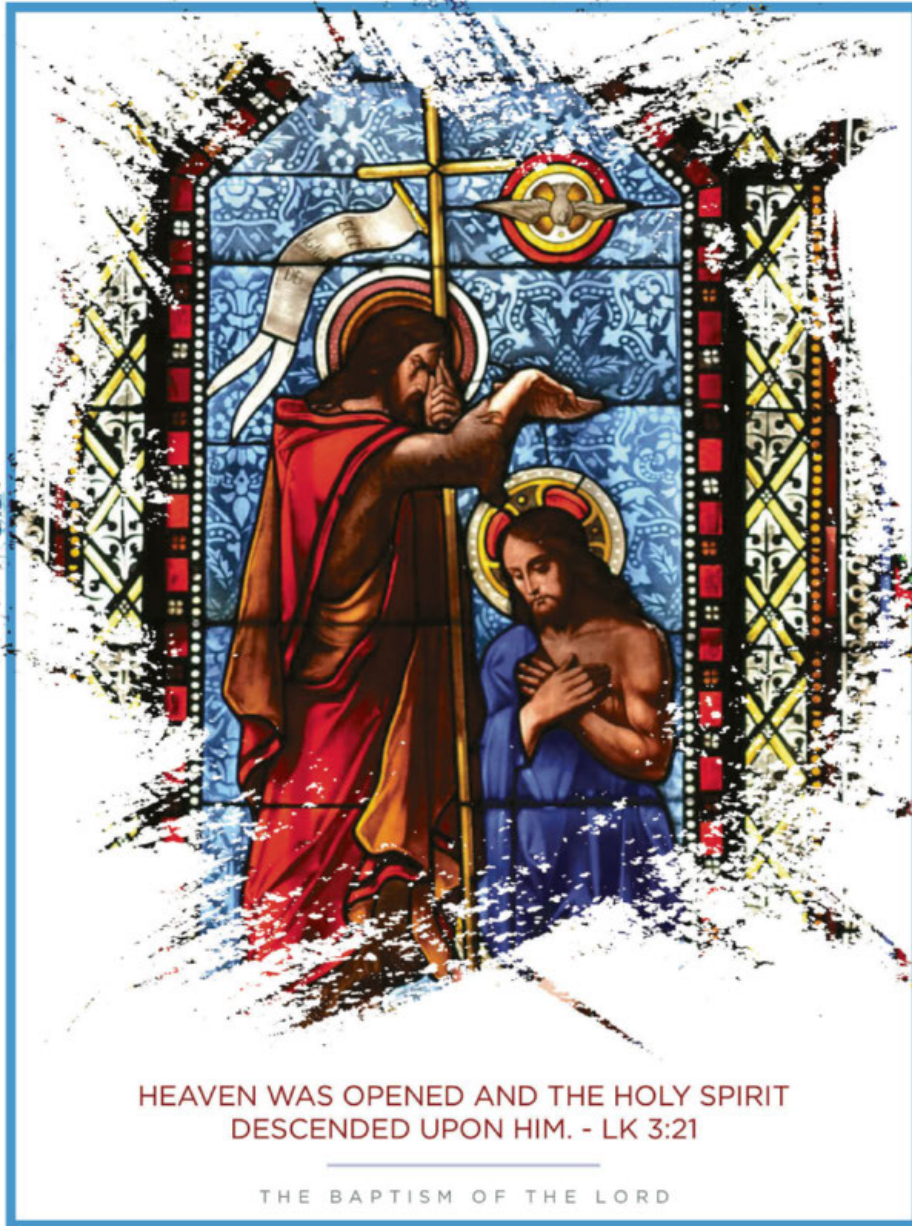




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OFFICE HOURS

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

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REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

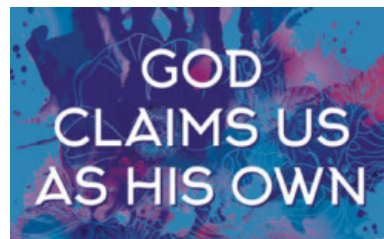
“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 (BAPTISM OF THE LORD)

10:00 AM Special Intentions of the Ramirez Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 AM Brother Anthony Wiedemer, CM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13 (ST. HILARY, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH)

8:30 AM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:30 PM People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 (SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

10:00 AM The Rundell Family

The poinsettias in church are free for the taking after the Mass on this Sunday! Taking down the Christmas trees and decorations will occur on Tuesday January 11th from 4-6 PM. Please join us!



