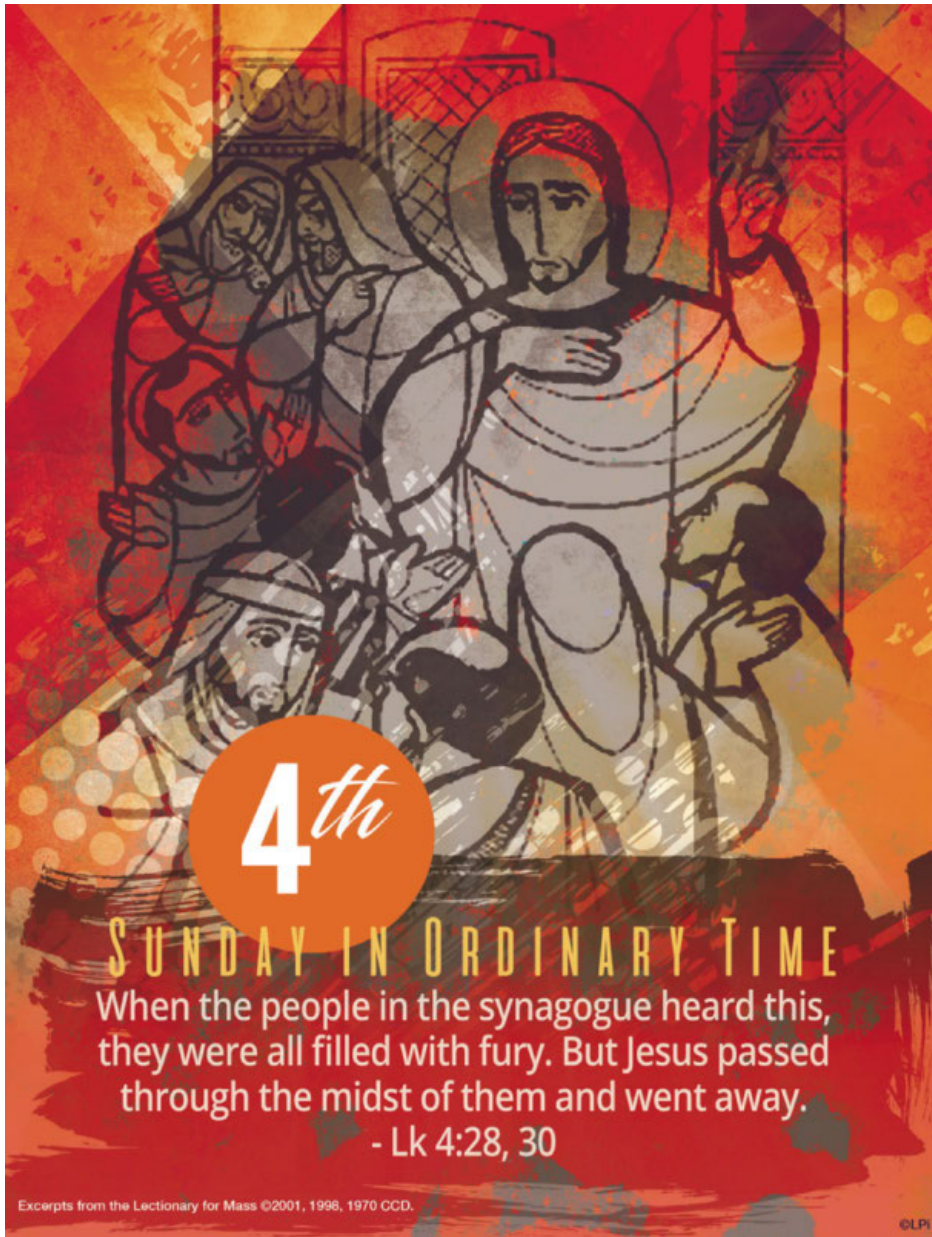




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Monday - Friday / 8:30am - 4:00pm

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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REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you? ©LPi



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 (FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

10:00 AM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:30 AM NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 (THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD)

8:30 AM NO MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 (ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR; ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP)

8:30 AM NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 AM Laura Schwager

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 (ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR)

