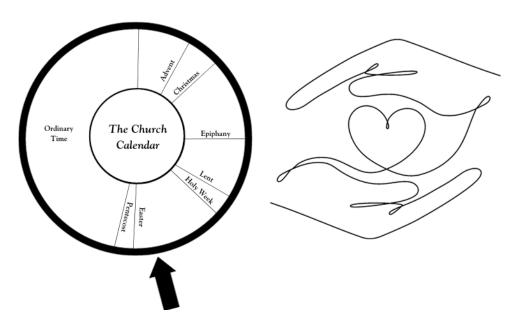


The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, Curate

The Sixth Sunday in Easter



The Sixth Sunday in Easter Children & Youth Sunday

May 5th, 2024 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Welcome to St. Francis In-The-Fields Episcopal Church!

Children and youth are always invited to participate and enjoy worship, but once a month during the school year we celebrate them in a special way as the future of our church with a Children and Youth Sunday.

Our 8:00 a.m. service will be spoken, and all are welcome. At 10:00 a.m. the children and youth of the parish help lead worship. At both services there is a special children-focused sermon.

This bulletin includes information about our Eucharist service for inquiring minds (of all ages) forming their faith! The text comes from The Book of Common Prayer, The Episcopal Church glossary, the Godly PlayTM curriculum, and the Rev. Megan Miller. If you have questions or want to know more please reach out to us at 317-873-4377 or info@stfranciszionsville.org.

Liturgy is a word that means "a public ritual of worship".

The people and the priest gather in the Lord's Name.

We welcome the congregation both in person and online.

We sing as another way to pray together and enter into worship.

The opening prayer is called the Collect for Purity.

We praise God by singing the Gloria. This begins with the words the angels sang to the shepherds on Christmas Eve.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Prelude

Now the Green Blade Riseth

M. Kim

The Welcome

Please stand as you are able for the Processional.

The Processional Hymn

(blue) 1982 Hymnal 204

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Noël nouvelet

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Song of Praise (8:00 am spoken, 10:00 am sung)



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The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such

good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

This prayer that the priest offers is called the "Col-lect of the Day", and it is different each Sunday. It helps us collect our thoughts and prayers so we can hear the readings together.

The first lesson is usually from the Old Testament, but in Easter it changes! The First reading will come from the Acts of the Apostles for the rest of Easter Season which we also call "Eastertide".

We call the scriptures the Word of the Lord because God inspired their human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible.

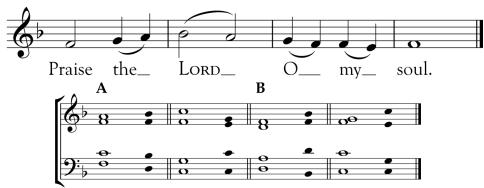
The Psalm follows. There are 150 Psalms in the Psalter, which is a big collection of musical poetry. They are designed to be said out loud or sung. Jesus sang the Psalms when he went to worship.

In the Old Testament reading or a Psalm, if you see the word 'LORD' you may notice it is in small caps. This lets us know the scripture is using the 'Tetragrammaton', the special Hebrew name of God translated as YHWH or JHVH.

The second reading is taken from one of the letters written by the apostles after Jesus had gone back to heaven. It tells us something about the life and teachings of Jesus, the church, or how we as Christians should live. The New Testament proclaims the Good News of the Kingdom of God for all people.

Psalm 98

The choir will introduce the refrain. Please join in singing the following verses and refrain.



1 Sing to the LORD a new song,

for the LORD has done marvelous things.

2 The right hand and holy arm of the <u>LORD</u> * have secured the <u>victory</u>.

(Refrain)

- 3 The LORD has made known this <u>victory</u>; * and has openly shown righteousness in the sight of the <u>nations</u>.
- 4 The LORD remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of <u>Israel</u>, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our <u>God</u>. (*Refrain*)
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you <u>lands</u>; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the <u>harp</u>, * with the harp and the voice of <u>song</u>.

(Refrain)

- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the <u>horn</u> * shout with joy before the Sovereign, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is <u>in it</u>, * the lands and those who dwell there<u>in</u>.

