



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 29, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

The people's responses are in bold.

✠ Indicates a place where the people make the sign of the Cross.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTARY Offertoire sur Deux Noël's

Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105 *God rest you merry gentlemen*

GOD REST YOU MERRY

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

And blessed be his 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Angels we have heard on high*

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep-herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.



Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

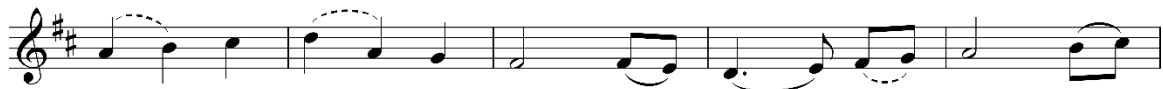
GRADUAL HYMN

The first Nowell

WOODLANDS



1. The first No - well the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor
2. They look - ed__ up and__ saw__ a star shin - ing in__ the
3. This_ star drew nigh to the__ north - west, o'er__ Beth - le -
4. Then let__ us__ all with_ one__ ac - cord sing__ prais - es



shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields as__ they lay,
east__ be - yond__ them far, and to__ the__ earth it
hem__ it took__ its rest, and there__ it__ did both
to__ our hea - venly Lord; that hath__ made heaven and



keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night__ that was so deep,
gave__ great light, and__ so it con - tin - ued both day__ and night.
stop__ and stay right__ o - ver the place__ where Je - sus lay.
earth__ of nought, and__ with__ his blood__ our life__ hath bought.



Refrain
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Please be seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

At this time, all children are invited to Children's Chapel.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

IN DULCE JUBILO

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

The People turn to face the Gospel Book during the Proclamation.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Barbara White

Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III, BCP p. 387

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Please kneel as you are able.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

✠ Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

Luke 2:15

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “The Holy Boy”

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Lowly, laid in a manger,
With oxen brooding nigh,
The Heav'nly Babe is lying
His Maiden Mother by.

Lo! The way-faring sages,
Who journey'd far through the wild,
Now worship, silent adoring,
The Boy, The Heav'nly Child -
The Heav'nly Child.

Leave your work and your playtime,
And kneel in homage and prayer,
The Prince of Love is smiling
Asleep in his cradle there!

Bend your hearts to the wonder,
The Birth, the Mystery mild,
And worship, silent adoring,
The Boy, the Heav'nly Child --
The Heav'nly Child!

Dim the light of the lantern,
And bare the mean abode,
Yet gold and myrrh and incense
Proclaim the Son of God.

Lowly laid in a manger
By Virgin undefiled,
Come worship, silent, adoring,
The Boy, The Heav'nly Child.
The Heav'nly Child!

Words: Herbert S. Brown (1872–1923)

Sarah Moser, soprano

The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the altar.

PRESENTATION HYMN

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh

GREENSLEEVES

So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts_ en - throne him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

SANCTUS S-128

setting: William Mathias (1934–1992)

organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 organ
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Please kneel as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. ✠ Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

PICARDY

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and trem-bling stand;
pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand
Christ our God to earth des-cend-eth, our full hom-age to de-mand.

The Celebrant 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.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Our ushers will direct you to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hands, and alert the priest when you are at the altar. Those who would like to receive healing prayer are invited to the Chapel after receiving communion. You may enter the Chapel (through the door to the left as you face the altar), and a trained healing prayer minister will pray for you.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Jesus, Jesus, rest your head”

Kentucky folk carol arr. Adam Burnette

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.
You have got a manger bed.
All the evil folk on earth,
Sleep in feathers at their birth.*

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.
You have got a manger bed.*

*Have you heard about our Jesus?
Have you heard about his fate?
How his mother came to the stable,
On that Christmas Eve so late?*

*Winds were blowing.
Cows were lowing.
Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing.*

*Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.
You have got a manger bed.*

COMMUNION HYMN 89 *It came upon a midnight clear*

CAROL

Please kneel as you are able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 99 *Go tell it on the mountain*

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on “In dulci jubilo” BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 ~ THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (in the Davenport Chapel)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the Nave and streamed)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30-FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 *Parish Office is CLOSED*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 a.m. Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Feast of the Holy Name (in the Davenport Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 a.m. Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (in Room 201)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00 a.m. Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

7:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting (in Room 201)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (in the Davenport Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the Nave and streamed)

10:15 a.m. Rector's Forum (in Graves Hall)

10:15 a.m. Newcomers Class (in Room 201)

10:15 a.m. Youth and Children's Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (in the Nave)

5:00 p.m. Recital and Choral Evensong (in the Nave)

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL & NURSERY CARE

Children's Chapel is offered during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services and is an opportunity for children ages 3 through fifth grade to come and worship together in the beautiful Davenport Chapel and listen to an age-appropriate lesson. We learn about the liturgy, prayer, and hymns. The children return to the service during the passing of the peace. Infants to children four years old are welcome in the nursery, located on the lower level.

