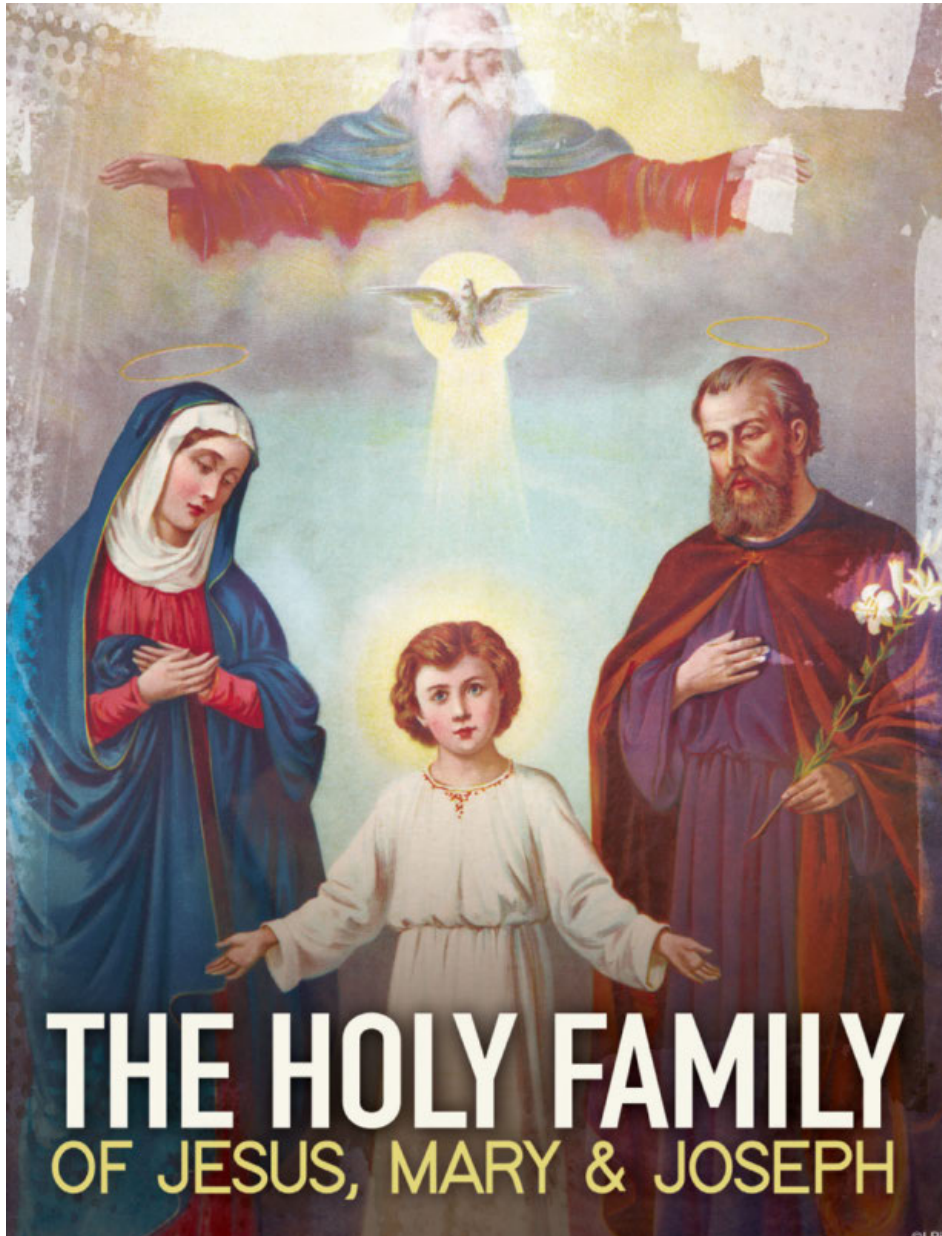




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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### 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.