(Refrain)

9 Let the rivers clap their <u>hands</u>, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who is coming to judge the <u>earth</u>.

10 In righteousness shall the LORD judge the <u>world</u> * and the peoples with <u>equity</u>.

(Refrain)

The Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and the reading from the Gospel.

The Sequence Hymn

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O Love of God, How Strong and True

Dunedin

The Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit for the sermon.

The Sermon

Mrs. Meghan McConnell, Postulant

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

The Creed

We believe Prayer Hands
In one God One finger

The Trinity Fingers make triangle

Father, Son & Holy Spirit Sign of Cross We believe Prayer hands

In Jesus Christ Touch fingers to palms
God the loving parent Cross hands in a hug

The Holy Spirit Move hands in globe motion

We believe Prayer hands

In the Prophets Make calling with hands to mouth

One Church One finger

Baptism Reach down, touch ground with prayer hands
The Resurrection Fingers underneath palm, then stand up

Amen. Prayer hands

Each year we read from a different Gospel: Matthew, Mark, or Luke. The Gospel of John is read on special occasions. The clergy will always tell you which Gospel is being read. The Gospel is the story of Jesus' ministry while on earth. We stand to show respect for this special reading.

Postulancy is an initial time of preparation and testing for ordained ministry.

Creed means "what we believe." After hearing the stories of God and God's love for us, we stand up together and say the Creed.

After the Creed, we pray to God. These are called "The Prayers of the People." There are many different forms for these prayers from which to choose. The prayers are our response to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words.

No matter which of the Prayers we use, we always pray for:

- God's family, the Church and the Church's Mission
- Our nation and our world
- Peace and justice
- People who need help
- People we love, including special observances like birthdays
- People who have died

The Prayers of the People

Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Father Davies, our Rector; Fr. Joél, our Curate; the clergy of our diocese; Bishop Mauricio and the people of Brasilia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Philips, Indianapolis; we also pray for St. Peter's, Lebanon; and Good Samaritan, Brownsburg; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, and Church by the Sea, Jalisco, Mexico; and all other ministers and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Joe; our Governor, Eric; and the mayors of our communities, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For sick in body, mind or spirit, especially Abby, Andrea, Beryl, Brian, Bridgette, Cathy, Charlie, Christy, Dennis, Eric, Glen, Gordon, Gretchen, Hannah, Jalee, Jan, Jennifer, Joan, John, Julia and family, Julie, Kathy, Larry, Leann, Leila, Leopoldo, Leslie, María, Mark, Megan, Meretha, Michael, Mike, Molly, Naser, Patty, Rachel, ReGina, Scottie, Sergio, Sheila, Skylar, Stephen, Steve, Steven, Susan, Terry, The Bachman Family, Thomas, Tim, Todd, and Willow, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings and thanksgiving for this life, especially those celebrating a birthday this week: Lillienne Umar, Andrew Cole, Druhv Hitchins, Arianna Kroon, Nancy Black, Kyle Fultz, Deborah Clark, and Penn Lanie.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, especially Donna Kastning, Aunt of Ryan Diem, Hobart Buchanan, father of Betsy Eibling, and Leila Peters, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The people may add their own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Sending of a Postulant

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We invite you to share with others signs of Christ's Peace.

The Announcements

Please be seated for the announcements and for the offertory.

There is always a place at St. Francis where you can add your own prayers. You can say them out loud or in your heart.

Now we are full of God's love and peace. We share this peace of the Lord with our neighbors.



We now enter the second part of the Service: We continue the celebration!

God has given us everything we have. During the Offertory, we return a portion of our money to God. And, we give God our hearts.



There are four Eucharistic prayers in The Book of Common Prayer, 1979: A, B, C, and D. There are three additional Eucharistic prayers in Enriching Our Worship: 1, 2, and 3.

The priest thanks God for what God has done for us, and for a particular part of Jesus' life which we are celebrating in this season of the church year.