WAYS TO GIVE

- **GIVE in Person:** Place your gift in the offering plate
- **GIVE on our Website:** Online at onrealm.org/stfrancisinthefields/give/now
- **GIVE on our Mobile Church App:** Install Realm Connect app on your smartphone, log in, and select "Give"

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for those in our parish with needs: Geoff Brandreth, Monet Jaggars, Finn Booker, Don Lurding, Eli Brown IV, John Reksc, Kathy Plank, and Eva Fuller.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military: 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, PVT Danilo Caldeira, MMN3 Charles Floyd, ENS Sam Floyd, MMN4 Calvin Gall, CPT Hardy Hendren, 1LT Cason Nelson, MIDN Christopher Paris, LTJG Will Paris, FN Joe Parsons, CPT Chris Russo, LCDR Kristen Blair Samardzic, LCDR Serge Samardzic, 1LT Luke Schmidt, Jr., CPT Grant Thomas, CPT Paige Wahoff, and CDR Lawrence Williams.

*if you have a family member who is currently serving, please notify the parish office so that they can be added to our prayer list.

Pray for our Louisville Fellows: Margaret Brunner, Jacob Davis, and Elizabeth Girardy.

Pray for those children and youth celebrating their birthdays this week: Jackson Andrews, TC Kron, Leo Falk, Polly Adams, and Wade Gray.

Pray for ... our brothers and sisters who suffer for the sake of Christ, especially the Church in Bahrain.

Pray for ... our enemies, and those who wish us harm.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00 *Lector and Usher:* Kennedy Simpson

10:00 *Lectors:* Jackson Andrews, LiddyBet Rightmyer
Chalice Bearers: Julie Allen, Tom Bond, Cindi Calvert, Nathan Cedor

Greeters: Sloane Graff, Audra Rankin
Welcome Table: Bill Lynch
Ushers: Jim Anderson, Scott Calvert, Bill Carrell, Hamilton Kemper

Flower Delivery: Bonnie Turner

Altar Guild: Denise Brown, Sarah Butler, Mary Ann Schweda, Lauren Theobald, Bonnie Turner

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed this week from Monday, December 30, to Friday, January 3. It will reopen on Monday, January 6.

Holy Communion: Feast of the Holy Name ... Wednesday, January 1, at 8:00 a.m. Join us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! This ancient Christian feast commemorates Jesus' identity as the son of the Lord God of Israel, and is the perfect way to begin our secular New Year. Join us in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1, for a service of Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion. This service will last about 45 minutes. Fr. Clint will preach and preside.

Holy Communion: Feast of the Epiphany ... Monday, January 6, at 8:00 a.m. Join us to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord! On Monday, January 6, we'll gather in the Chapel at 8:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and Holy Communion to celebrate the manifestation of Christ as Messiah to the Nations. This service will last about 45 minutes. Mthr. Barbara will preach and preside.

Wednesday Nights in January: "Biblical Cosmos: Encountering the World of the Bible" ... Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning on January 8 The Bible is God's gift to us, but that doesn't mean that it's always easy to understand! What is the deal with angels? What is the tree of life? Why is there so much water in the Bible? And what does any of it have to do with our life today? If you've ever wondered about these topics, join us for our January small group series "Biblical Cosmos: Encountering the World of the Bible." This three-week series will begin on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a study on Biblical themes, which we'll unpack in small groups by diving into God's word and learning together. No previous small group or Bible study experience necessary! This is a great way to get an introduction to small groups if you've ever been curious, but don't know where to start. Childcare is provided. Sign up on Realm today, and contact Mthr. Barbara or Jamie Calhoun for more information.