December 26, 2021

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

### 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.

# ABOUT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## PARISH STAFF

The Very Reverend Anthony L. Chandler, KHS,  
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Reverend Joseph T. Merkt, Retired

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Darryl Diemer, Deacon/ 502-454-4620

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Dawn Wright, Music Director/ Ext. 1007

Sierra Altenstadter, Youth Minister/ Ext. 1009

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Steve Frommeyer, Principal/ Ext. 2020

Sue Dunaway, Office Manager/ Ext. 2021

Fred Whittaker, After School Care/ Ext. 2015

Dawn Blair, PreK/ Ext. 2016

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Jamie Jenkins/ 502-741-0165

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 (FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY)**

**10:00 AM Joanne Reverman**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 (THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS)**

**8:30 AM NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 (ST. THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR)**

**8:30 AM NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30**

**8:30 AM Dario Covi**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEAR'S EVE)  
NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY-SOLEMNNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD)**

**4:30 PM People of the Parish**

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)**

**10:00 AM Special Intentions of the Finch Family**

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

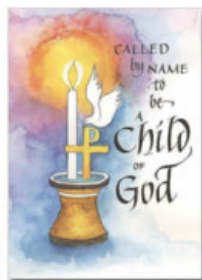
THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 A.M. MASS ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK, DECEMBER 28, 29, AND 31.



Mass  
Schedule  
Change

Congratulations to the newest members of the St. Francis of Assisi Church Community who were baptized last weekend:

Nova Isabelle Kemper  
Winter Annabelle Kemper  
Tyler Chase St. Julian II



Our next baptisms will be the weekend of January 29 and 30. Call the rectory for more information.

**WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM  
LAST WEEK TO PARTICPATE!!!!!!**

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for St. Francis of Assisi. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of SFA. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

To set up your recurring donation, go to our website [www.ccsfachurch.org](http://www.ccsfachurch.org) and click on the On-Line Giving Tab.



## PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

### PRAYER FOR A NEW ARCHBISHOP

O God, In Jesus your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet, and King, and so you have blessed us through His Sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule.

We thank You for Archbishop Kurtz, who has cared for the people of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who are tasked with helping to choose the next archbishop for our archdiocese.

May the person they choose be a man of deep and true prayer, a man of compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a man of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will.

Amen.





CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**STRATEGIC  
PLAN  
2022-2027**



**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:**

Called to be a real presence of Jesus in the Highlands, The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi joyfully welcomes all, serves those in need, and passes on the gifts we have been given.

**SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:** Guided by our Catholic faith, we develop well-rounded, confident, and moral young people. Our students go on to become lifelong learners and leading lights in their communities.

Developed by SFA Parish Council and School Board Joint Strategic Planning Committee

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  
Cheryl Biven  
Norman Bott  
Rosemary Bott  
Janet Bowling  
Brian Bragg  
David Butler

Mark Churchman  
Lisa Cox  
Marlene Crimmins  
Darlene Falk  
Feldkamp/Hovell Family  
Pat Giles  
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Marvin Hanka  
Steve Herp

Jim Holtgrave, Jr.  
Finn Johnson  
Mikey Jourden  
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Angela Kuhlman  
Cindy Laws  
Pam Mahdavi  
Norman O'Grady  
Ray Palazzo

Abby Parish  
Carole Reverman  
Kathy Reverman  
Larry Reverman  
Larry Reverman, Jr.  
Laura Reverman  
Robert Scully  
Christopher Sears  
Elizabeth Sears

Geraldine Smith  
Nick Smith  
Toni Sowers  
Franz Spalding  
Mil Thompson



IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN OR BE ADDED TO THE CURRENT PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE IN THE RECTORY AT 456-6394.

**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.

# PRO-LIFE EVENT

Travelling to DC for the March of Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law and Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that could reverse Roe vs. Wade! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA, Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, and Faith and Liberty at the 27th annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers, the morning of the March, Friday, January 21, 2022, at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C., from 8:30-10:30 a.m. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music, and inspiring speakers and will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of Roe vs. Wade. Danielle D'Souza Gill will be the emcee for the event. Admission is free. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to [www.NationalPrayerService.com](http://www.NationalPrayerService.com).



“...Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” Luke 2:49

Even at a young age, Jesus understood that he was to be a steward of his Father’s will. Christian stewards seek to live their lives in God’s will.