4:30 PM John Merkt

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

10:00 AM People of the Parish



THERE WILL BE NO 8:30 A.M. MORNING MASS NEXT TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 1, 2, AND 3)

AND THE NEXT WEEK (FEBRUARY 8-11)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps
86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

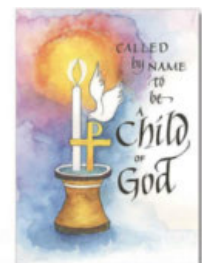
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Due to continuing rising numbers of Covid cases, St. Francis of Assisi is reinstating the mask mandate for all who come to church. If needed, masks will be provided.

Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community who were baptized this weekend:

Henry Michael Gahm
and
Austin James Higgins



NEWS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

CLOUT Update

In 2020, in the wake of the Breonna Taylor killing and the following community unrest, CLOUT chose to take on a new area of work under the title of “Community Safety and Equity,” with special interest in: racial bias in policing, overall problems in the criminal justice system, and crime and violence (gun violence, homicide rate, etc.).

CLOUT’s issue research committee met with the mayor’s office, LMPD Chief Erika Shields, the FOP, and other local and national experts in related fields to identify best-practice solutions.

CLOUT concluded that, in order for our community to move beyond the pain and trauma of 2020, and into a future of healing and peace, Louisville should engage the services of the National Network for Safe Communities to lead this community in the process of “Truth & Transformation.”

At CLOUT’s 2021 Nehemiah Action Assembly, Metro Council President David James committed to work with CLOUT toward this initiative. In June, 2021 the Metro Council approved \$600,000 funding for it. The initiative is underway and CLOUT remains directly involved to ensure its success.

SFA CLOUT members continue to work on social justice issues collectively with 20 other diverse congregations throughout the community.



The **St. Francis of Assisi Middle School Science Fair** is in **DESPERATE NEED** of 29 more judges! You do NOT need to be a scientist or even have a related degree to judge our fair. All you need is a love for children and for learning. An orientation will be held February 1 which will teach you all you need to know about judging. We are especially looking for judges who can judge BOTH the morning and afternoon sessions. Parents from ALL grades are encouraged to help as are family members, neighbors, friends, colleagues, and other Parishioners. The fair is virtual/on-line this year so you can do it from home or work! Alumni are especially encouraged to join the team! Please think about judging our fair. We won't be able to have it without enough judges.

WHAT: The Middle School Science / Independent Research Fair will be held on Friday, February 4th! This year, we are hosting our fair VIRTUALLY and presenters/judges will meet using Zoom. There will be morning and afternoon sessions this year, and we desperately need JUDGES who can spend a few minutes listening to the students as they present their findings and discoveries. Since the fair is virtual, you will judge from HOME or your office and you can truly live ANYWHERE and still judge our fair. We had judges judging from as far away as California last year!

HOW TO SIGN UP: Please visit

https://sfalouisville.stemwizard.com/public_site/judge_register to register as a JUDGE. There you will provide your contact information, and indicate categories that interest you. We will try to place you in a category of interest or expertise, but there is no guarantee that this will always happen. Rest assured, however, that you are doing work which is noble, essential and deeply appreciated no matter where you end up. We will respond to you the week of February 1st with instructions for the orientation zoom on February 3rd and the Fair on February 4th.

WHO CAN JUDGE: Any adult or alumni who enjoys learning or being around young scientists is invited to become a member of the 2022 Judging Team. A background in science is not necessary. If you love children and learning, then judging is a task in which you will find success. Truly, any parent from any grade, their friends, neighbors, parishioners, or family members are welcome to come. Parents from grades below middle school are welcome to judge as well to get a sense of what the middle school science/independent research fair is all about.

JUDGING RESPONSIBILITIES: Judges spend time listening to students as they present their projects. They ask the students questions and engage them in dialogue about discoveries. A rubric, and a judge's orientation and training are provided. Truly, no previous experience is required! The Zoom or Google Meets orientation meeting for judges will be the day before the fair, on Thursday, February 3rd at a time to be announced. Everything anyone needs to know about judging will be taught then. You WILL know what to do!