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

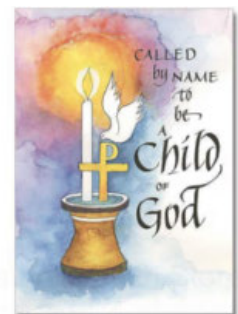
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Our Next Baptisms will be January 29 and 30. Parent Meeting will be on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in church.

Contact the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized.



OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



Annual Memorial Mass for the Sanctity Of Life

January 16, 2022, 3:00 PM

St Martin Of Tours Church
639 S. Shelby Street, Louisville, KY

Please make plans to join Archbishop Kurtz and people from all over the Archdiocese of Louisville for a special mass to celebrate the sanctity of life!

Each parish, school and Catholic organization throughout the Archdiocese is invited to send a delegation to the mass to be recognized for our commitment to the preciousness of LIFE.

To register your group, or to find out further information, please email Celesta Arnold at celesta.arnold58@gmail.com.

This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Office of Family and Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Trivia Night at Pres

Mark your calendars for our annual Trivia Night at Pres, sponsored by the Presentation Parent Association! This year's event will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the Arts and Athletic Center, 900 S. Fourth St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and trivia starts at 7 p.m. Get your best team of eight trivia fans together and join the fun! Cost is \$160 per table of eight. Only 60 tables will be sold, so don't delay! Don't have eight people yet? You can still have a table of six or seven people (\$20 per person).

Bring your own food and beverages. Cash prizes will be awarded for the First Place Team and the team with the Best Decorated Table. All proceeds from Trivia Night will go to the PPA's school fundraising projects.

Purchase tickets here: <https://www.presentationacademy.org/store/p49/trivianight2022.html>



Archdiocese of Louisville Walk & Mass for Life

Friday, January 21, 2022
49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade

- 4:30pm — Gather in the Cathedral of the Assumption
- 4:50-6:15pm — 1.5-mile Prayer Walk through Louisville / Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral
- 6:15pm — Mass with Fr. Martin Linebach in the Cathedral

All Youth Groups, Young Adult Groups, School Groups, Scout Units, Sports Teams, Families, & Individuals are invited to participate in solidarity with the National March for Life in Washington, D.C.!

Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville's
Family & Life Ministries Office (Family@archlou.org, 502.636.0296) and
Office of Youth & Young Adults (ArchYouthYM@archlou.org, 502.636.0296)



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On Tuesday, January 18 at 7 p.m., Young Catholics (ages 21-40) of all professions are invited to join us at The Overlook at St. Thomas (6800 Steeprun Rd, Louisville, 40241) for YCP Louisville's January Executive Speaker Series, featuring David and Julie Schneider. Together, David, currently the CEO of Rem Brands, and Julie, a custom homebuilder, have successfully balanced demanding professions, raising five children and their own partnership in marriage and business. For more information and to register (appreciated but not required), please visit: tinyurl.com/YCPDavidandJulie. We hope to see you there!

Thank you Trees Louisville!!!

As we enter a new year our optimism for peace, good tidings to all, a respite from Covid and to do what we can for improving our community and planet should be in all of our thoughts. I'm happy to announce that we can check one of those boxes with respect to our tree and landscaping initiatives. Earlier this fall, we removed several trees on the property that were dead, dying or posed a danger from falling limbs. We had professional help in the consultation and removal of these trees. Through those endeavors, we were blessed this winter when Cindi Sullivan of Treeslouisville.org and one of her great volunteers, Mike Hayman brought us a master plan to replace the trees removed with indigenous species. The trees selected were specifically planned for the next 100 years and how they would compliment our campus. A generous grant bestowed upon Trees Louisville from organizations like MSD, Ky Transportation department and Trees Louisville partners allowed us to replant at no cost to St. Francis. Trees Louisville planted 10 trees in total. 3 American Hornbeams on the Alfresco side, 2 upright Books Oaks on the slope in front of school, 4 Chinkapin oaks out front and 1 Lois Magnolia. In the spring, 2 more trees will be added. A Green Point Juniper and a "Red-Rage" black gum tree on the Alfresco side.

