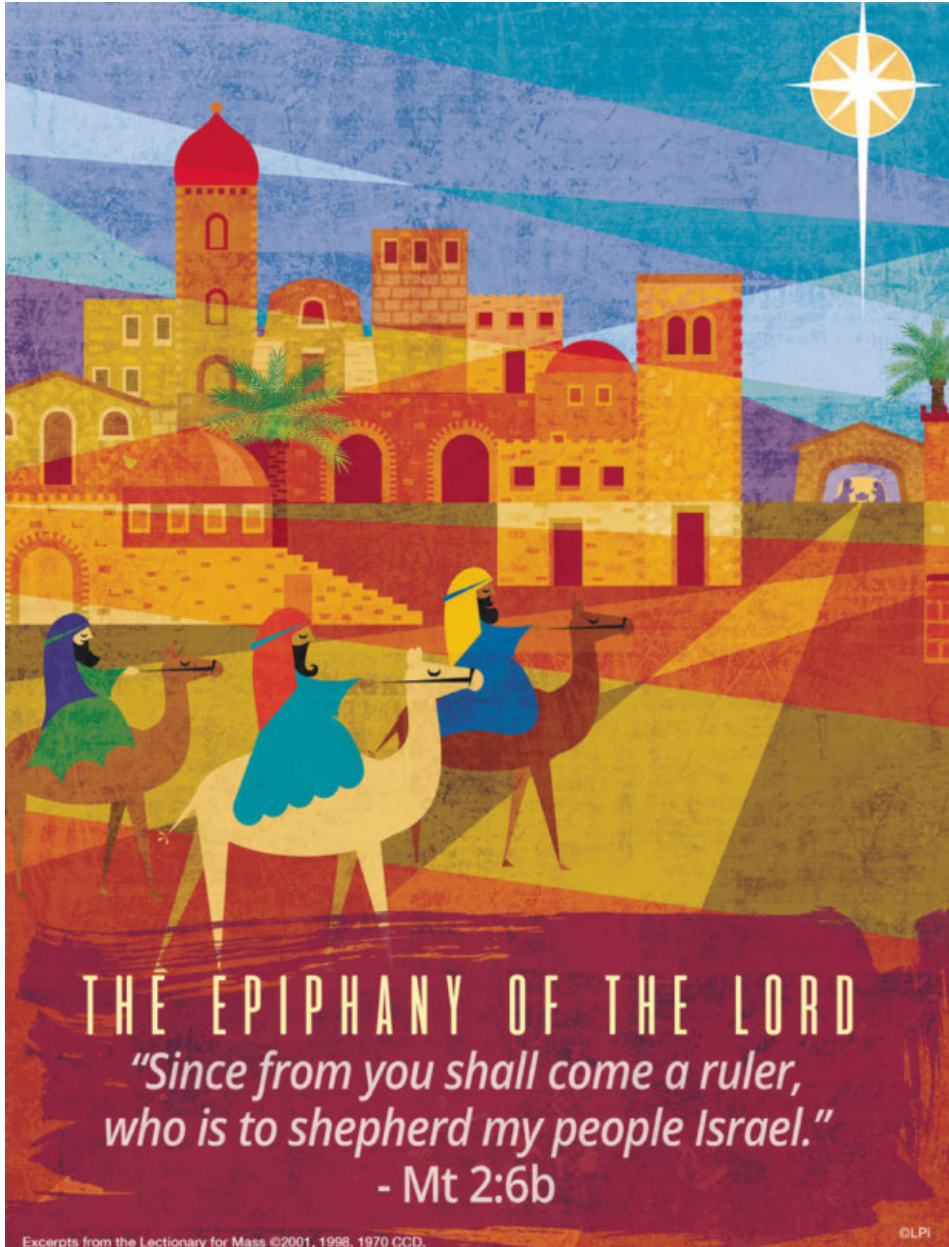




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## OFFICE HOURS

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.

## 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.

# ABOUT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



## PARISH STAFF

The Very Reverend Anthony L. Chandler, KHS,  
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## REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 (ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS)**

**8:30 AM NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5 (ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP)**

**8:30 AM NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6 (ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, BISHOP)**

**8:30 AM NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 (ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST)**

**8:30 AM NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 (THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD)**

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

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 A.M. MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK!**



**Mass  
Schedule  
Change**

## 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.

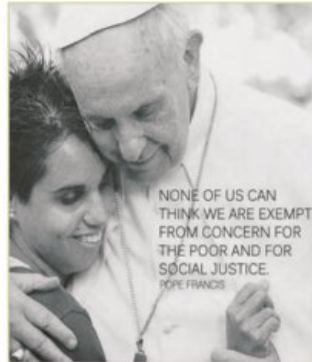


## Justice Workshop "Solidarity with the Poor"

Saturday, January 22, 2022

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cathedral of the Assumption Undercroft  
433 S. Fifth Street Louisville, KY 40202



This is an experiential workshop focusing on the Gospel call to serve the least in our community and to experience God in the poor.