WHEN: The virtual fair will be held on Friday, February 4th. Right now, we plan TWO SESSIONS- Choose one or both, based on your availability. 9:00-11:30 am and 12:30-2:30 pm. Please, please, please oh please, consider helping us and supporting our students by judging or by letting potential judges (neighbors, friends, parishioners, etc.) know of this opportunity. Anyone who cares about learning, loves working with young learners, or who loves being around people who can turn their curiosity into amazing discoveries is invited to attend!

Please contact Mr. Fred Whittaker, Science Instructor, at 502-459-3088 or fwhittaker@ccsfa.org if you have questions, however, please do not contact him to register as a judge. You MUST do that on the judges' registration page! Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP, PRAYER, AND EVENTS



The Virgin Mary will be the subject of a presentation by Fr. Robert Barnell, pastor at Immaculate Conception, at the next meeting of the Saint Serra Club of Louisville, which will be held 11:45 on Monday, February 7, 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.

The St John Center collection request for the weekend of February 5th and 6th will be COFFEE. The hot coffee is a welcome treat for the homeless men who seek daytime shelter at the center. Your donations help to provide that comfort. May God bless you for your generosity.



Please continue to pray 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.



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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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.

EVENTS & ENVIRONMENTAL TIP



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An environmental tip from the SFA Ecological Stewardship Committee.

Our committee would like to invite you to join the movement to reduce plastic waste by buying fewer products in plastic packages. Most household and personal care products that you find on store shelves, from laundry detergent to shampoo and dental floss, come in plastic containers. But there are alternatives! We have compiled a list of sources for plastic free products, like laundry detergent sheets and shampoo bars, that we have been trying out ourselves. We challenge you to try them too! Use this link to see the whole list: <https://bit.ly/3A45lx4>

The World Day of Consecrated Life will be celebrated with a special Jubilee Mass this weekend on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 10am at St. Gregory Catholic Church, 330 Samuels Loop, Cox's Creek, KY 40013. It can be viewed via livestream on Facebook by going to the St. Gregory's Catholic Church Facebook page. For more information, contact Sr. Sarah in the Vocation Office at 502-471-2121.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." Jeremiah 1:5

We are all called to make a difference in the world. Our vocations are uniquely ours based on the gifts that God has given us. St. Augustine said, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."



Drop On In

Wednesdays after school // 3-4:15pm

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

Questions? Contact Sierra

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Sign up online: ccsfayouth.weebly.com

EVENTS AND STEWARDSHIP

Marriage & Family Moments By Susan Vogt

Love is patient, kind, truthful, hopeful, enduring...Love is not jealous, pompous, inflated, rude, quick-tempered, brooding. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8) Tell your beloved which positive quality you think they are strong in.

Perhaps your family has gotten some nice Christmas gifts. During these mostly indoor days of winter, challenge each family member to let go of something they no longer need - a toy, a piece of clothing, a book, old papers...

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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 \$28,390.00 (74% of our goal) with participation from 82 households (73%)

Archdiocesan Goal \$4,100,000.00
13,207 households
Archdiocesan Total \$3,856,353.00 (94%)
Participation 10,379 households (79%)
51 PARISHES HAVE MET THEIR GOAL!!!

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 23, 2022

Parish Envelopes.....	\$3,062.00
Loose Collection.....	\$362.00
Whitley City (Monthly Remittance).....	\$65.00
Special Collections (Remit).....	\$190.00
Online Tithing-WEShare.....	\$4,186.64
Online Giving-Whitley City (Monthly Remittance..).....	\$0.00
Online Giving-Archdiocesan Special Collections.....	\$0.00
TOTAL FOR JANUARY 23, 2022.....	\$7,865.64
2021/2022 Weekly Budget Amount Needed.....	\$9,711.39
UNDER BUDGET FOR THE WEEK.....	(\$1,845.75)
Received Year to Date (7/1-1/23/2022).....	\$280,012.00
Year to Date Budget 7/1-1/23/2022).....	\$284,867.46
Year to Date Variance (7/1-1/23/2022).....	(\$4,855.46)
2021/2022 Budget (7/1/2021-6/30/2022).....	\$504,992.32

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