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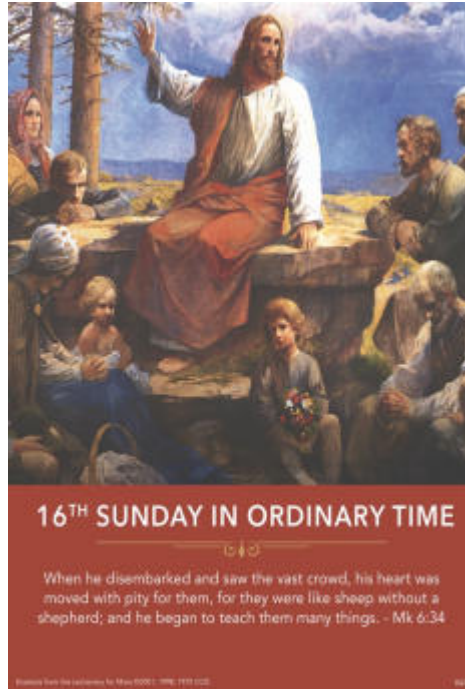
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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday / 8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday-8:30am-12:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday / No Mass
Tuesday - Friday / 8:30am Mass
Saturday / 4:30pm Mass
Sunday / 10:00am Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays / 3:00pm - 4:00pm

PRAY THE ROSARY

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday / 8:10am - 8:25am

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scheduled monthly. Preparation sessions for parents and godparents are required. Call the Rectory for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Anyone who wishes to be married at St. Francis of Assisi must be a registered parishioner at least one year prior to the request for marriage. In addition the Archdiocese of Louisville requires a planning period of at least 6 months prior to any wedding. Call the Rectory for more information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME VISITATION

Hospitals and nursing homes are not at liberty to communicate information to churches regarding patients. Please notify St. Francis of Assisi Rectory if/when you or a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing home if you wish to be visited or anointed.

WELCOME!

We welcome all guests and new members! If you are interested in registering with the parish, new families and singles are asked to make an appointment with Debra Renauer as soon as possible. Please also contact us if you are a current member with plans to move from the parish.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing by 12:00pm Noon on Fridays one week before they will be published.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 18
(16TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME)

10:00 AM Charlene
Holtgrave

TUESDAY, JULY 20
(ST. APOLLINARIS,
BISHOP & MARTYR)

8:30 AM People of
the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JULY
21 (ST. LAWRENCE
OF BRINDISI, PRIEST
& DOCTOR OF THE
CHURCH)

8:30 AM People of
the Parish

THURSDAY, JULY 22
(ST. MARY
MAGDALENE)

8:30 AM Alfred Karre

FRIDAY, JULY 23
(ST. BRIDGET,
RELIGIOUS)

8:30 AM People of
the Parish)

SATURDAY, JULY 24
(ST. SHARBEL
MAKHLUF, PRIEST)

4:30 PM People of
the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY,
JULY 25 (17TH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME)

10:00 AM Barbara
Grosso

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Fraser

Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

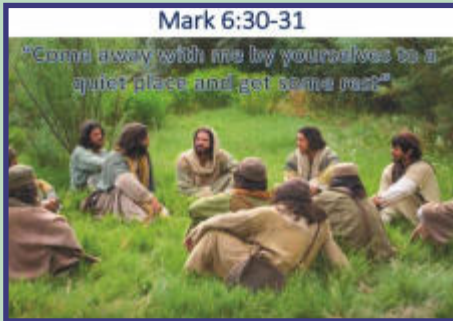
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

EVENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

"The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat." Mark 6:30-31

Stewardship does not mean you should pack your life full of more and more activities until there is no time left. Christ tells us to take a break once in awhile. Part of stewardship of time is time to rest.



DID YOU KNOW?