As coincidences go and especially in Louisville where we are all separated by someone who knows someone, one of the professional planting crew for Trees Louisville has in-laws at SFA and their twin daughters were baptized here.

So, if you feel inclined, send a note of thanks to the group at Trees Louisville for their help and generosity. They are: Cindi Sullivan, Executive Director, Mike Hayman (best volunteer a community could have and all around good guy). The team that planted the trees were Andy Oost and Robert Woodford."



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
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Family
Pat Giles
Joe Goulart
Marvin Hanka
Steve Herp

Jim Holtgrave, Jr.
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Angela Kuhlman
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Norman O'Grady
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Nick Smith
Toni Sowers
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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.

According to statistics, 50% of marriages end in divorce.



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An environmental tip from the SFA Ecological Stewardship Committee.

Coffee cups are one of the most common single-use products in the world. Imagine how many people you see drinking coffee in their cars on their way to work every morning. Bringing your own thermos with you reduces waste and sets a good example for those around you to be more thoughtful about their consumption habits.



"After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." Luke 3:21

Our stewardship journey begins in the waters of baptism. It is through the waters of baptism that we are given a new life and become disciples of Jesus. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to build the kingdom of God with the gifts God has given us.



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 \\ 502.465.3227

Sign up online: ccsfayouth.weebly.com

EVENTS AND STEWARDSHIP

Marriage & Family Moments By Susan Vogt

A new year has begun. Perhaps you've made a New Year's Resolution. Perhaps not. Today, just think about today! What kindness can you offer your beloved today.

The Covid Pandemic has prompted us to think much more about healthy habits. Ask each family member what health habit is easiest or most difficult for them? For example, brushing teeth, washing hands, coughing into your elbow, wearing a mask...

DID YOU KNOW?

Our continued prayers for victims of tornadoes in our state, including those in the Louisville archdiocese. At least 70 families in our archdiocese lost their homes. You can give to tornado relief at owensborodiocese.org and at the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund. You also can contact the Louisville parishes affected in Taylor County: Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Campbellsville), Our Lady of the Hills (Finley) and Our Lady of Fatima (Phillipsburg).



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 26, 2022

Parish Envelopes.....	\$8,256.00
Loose Collection.....	\$313.00
Whitley City (Monthly Remittance).....	\$30.00
Special Collections (Remit).....	\$1,670.00
Online Tithing-WEShare.....	\$3,465.07
Online Giving-Whitley City (Monthly Remittance).....	\$172.80
Online Giving-Archdiocesan Special Collections....	\$307.55
TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 26, 2021.....	\$14,214.42
2021/2022 Weekly Budget Amount Needed.....	\$9,711.39
OVER BUDGET FOR THE WEEK.....	\$4,503.03
Received Year to Date (7/1-12/28/2021)....	\$247,312.73
Year to Date Budget 7/1-12/28/2022).....	\$242,209.77
Year to Date Variance (7/1-1/2/2022).....	\$5,102.96
2021/2022 Budget (7/1/2021-1/2/2022)..	\$504,992.32
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	
Parish Envelopes.....	\$2,782.00
Loose Collection.....	\$906.00
Total.....	\$3,688.00

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%)

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 CSA this year? Visit www.ArchLou.org/CSA to make your gift today. Check mark the box indicating that you are eligible for the match. You may also mail your gift-just note on your check or pledge form that you are age 40 or younger. Thank you!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2, 2022

Parish Envelopes.....	\$6,790.00
Loose Collection.....	\$317.00
Whitley City (Monthly Remittance).....	\$100.00
Special Collections (Remit).....	\$326.00
Online Tithing-WEShare.....	\$4,583.15
Online Giving-Whitley City (Monthly Remittance)..	\$24.60
Online Giving-Archdiocesan Special Collections...	\$366.95
TOTAL FOR JANUARY 2, 2022.....	\$12,507.70
2021/2022 Weekly Budget Amount Needed.....	\$9,711.39
OVER BUDGET FOR THE WEEK.....	\$2,796.31
Received Year to Date (7/1-1/02/2022)....	\$258,951.48
Year to Date Budget 7/1-1/02/2022).....	\$255,733.29
Year to Date Variance (7/1-1/2/2022).....	\$3,218.19
2021/2022 Budget (7/1/2021-6/30/2022).....	\$504,992.32

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