*Note: This workshop requires walking and touring of local charitable agencies.*

Catechists credit: 7 hours credit applied toward Theology in the content area of Catholic Social Teaching

Preregistration is required.  
Contact Lynn McDaniel at [lmcdaniel@archlou.org](mailto:lmcdaniel@archlou.org)  
or (502) 636-0296, ext. 1267.  
Cost is \$25.00 (includes lunch). Make checks payable to ALMI.

Archdiocese of Louisville  
**Ministry Institute**

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville  
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of the Catholic Services Appeal.



Monday, January 17, 2022



The time is  
always right  
to do what  
is right.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

**For More Information Contact:**  
The Office of Multicultural Ministry  
502.471.2146  
[omm@archlou.org](mailto:omm@archlou.org)

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville's Office of Multicultural Ministry African American Catholic Ministries. It is an implementation of the Archdiocese of Louisville's Strategic Plan and made possible through Catholic Services Appeal.



**37<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Community Wide  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Celebration**

**"My Long Walk is Not Yet Ended"  
- Nelson Mandela**

**Guest Speaker**

Join  
the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir, and a host of  
others celebrating Dr. King through scripture,  
reflective readings, and songs of praise.

**Monday, January 17, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

**Cathedral of the Assumption**  
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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  
Joe Goulart  
Marvin Hanka  
Steve Herp

Jim Holtgrave, Jr.  
Finn Johnson  
Mikey Jourden  
Scott Karem  
Angela Kuhlman  
Cindy Laws  
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Laura Reverman  
Robert Scully  
Christopher Sears  
Elizabeth Sears

Geraldine Smith  
Nick Smith  
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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.

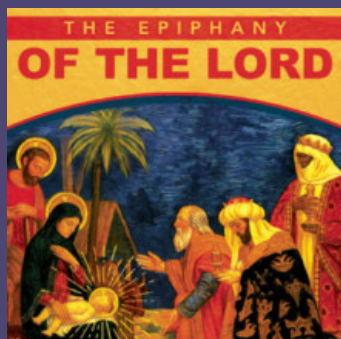
# PRO-LIFE EVENT

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).



“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

The wise men spent their lives seeking God and when they finally found Him they opened their coffers in generosity. Stewardship is much easier when we seek God first in our lives.



## An environmental tip from the SFA Ecological Stewardship Committee.

After the holiday season you will likely have leftovers from Christmas and New Years. A great way to be a steward to the Earth is to consume your food.

Did you know that Americans throw away 25% of the food they buy? Not only is this a waste of money but it is also harmful to the environment.

## YOUTH GROUP IS BACK FOR 2022! COME JOIN THE FUN!

# Drop On In

Wednesdays after school // 3-4:15pm

6th Grade Dates:	7th Grade Dates:
11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/2,	11/3, 12/1, 1/5, 1/26, 2/9,
2/16, 3/2, 3/23, 4/20, 5/4,	2/23, 3/9, 4/13, 4/27, &
& 5/18	5/11

Questions? Contact Sierra

[saltenstadter@ccsfa.org](mailto:saltenstadter@ccsfa.org) \\ 502.465.3227

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

# EVENTS AND STEWARDSHIP

## Marriage & Family Moments By Susan Vogt

The Epiphany is a feast of kings, camels, and stars. (Mt. 2:1-12) But what does it mean for a married couple today? Take a moment this week to look at a star together. Remember that God's love for you and your love for each other is bigger than this world and the sky.

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.

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 19, 2021

Parish Envelopes.....	\$6,511.00
Loose Collection.....	\$670.00
Online Giving-WEShare.....	\$7,833.91
TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 19, 2021.....	\$15,014.91
2021/2022 Weekly Budget Amount Needed..	\$9,711.39
<b>OVER BUDGET FOR THE WEEK.....</b>	<b>\$5,303.52</b>
Received Year to Date (7/1-12/19/2021)...	\$231,502.86
Year to Date Budget (7/1-12/19/2021).....	\$242,784.77
Year to Date Variance (7/1-12/19/2021).....	<b>(\$11,281.91)</b>
2021/2022 Budget (7/1/2021-12/19/2021).....	\$504,992.32

## THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 26, 2021, WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN

## 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 \$25,740.00  
(67% of our goal) with participation from 72 households (64%)

Archdiocesan Goal \$4,100,000.00  
13,207 households  
Archdiocesan Total \$3,332,077.00 (81%)  
Participation 9,215 households (70%)



## 40 and Under Matching Gift Challenge

Did you know that if you are age 40 or younger, an anonymous donor has pledged to MATCH your donation to the Catholic Services Appeal this year? Visit [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA) to make your gift today. Check mark the box indicating that you are eligible for the match. Your donation, in any amount, will have DOUBLE the impact! (And will help our parish reach our goal!) You may also mail your gift - just note on your check or pledge form that you are age 40 or younger. Thank you!

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