

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf, Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes; in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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 116

"I come," the great Redeemer cries

THIS ENDRIS NYGHT

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

HOLY BAPTISM

The Candidate and Sponsors stand for the Presentation. The rest of the congregation may remain seated.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant	The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents	I present <i>John Parks Jennings</i> to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Godparents	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and Godparents	I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Celebrant	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Parents and Godparents	I renounce them.

Celebrant	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents and Godparents	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents and Godparents	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents and Godparents	I do.
Celebrant	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents	I do.
Celebrant	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents	I do.

All stand. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *John Parks* in his life in Christ?
We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ✠ and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE BAPTISM

John Parks, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

John Parks, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

After baptism, a candle is lighted from the Paschal candle and handed to the godparents of the Candidate.

The Light of Christ; bear it faithfully in the world.

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

PROCESSION FROM THE FONT: "The Call"

Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950), arr. Erik Routley

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way, as gives us breath;

Such a Truth, as ends all strife; such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast;

Such a Feast, as mends in length; such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move;

Such a Love, as none can part; such a Heart, as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

THE PEACE

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

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

As Jesus came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “The Baptism of Jesus”

Peter Hallock (1924–2014)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. [*Jesus was on this day baptized in the Jordan.*]

*When Jesus Christ baptized was
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father’s voice was heard in the place.*

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. [*This is my son, in whom I am pleased.*]

*There were Three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptised with on accord,
the Father said this blessed word:*

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

*Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptized in from Jordan,
at our last end, we pray thee, say then:*

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

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

PRESENTATION HYMN

As they offered gifts most rare

DIX

As they of - fered gift most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

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 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:

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,

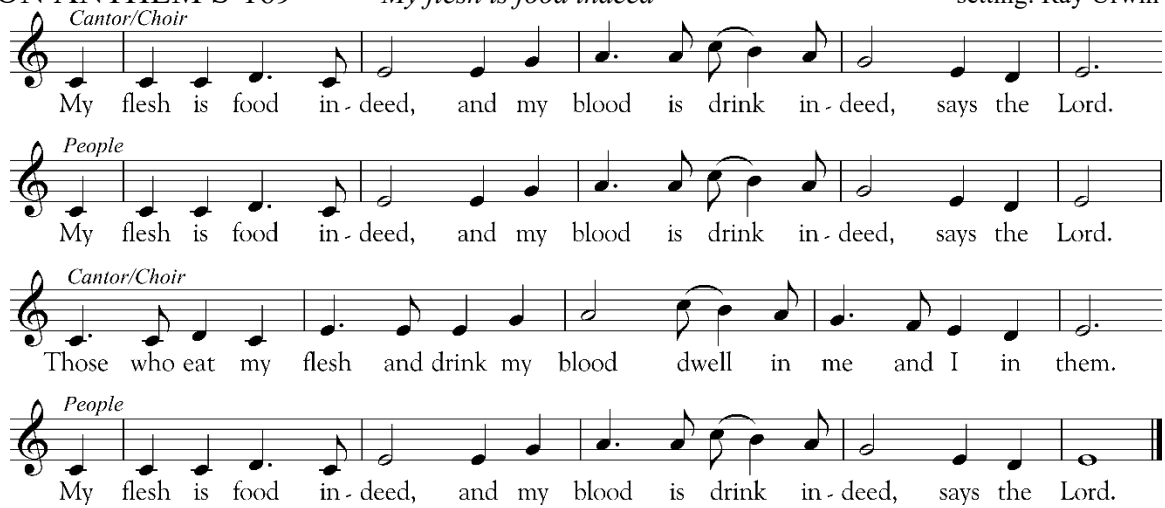
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM S-169

My flesh is food indeed

setting: Ray Urwin (b. 1950)



Cantor/Choir
My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says the Lord.

People
My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says the Lord.

Cantor/Choir
Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them.