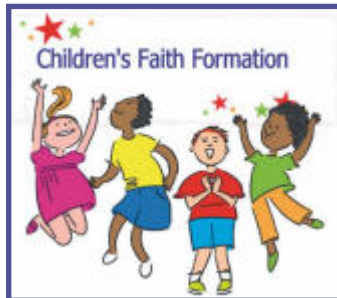
Children of families that have resettled to our area get to work on their English, become accustomed to being in a classroom, socialize and, most importantly, play with new friends from around the world in our summer program! If you're interested in learning more or in helping them and others like them, visit us here:

www.cclou.org/migration-and-refugee-services/



The Children's Faith Formation Program on Sunday mornings is in need of catechists for several grades. If interested please contact the Parish Office at (502) 456-6394 and ask to speak to Jo Ann Jones, the Director of Faith Formation.

Mrs. Jones will interview you and inform you of the special qualifications in volunteering and working with children in the Archdiocese.



The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community welcomes the newest members of our parish who were baptized at our 4:30 p.m. mass this weekend

**Elizabeth Larkin Clifton
and**

Xavier Thomas Haedtler

Congratulations to these children and to their families!



HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL LAY YOUR HEALING HANDS UPON ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK. WE BEG YOU TO HAVE COMPASSION ON ALL THOSE LISTED BELOW, AMEN.

Chris Ballard

Mary Alice Barzian

Joyce Berg

John Bilby

Cheryl Biven

Norman Bott

Rosemary Bott

Janet Bowling

Brianna Bragg

Ugo Bruni

Diane Butler

Rev. David Cockson

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Marlene Crimmins

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Christopher Sears

Elizabeth Sears

Samia Shunnarah

Geraldine Smith

Toni Sowers

Franz Spalding

Mil Thompson

IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN OR BE ADDED TO THE CURRENT PRAYER LIST, PLEASE DROP THIS FORM IN THE COLLECTION BASKET, OR CALL THE RECTORY.

Prayer Tree

The Prayer Tree is a way to have SFA parishioners pray for you, a family member, or a friend. Please call Denise Bartholomew at 502-452-6428.

Healing Blankets

For information about obtaining a healing blanket for a parishioner in need, call Toni Sowers at 644-6681.

EVENTS AND STEWARDSHIP

As our church has opened to full capacity once again, we are reinstating the *Church Cleaner Ministry* here at St. Francis. This entails cleaning the church before weekend masses. Training is available.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent to do this important task by yourself, with family members, or with a friend, please contact Debbie in the parish office at 456-6394.



Serra Club of Louisville - Br. Maximilian Jaskowak, OP (a transitional deacon) and Br. Paul Marich, OP (soon to be a transitional deacon) will speak at our next meeting, which will be held 11:45 on Monday, July 19, in O'Brien Hall, 3rd floor in the St. Louis Bertrand Parish Center, 1104 S. 6th Street. (Elevator available.)

The Serra Club promotes religious vocations.

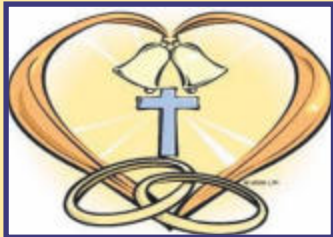
Attendance is free, but please bring your own food, drink, eating utensils, and napkins. For more information, call Chuck Lynch at 442-9302.