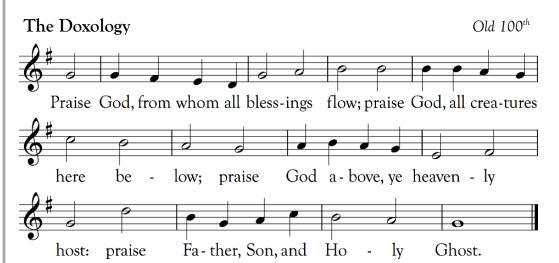
We now join in saying or singing the Sanctus. This is the song of praise of the seraphim in the presence of God. You can find this scripture in Isaiah 6:3. The last two sentences of the song were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. You can find this scripture in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, or John 12:12-19.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

I Will Kindle My Fire

M. T. Ermey, arr. R. Bolyard



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.Presider: Lift up your hearts.

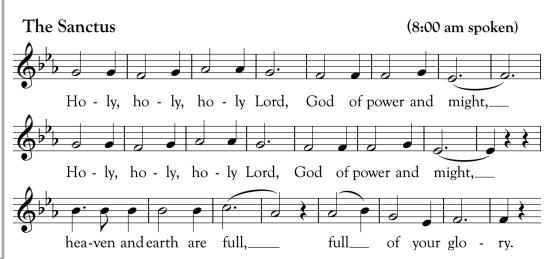
People: We lift them to the Lord.

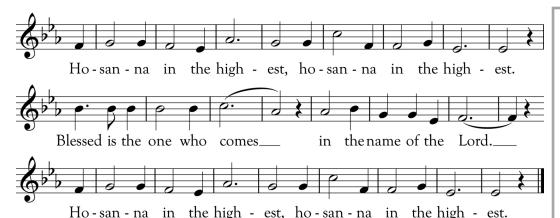
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



The priest now begins the Prayer of Consecration. During this prayer, the priest asks God to bless and make holy the gifts of bread and wine, and that we may be made holy in order to receive this Sacrament. The prayer includes Jesus' words at the Last Supper with his disciples in which he asks them to continue breaking bread and sharing the cup in remembrance of him. You can read this in Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-23, and 1 Corinthians, 11:23-25.

We respond halfway through the prayer as we proclaim the Mystery of Faith.

As the Eucharistic celebration is shared by the congregation and the presider, the Great Amen emphasizes the blessing of the people to the words spoken on their behalf by the presider. The Great Amen is the "people's prayer" that concludes this part of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The priest ends the Prayer of Consecration by asking us to join in the prayer Jesus taught us, the Lord's Prayer.



The priest holds up a large wafer or piece of bread for all to see and breaks it. The fraction also recalls Christ's body as broken for us and our salvation.

Now we go to the altar to receive Communion. We approach quietly and reverently. There are ways people show their respect; Many people bow their head or genuflect before going up to the altar, some make the sign of the cross as they kneel or stand, or as they leave.

Since online participants cannot physically receive the bread, we offer a special "Prayer of Spiritual Reception" just for them.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We invite all persons to receive Holy Communion.

If you are unable to come forward to receive for any reason, please inform an usher and Communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available. If you prefer a Blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your hands over your chest at the rail.

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception

People: In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

The Communion Hymn

(red) LEVAS 151

One Bread, One Body

Please stand as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer Over Blessing Box Items

You are our Bread of Life that sustains us as we strive to be your disciples and build up your kingdom on earth. As we are fed by you, may we feed those who are hungry for bread, for justice, for understanding, and for compassion. May we share your mercy and grace with all we meet. Amen.

The Blessing

The Procession into the World

In Christ There Is No East or West

(red) LEVAS 62 Mckee

The Dismissal

If you are worshiping in person at 10:00 am, please turn towards the organ and wave to the camera to greet those worshipping online.

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Postlude

Moderato C. Rinck

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When The Liturgy Is Over, The Service Begins

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and by Jill and Peter Lacy in Thanksgiving for their 28th Wedding Anniversary.

This service comes from:

The Book of Common Prayer; 1979, The Hymnal; 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing II; 1993, The Book of Occasional Services; 2003, Godly Play Holy Eucharist; 1998, The Rev. Megan Miller, 2021

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After everyone has received Communion, the priest leads us a prayer of Thanksgiving to God. We all pray together.

We now join in singing a hymn as the worship leaders and priests leave the church.

At the back of the church, at the close of the hymn, the priest or deacon tell us that God's blessing is with us today and always. We are called to go out into the world to share God's love and peace.

