this period, marking the culmination of Holy Week and the beginning of the Easter celebration. On Holy Thursday, the color is white, symbolizing purity and the institution of the Eucharist. Good Friday is marked by red, representing the Passion and the blood of Christ's sacrifice. Holy Saturday, especially during the Easter Vigil, uses white again, signifying the Resurrection and new life in Christ. It is the shortest Season of the Liturgical Calendar.

EASTER: The Easter season celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus and lasts for 50 days, culminating in Pentecost. The color white is used to signify joy and triumph over death.

ORDINARY TIME: This season occurs twice during the liturgical year, between the Christmas and Lent seasons, and again after Pentecost until Advent. It focuses on the teachings and miracles of Jesus, with green vestments symbolizing growth and life.



Well, this was a “mouth full!” I hope you enjoyed reading this “Corner” as much as I enjoyed writing it!



BECOMING A DEACON - SUMMER PROJECTS

Deacon Formation does not meet in the months of June and July. We perform summer projects in those months. These projects can range from helping at a homeless shelter to building or fixing a structure at a parish or the diocese to creating training courses to leading a pilgrimage. These projects are intended to help get into the mindset of service to our parish and diocese.

My first summer project involved creating a training curriculum called The Confident Spiritual Speaker. Since speaking does not come easy to some people, this set of training videos married up tips on public speaking with how to making the speaking a more spiritually enriching experience. It ended up being 11 five-minute videos with an accompanying student workbook and instructor guide. I also translated the workbook and guide to Spanish. And, so Spanish speakers could understand the lessons better, I put the videos on YouTube so they could have Spanish captions turned on.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lent begins February 18th. Start planning now for your Lenten intentions! One of your Lenten intentions could be to consider attending any or all sessions of Lectio Divina on Tuesdays right after morning Mass (9:15ish).

What Is Lectio Divina? It is Latin for "Divine reading," a traditional Christian method of prayerful scripture reading, meditation and contemplation. It encourages a slow, thoughtful encounter with biblical texts allowing individuals to open themselves to spiritual insight and communication with God. It's a meditative process that seeks to transform the reader through reflection and prayer.

Lectio Divina typically involves 4 stages:

1. **Lectio** (reading): slowly reading a passage of scripture and paying close attention to each word and phrase.
2. **Meditatio** (meditation): reflecting on the meaning of a text considering how it applies to one's life.
3. **Oratio** (prayer): responding to the passage with personal prayer, engaging in a dialogue with God.
4. **Contemplatio** (contemplation): resting in God's presence, allowing the heart and mind to be open to God's will and love.

Lectio Divina has its roots in early Christian monasticism. The origins of this practice are commonly traced back to the 3rd century desert fathers and mothers who emphasized the importance of meditated scripture reading as a means of spiritual growth. The practice was formalized by Saint Benedict in his rule of Saint Benedict, which was considered an essential daily practice for monks, forming the heart of their spiritual discipline. Over time, the practice spread beyond the cloister, influencing various Christian traditions and spiritual movements.

In recent decades Lectio Divina has experienced a resurgence among lay Christians and is embraced by people seeking a deeper contemplative approach to scripture. The practice is valued for its capacity to foster a personal relationship with God, spiritual transformation, and inner peace.

Lectio Divina remains a time-honored spiritual discipline, inviting believers into a sacred encounter with scripture through reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. Its rich history and enduring relevance continue to inspire those who seek a deeper connection with their faith and the divine.

All are welcome to come and experience this wonderful time of reflection and discussion with fellow parishioners. (P.S. Pastries and coffee will be available!)



ST. FRANCIS WORDS OF WISDOM - JUBILEE YEAR 2026



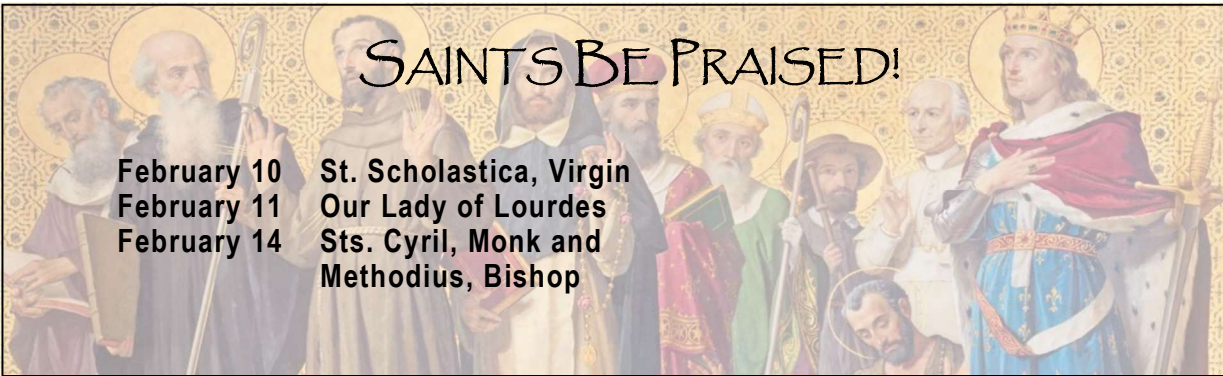
All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.