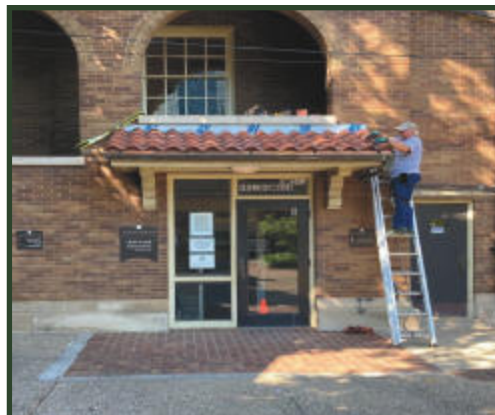
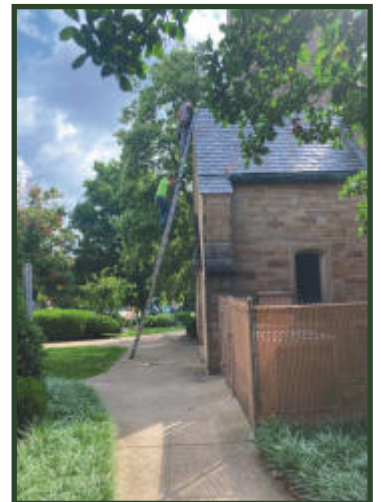
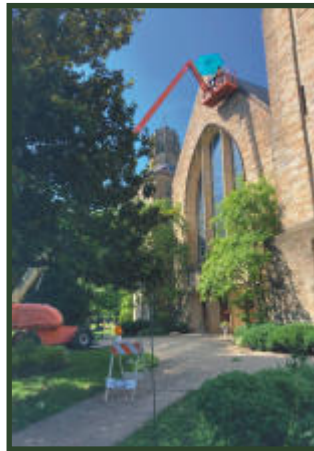
*Congratulations to Margaret Senn
and Jake Beyerle*

*who were married at St. Francis of Assisi last
Saturday, July 10.*

*May God Bless the Happy Couple
and their Marriage!*



CHURCH AND SCHOOL ROOF REPAIRS



EVENTS AND STEWARDSHIP

Our prayers and condolences go to the family and friends of Dario Covi, husband of Madeline Covi, whose funeral was on Saturday, July 10.



May he rest in peace.



Marriage & Family Moments

By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.” (Mark 6: 31)
 Sometimes vacations can be busy and full of visiting people. That’s not bad, but is your marriage in need of some quiet time away together - just by yourselves?

Do your kids spend too much time on the computer? Of course, the internet can be a font of helpful knowledge, but it can also steal family time. Do you have family friendly computer rules, like only after jobs are done and no more than x hours a day?

Open a door that was once opened to you. The thoughtful act of including St. Francis of Assisi in your Will may result in the largest and most lasting one-time gift you ever make to the Church. To learn more, contact Melody R. Denson in the Archdiocese of Louisville’s Office of Mission Advancement at 502-585-3291 or by email mdenson@archlou.org.



RECYCLING CHALLENGE

An environmental tip from the SFA Ecological Stewardship Committee, courtesy of Creation Justice Ministries of the National Council of Churches, USA:

Challenge yourself to put every piece of recyclable material in the recycling bin no matter how small.. It is easy to be blasé about small pieces of paper or plastic but so long as they can be recycled they are best kept out of landfill.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT-JULY 4

Parish Envelopes.....	\$6,704.00
Loose Collection	\$416.00
Online Giving with WeShare	\$3,797.33
Total for July 4, 2021	\$10,917.33
2020/2021 Weekly Budget Amount Needed.....	\$9,711.39
OVER BUDGET FOR THE WEEK.....	\$1,205.94
Received Year to Date (7/1-7/04/2021).....	\$10,917.33
Received Year to Date Budget (7/1-7/04/2021).....	\$9,711.39
YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE (7/1-7/04/2021).....	\$1,205.94
2020/2021 Budget (7/1/2021-6/30/2022).....	\$504,992.32

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT-JULY 11

Parish Envelopes.....	\$7,194.00
Loose Collection	\$464.00
Online Giving with WeShare	\$2,139.11
Total for July 11, 2021	\$9,797.11
2020/2021 Weekly Budget Amount Needed.....	\$9,711.39
OVER BUDGET FOR THE WEEK.....	\$85.72
Received Year to Date (7/1-7/11/21).....	\$20,714.44
Received Year to Date Budget (7/1-7/11/21).....	\$19,422.78
YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE (7/1/20-6/20/21).....	\$1,291.66
2020/2021 Budget (7/1/2020-6/30/2021).....	\$504,992.32

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