Sunday Ministry Team - May 5th	
8:00 am Presider:	The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, Curate
10:00 am Presider:	The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector
Preacher:	Mrs. Meghan McConnell
Altar & Flower	Lele Casalini, Kenny Winget, Anne
Guild:	and Larry Boley, Megan Olson, Jenny McGraw
Music:	Robert Bolyard, Music Director, St. Francis Choir
8:00 am LEM:	Mark Wyatt
8:00 am Lector:	Lele Casalini
10:00 am LEM:	Val Reynal, Josie Lanie
Acolytes:	Gabe Reynal, Annabel Lusk, Tate Lanie
10:00 am Lectors:	Val Reynal, Josie Lanie
Greeters:	Laura Noel
Ushers:	Laura Noel, JT Noble, Hazel Murphy
Technical Direction:	Rafa Reynal
Virtual Usher:	Paulette Feltus
Counters:	Owen Hitchins, Laura Noel

Sunday Ministry Team - May 12th	
8:00 am Presider &	The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector
Preacher:	
10:00 am Presider:	The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, Curate
Altar & Flower	Susie Kubley, Kenny Winget, Bounesaly
Guild:	Vongphrachanh, Sue Wyatt
Music:	Robert Bolyard, Music Director,
	St. Francis Choir
8:00 am LEM:	John Lanie
8:00 am Lector:	John Lanie
10:00 am LEM:	Jenni Smith
10:00 am Lectors:	
Greeter:	Mike & Melissa Bibb
Ushers:	Lesley & Warren MacKellar
Technical Direction:	
Virtual Usher:	Paulette Feltus
Counters:	Melissa Bibb, Nicole Seiler

St. Francis Vestry

Clergy	The Rev. C. Davies Reed, Rector
	The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz, Curate
Class of	Deb Hall
2024	Cory Murphy
	Laura Noel, Senior Warden
Class of	Melissa Bibb
2025	Owen Hitchins, Junior Warden
	JT Noble
Class of	Deb Clark
2026	Richard Klabunde
	Nicole Seiler
Elected	Terry Cox, Elizabeth Selm,
Class of	Ted Simison
2027	
Ex-	John Lanie, Treasurer
Officio	Sue Wyatt, Clerk

The latest Vestry Minutes are available on the bulletin board beside the Church Office.

The next Vestry meeting is Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom.

For Vestry contact information please see Realm or contact the church office.

Pastoral Care

If you have an emergency please call 317-873-4377 and follow the prompts for pastoral care. A priest will be in touch with you shortly.

The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Contact Us: 317-873-4377 www.stfranciszionsville.org info@stfranciszionsville.org 1525 Mulberry Street Zionsville, IN 46077

Vision-In-Action Update:

This week St. Francis signed a contract with Brandt Construction for the renovation and expansion to our facility. Now that we have a contract in place, the sub-contractors will begin putting together orders for materials and then Brandt can begin building a timeline for construction.

We hope that you are as excited for the End of Year Celebration at which we will not only congratulate our students and offer gratitude for our teachers at St. Francis, we will all share in the ground breaking for our Vision In Action Building Campaign.

We pray that you will join us for this most festive day. It will occur on May 19th, The Day of Pentecost, so be sure to wear something RED!

Thanks and peace, Fr. Davies+

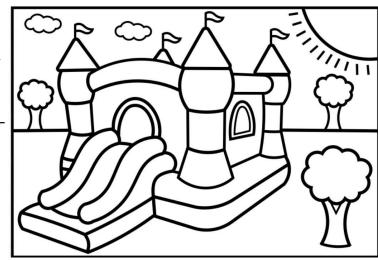
Celebration: Parish Picnic, Graduate and Formation Celebration, and Groundbreaking!

Mark your calendars for our Parish Picnic, Graduate and Formation Celebration, and Groundbreaking Celebration as we gather to commemorate another Sunday School and EYC Year finished!

Sunday, May 19th Following the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Following the Holy Eucharist celebration, we will party with our annual parish picnic. St. Francis will provide fried chicken, a vegetarian option, and drinks. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or something else to share. A bounce house and crafts will be available for children—young and the young at heart.