Women's Epiphany Dinner ... Thursday, January 9, at 5:00 p.m. Join us January 9 for our annual Women's Epiphany Dinner! We will gather for a special service of Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m. in the Nave to celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord. **This service will be open to the public—all are welcome to attend!** It will be followed by a catered dinner for the women of our parish where we will hear from our special guest speaker, The Rev. Dr. Samira Izadi Page, founder and executive director of Gateway of Grace Ministries. Parishioners are invited to bring guests! The deadline to register is Monday, January 6, so sign up today on Realm to reserve your spot! PLEASE NOTE: There is

scholarship money available for those who require financial assistance to attend this event! All inquiries will be held in confidence. Please call the front office if you are interested.

Rector's Forum: Strategic Planning for St. Francis ... Sunday, January 12, at 10:15 a.m. Did you know our parish is undergoing a strategic planning process? Join us in Rector's Forum at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 12, to hear more about this important initiative! You'll hear from Fr. Clint and other members of the core working team and learn more about our discernment for the future!

Joie de Musique: French Dinner and Silent Auction benefitting our Organ and Choral Scholars ... Friday, January 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Our Organ and Choral Scholars have been invited to join our exclusive choir tour of Paris and England in July 2025. (These are the same talented young people who sing in our choir every Sunday and are part of our new Organ Scholars program!) To raise funds for their travel and participation in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we are hosting *Joie de Musique*, a three-course French dinner with wine pairings and silent auction on Friday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the evening is \$100 per person and includes dinner catered by Brasserie Provence, an open bar, and entertainment. Limit 100 guests, so reserve your spot today! The link to purchase tickets is also live on our website's homepage. If you would just like to donate to help fund a scholar on his or her tour, you can do so through Realm (select "Pilgr 2025 trip fees") or by contacting Tracie Utter at TracieU@sfitf.org.

Rector's Forum: Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved* ... January 19 and 26 at 10:15 a.m. Join us for a special 2-week Rector's Forum class starting Sunday, January 19, focused on powerful spiritual insights from *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. This class will provide a deep dive into the themes of God's love, identity, and belonging. We will reflect on Nouwen's message that we are all God's Beloved, and explore how understanding our identity as beloved children of God can transform the way we live, love, and serve others. Whether you have read Henri Nouwen or not, you are invited to join us as we explore how these spiritual truths can deepen our relationship with God and with one another. You are especially encouraged to read along, or to bring a copy of *Life of the Beloved* with you (but you do not need to do so to benefit from this class!).

Food for Thought with Mary Berry, Executive Director of the Berry Center ... Thursday, January 23, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Our January installment of Food for Thought features guest speaker Mary Berry, Berry Center Executive Director. Mary was born to Wendell and Tanya Berry and grew up at Lanes Landing Farm in Henry County, Kentucky, from the time she was six years old. She farmed for a living in Henry County, starting out in dairy farming, growing Burley tobacco, and later diversifying to organic vegetables, pastured poultry, and grass-fed beef. Mary is married to Trimble County farmer Steve Smith, who started the first Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm in the state of Kentucky. She speaks all over the country, putting her father's writing to work advocating for farmers, small farms, rural areas, and land-conserving communities. She started The Berry Center in 2011, focusing on issues confronting small farming families in Kentucky and around the country, and asking and trying to answer two of the most essential questions of our time: "What will it take for farmers to be able to afford to farm well?" and "How do we become a culture that will support good land use?" Registration cost is \$20 for the event, which includes lunch catered by Ashbourne Farms. Sign-ups are open on Realm, so reserve your spot today!

Spring 2025 Tuesday Bible Study: Faith that Works ... Beginning January 28 Join us starting January 28 for our new Tuesday Bible Study spring session as we dive into the Epistle of James! Together we'll explore its practical teachings on faith, works, and living out God's Word in everyday life. Whether you're new to TBS or have been following along, there's always something fresh to discover. Each session is held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and includes a one-hour lecture by Fr. Clint, followed by optional small group discussion. **ONLY new registrants need to sign up for this TBS session. If you attended in the fall, you do not need to re-register.** The cost for new registrants is \$10 per person. Sign up today on Realm or call the front office at (502) 228-1176. Note: REGISTRATION FOR CHILDCARE is open now. Please make sure to indicate while registering if you require it.

Essentials Small Groups: The Gospel According to Mark ... Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 29 Study God's Word as you grow in love and in fellowship with your neighbors by joining us for Wednesday Night Small Groups as we study the Gospel of Mark. Each week we'll look at part of this short but powerful witness to Jesus Christ and unpack it in small groups. This 10-week series will begin on January 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Graves Hall. No previous small group or Bible Study experience is necessary. Please sign up on Realm so we can form groups before the study begins! Childcare is provided. For more information, please contact Jamie Calhoun.

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