An environmental tip from the SFA Ecological Stewardship Committee.

## Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Metro Public Works has four different drop-off locations where you can go to recycle your retired live Christmas tree to give it new life after the holidays.

First, take all the lights and ornaments off your live Christmas tree, then bring it to one of these places: East District Recycling Center, 595 N. Hubbards Lane

Public Works Yard, 10500 Lower River Road (enter from Bethany Lane)

Waste Reduction Center, 636 Meriwether Avenue

Once collected, the tree goes in the chipper and turns to mulch for community parks.

Metro Public Works allows you can also take that mulch home for your garden if you want it, just bring a container to take it with you.

Karen Maynard with Metro Public Works says this program is important because it encourages people to use an environmentally friendly way to get rid of your Christmas trees.

“With any yard debris going into the landfill, it just adds to the methane that comes out of landfills, which is a greenhouse gas. So it’s an environmentally friendly way to get rid of your tree,” Maynard said. “A lot of people can mulch leaves back into their lawn and things like that, but when you have an entire tree, it’s hard to get that to break down in your own yard.”

# Drop On In

Wednesdays after school // 3-4:15pm

6th Grade Dates:

11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/2,  
2/16, 3/2, 3/23, 4/20, 5/4,  
& 5/18

7th Grade Dates:

11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 1/26, 2/9,  
2/23, 3/9, 4/13, 4/27, &  
5/11

Questions? Contact Sierra

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Sign up online: [ccsfayouth.weebly.com](http://ccsfayouth.weebly.com)

# EVENTS AND STEWARDSHIP

## Marriage & Family Moments By Susan Vogt

Christmas is past, or is it? Kwanzaa which starts on Dec. 26 is an annual celebration of African-American culture. No matter the color of your skin, the themes of Kwanzaa can deepen your love for each other and continue the joy of Christmas. Some of the Kwanzaa themes are Unity, Collective Work, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. <https://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.html>

As we mark the end of 2021, ask your family to gather and recall one regret and one happy memory they have of this past year. Is there one positive act each can commit to during the first month of 2022?

## DID YOU KNOW?

Merry Christmas! We're so happy to celebrate the birth of our Savior with you. May we, like Mary, be open to the call of God on us to change the world through obedience and say with her, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be unto me as you have said." Thank you for all the ways you say yes to God by partnering with us in serving people in need, especially the poor and oppressed. Thank you, and God bless you!  
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## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 12, 2021

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Parish Envelopes.....                       | \$7,065.00         |
| Loose Collection.....                       | \$509.00           |
| Online Giving-WEShare.....                  | \$1,392.29         |
| <b>TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021.....</b>     | <b>\$8,966.29</b>  |
| 2021/2022 Weekly Budget Amount Needed..     | \$9,711.39         |
| <b>UNDER BUDGET FOR THE WEEK.....</b>       | <b>(\$745.10)</b>  |
| Received Year to Date (7/1-12/12/2021)....  | \$216,914.00       |
| Year to Date Budget (7/1-12/12/2021).....   | \$229,835.78       |
| Year to Date Variance (7/1-12/12/2021)..... | <b>(12,921.78)</b> |
| 2021/2022 Budget (7/1/2021-12/12/2021)..... | \$504,992.32       |

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Special Collection: Retired Religious</b> |                 |
| Parish Envelopes.....                        | \$659.00        |
| Loose .....                                  | \$20.00         |
| <b>TOTAL .....</b>                           | <b>\$679.00</b> |

## 2021 Catholic Services Appeal - Bringing Christ to Others



Our Parish Goal \$38,400.00  
Our Parish Participation Goal  
112 households

To date, SFA has collected \$23,527.00 (61% of our goal) with participation from 63 households (56%)

Archdiocesan Goal \$4,100,000.00  
13,207 households  
Archdiocesan Total \$2,880,921.00 (70%)  
Participation 8,019 households (61%)

During this season of Advent, please consider making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Gifts may be made through our parish office or online at [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA).

**THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
DECEMBER 19, 2021,  
WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S  
BULLETIN**

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