Sign up on the narthex table to help or to bring a dish.



Graduates Recognition

Help us recognize our graduates! If you have someone who will graduate this May or June from any institution, high school, college, etc., please let us know by contacting the Church Office at info@stfranciszionsville.org with names by, Sunday, May 12th. Gradates will be recognized during the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 19th. All graduates, regardless of attendance on the 19th will receive a book selected by Fr. Davies as a gift.

Theology on Tap: Image of God - Special Series!

Join us for good conversation about the Image of God at both May and June's Theology on Tap. Two special guests will discuss the biblical studies and the theological lens of this topic, our own residential theologian Dr. John T Noble, and The Rev. Dr. Kirsten Guidero.

Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm with Dr. John T Noble.

Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm with The Rev. Dr. Kirsten Guidero

Both events will be held after the 6:00 pm Wednesday evening worship at St. Francis, located at North High Brewery, located at 75 N Main St, Zionsville, IN 46077. Contact Fr. Joél for information at curate@stfranciszionsville.org.

Ladies' Book Club

All ladies of the parish are invited to the Book Club beginning on June 6th and ending June 27th, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. This Book Club will be available in person and online over zoom. We will read *The Amen Effect*, *Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World*, by Sharon Brous. Books are available for purchase at St. Francis for a discounted price.

Muffins with Mom Next Sunday

Linger after church for a special treat in celebration of Mother's Day following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Eucharist. We will also have a special craft on our Prayground table for children of all ages to make and gift to their moms.



NEW Diocesan Youth Confirmation Program

Youth who will be in 9th-12th grade in the 2024-2025 Academic School year are invited to be a part of our pilot Diocesan Confirmation Program.

Because this is our pilot program, participation from the youth is required at all sessions. The youth may be allowed to miss one session, but will be required to make it up. In the future, we will add more options for youth to participate in Diocesan Confirmation, but have made the opportunity more targeted this year to gauge effectiveness of the program.

Day Retreat in Indianapolis: Saturday, September 7th from 9am to 3pm EDT at Trinity Indianapolis and 6 Online Sessions, once a month on Sundays from 4 to 5:30pm EDT/ 3 to 4:30 CT:

- September 7th, Confirmation Retreat 9am to 3pm: What is Confirmation?
- October 6, Session One: Worship & Liturgy
- November 3, Session Two: History of the Episcopal Church
- December 8, Session Three: God's Story & Our Story
- January 12, Session Four: A Life of Service
- February 2, Session Five: Rooted in Justice
- March 2, Session Six: Q&A

CONFIRMATION MENTORS: Each Confirmand is asked to identify one mentor to walk with them through the Confirmation process. This mentor would attend the day-long retreat with the Confirmand, and then have some homework between Confirmation sessions to complete. This homework could be anything from helping the Confirmand write a statement of faith, to going Bible shopping with them. This mentor can be a family member or family friend. We find that mentors often enjoy the Confirmation process and learn a lot themselves!

For any other questions about Confirmation, please contact Heather Kenison, Diocesan Youth Minister, at heather@indydio.org.

Diocesan Youth Lock-In at Indy Pride

Celebrate Indy Pride weekend with an overnight event for youth grades 6-12 the night before, June 7th-8th, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis. Youth are invited to participate in the Pride Parade afterwards with their adults. Youth must register by May 26th. Any questions can be directed to Heather Kenison, Diocesan Youth Minister, heather@indydio.org.

The Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Anonymous, La Clochette, Paris, 1912

This prayer is a widely known prayer for peace, associated with St. Francis of Assisi but not known to have been written by him. The present form of the prayer can be traced back to 1912 in a spiritual publication called "La Clochette".

Although scholars do not attribute these words to having been written by St Francis, they are much beloved across the world. Mother Teresa of Calcutta attributed great importance to the prayer when receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, as well as Desmond Tutu, winner of the 1984 Noble Peace Prize for non-violent leadership state the prayer was an integral part of his faith life.

Francis is especially remembered for his writing, "The Canticle of Brother Sun." The Hymnal 1982 includes two hymn texts written by Francis, "All creatures of our God and King" (400) and "Most High, omnipotent, good Lord" (406-407).