- *St. Francis of Assisi*
1181 - 1226

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
2/27/26	SEARCH - Juniors & Seniors St. Therese of Lisieux Cleveland, TN	Online: Scan QR Code on poster in Shea Hall E-Mail: irene.scoggins@gmail.com Phone: 423-596-0053 (Irene Scoggins)
2/28/26	Weathering the Storm Appalachian Highlands Men's Conference (St. Dominic, Kingsport, TN)	Online: Facebook.com/CatholicMensConferenceKPT Scan QR Code on poster in Shea Hall
3/6-8/2026	Retrouvaille Retreat - Nashville, TN	Online: HelpOurMarriage.com E-Mail: 3043@helpourmarriage.org Phone: 931-820-2115
3/6-7/2026	Frazzled in the Vinyard Drury Inn & Suites Knoxville West	Online: Scan QR Code on poster in Shea Hall E-Mail: N/A Phone: N/A
3/8-12 and 3/15-19	Serve4 Spring Break Service Week For 7th and 8th graders Johnston Woods - McDonald, TN	Online: More information on poster in Shea Hall E-Mail: djones@dioknox.org E-Mail: ahenderson@dioknox.org
3/14/2026	Knoxville St. Patrick's Day Parade 1:00 PM	Online: https://knoxstpatricksparade.com/ Click on "Registration Is Open" Icon
4/18/2026	CCW Spring Event - 9AM-3PM St. Mary's Church, Athens, TN	Online: N/A E-Mail: ajschaef21@gmail.com Phone: 901-485-1965; OR 423-715-2579 (Brenda Ratcliff)
April, 2026	Catholic Men's Emmaus Retreat St. Augustine Catholic Church Signal Mountain, TN	Online: N/A E-Mail: N/A Phone: 423-414-4532 (Michael Hart)





THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," he is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds. Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation 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!

Thank You
for your continued support of SVDP!

SVDP FEBRUARY "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE



HOW TO LENT

A couple of months ago we announced a new resource available to our parishioners - Formed.org. Formed is a digital library with over 1000 resources, all teed up and ready for you and your family to stream.

Formed offers inspirational Catholic videos, courses, audio talks, books, and movies that give you great Catholic teaching in your life and for the best of all - it's right here for your use, already paid for, downloadable, and easy to access.

It's Free! All you have to do is go to Formed.org and enter our parish name or zip code, and you are signed up. The zip code for Townsend is 37882. Anytime, anywhere, any platform - personal computer, tablet, smartphone, smart tv - all kinds of advice on difficult subjects of the faith and living a moral life in a damaged world. If you are already signed up at another parish you can reach out to the support group and they will help you switch from your old parish to ours (customer.service@augustineinstitute.org).

Specifically, the first Formed.org offering we would like to promote is "How To Lent." Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent - we just don't know how to do it.

"How to Lent" is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series of 4 15-minute videos will challenge your preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using "How to Lent" to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.



Visit <https://watch.formed.org/how-to-lent> and start your Lenten journey today.

'PRAY WITH THE POPE' INITIATIVE

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and the Dicastery for Communication announced January 7, 2026 the "Pray with the Pope" project. According to a press release, this is a new initiative in which the pope will share his monthly prayer intentions through both video and audio, "inviting the universal Church and all people of goodwill to unite spiritually, using the same prayer that will now be led by the pope himself."

"This initiative aims to increase the visibility of the pope's prayer intentions, using a language suitable for prayer, in new formats, so as to better reach the faithful throughout the world, especially in today's world of digital communication," the press release stated.

In the full video shared on the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network website, Pope Leo recites an original prayer written specifically for this month's prayer intention. Below is the pope's full prayer:

POPE LEO'S PRAYER FOR JANUARY, 2026

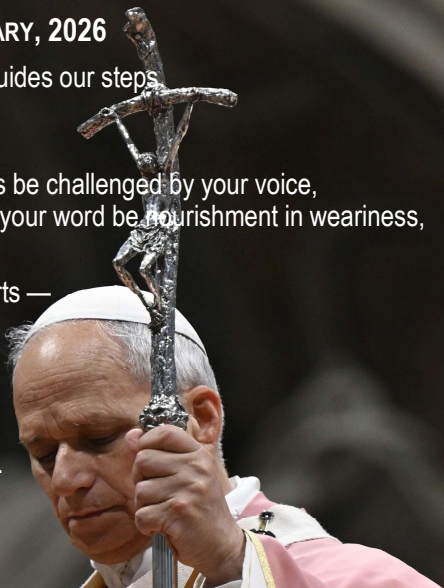
Lord Jesus, living Word of the Father, in you we find the light that guides our steps.
We know that the human heart lives restless, hungry for meaning,
and only your Gospel can give it peace and fullness.

Teach us to listen to you each day in the Scriptures, to let ourselves be challenged by your voice,
and to discern our decisions from the closeness to your heart. May your word be nourishment in weariness,
hope in darkness, and strength in our communities.

Lord, may your word never be absent from our lips or from our hearts —
the word that makes us sons and daughters, brothers and sisters,
disciples and missionaries of your kingdom.

Make us a Church that prays with the word,
that is built upon it and shares it with joy,
so that in every person the hope of a new world may be born again.

May our faith grow in the encounter with you through your word,
moving us from the heart to reach out to others, to serve the most
vulnerable, to forgive, build bridges, and proclaim life. Amen.



Daily CATHOLIC WISDOM



People don't enjoy salt. They enjoy what is salted.
We are the salt of the earth. We do not exist for ourselves.



- John Piper 1946 -



ST. CLARE GIFT SHOP

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



KNOXVILLE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Registration is now open for parishes, ministries, and businesses to participate in the Knoxville St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 1 p.m. The annual parade raises money for Catholic Charities of East Tennessee.