People
My flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says the Lord.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

CAITHNESS

COMMUNION HYMN 139

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

CHRIST UNSER HERR ZU JORDAN KAM

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 led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. Amen.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. 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 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

“Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam,” BWV 684

J.S. Bach

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 ~ THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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.	Youth and Children's Sunday School
11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I (in the Nave)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the Davenport Chapel)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

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, JANUARY 14

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 15

8:00 a.m.	Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)
5:00 p.m.	Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)
5:00 p.m.	Cherub Choir Practice (in Room 117)
5:30 p.m.	Primary Choir Practice (in Room 117)
5:45 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner (in Graves Hall)
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Small Groups (in Graves Hall)
6:30 p.m.	Children's Crossroads (in the Lower Level)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Solid Rock (in the Vicarage)
6:30 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice (in the Choir Suite)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

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 17

8:00 a.m.	Daily Offices: Morning Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)
5:00 p.m.	Daily Offices: Evening Prayer (in the Davenport Chapel)
6:00 p.m.	<i>Joie de Musique</i> French Dinner and Auction (in Graves Hall)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

7:45 a.m.	Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting (in Room 201)
7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Ministry Bowling Night

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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.	Young Adult Ministry Small Group (in the Williamson Room)
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.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II (in the Davenport Chapel)

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/stfrancisinthe fields/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 Jagers, Finn Booker, Don Lurding, Eli Brown IV, John Reksc, Kathy Plank, Eva Fuller, and Louis Falk.

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: Susannah Ruschell and Thomas Leighty.

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

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00 *Lector and Usher:* Nathan Cedor

9:00	<i>Lectors:</i>	Kim Rice, Justin Leighty	<i>Greeters:</i> Lindsay DeMasie, Calvin Rasey
	<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	Buzz Brown, Powell Starks, Bob Vice	<i>Welcome Table:</i> Tarah Rasey, Michael Swindall
	<i>Acolytes:</i>	Mary-Louise Crain, Abigail Grady, Lydia Grady, Alessi Jagers	<i>Ushers:</i> Andrew Booker, Katie Booker, John Jennings, Lindsay Jennings
			<i>Verger:</i> Ron Argo

11:15	<i>Lectors:</i>	Melissa Calabrese, Robert Carlson	<i>Greeters:</i> Bill Lynch, Bob Quaife
	<i>Chalice Bearers:</i>	Julie Allen, Foster Beeuwkes, Jeff Calabrese, Nathan Cedor	<i>Welcome Table:</i> Judi Quaife
	<i>Acolytes:</i>	Cooper Brown, Alice Calabrese, John Calabrese, Sarah Grace Quaife	<i>Ushers:</i> Sallie Clark, Laura Kellow, Hamilton Kemper, Nancy Tafel
			<i>Verger:</i> Toby Reed

<i>Flower Delivery:</i>	Judy Bortner, Hollis Willig	<i>Altar Guild:</i> Jo Bishop, Nathan Cedor, Amy Lavin, Amy Spears, Andrea Vice
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 this 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. 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.

Young Adult Ministry Bowling Night ... Saturday, January 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bowl, grab some dinner and drinks, and hang out with other young adults (18-35) at Vernon Lanes this Saturday, January 18, starting at 7:00 p.m.! Let us know if you’re planning to attend by texting Laura Kellow at (404) 731-8345 so we can make sure we reserve enough lanes.

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!).

Young Adult Small Group Ministry ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m., beginning January 19. Join our new small group specifically designed for young adults (ages 18-35) to grow deeper in their faith and build community with other people in a similar stage of life. Breakfast and coffee are provided (because is anyone *really* a morning person on the weekend?). This group will meet beginning on January 19 at 10:15 a.m. in the Williamson Room.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ... The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper that "they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21). St. Francis is delighted to partner with the Shrine of St. Martin of Tours in two ecumenical worship services this month. Our choirs will join forces first for **Vespers at the shrine on Sunday, January 19, at 5:00 p.m.**, and then again for **Choral Evensong at St. Francis on Sunday, January 26, at 5:00 p.m.**

Men's Thursday Bible Study: N.T. Wright's *John for Everyone* ... Thursdays this spring beginning January 23 Join us starting Thursday, January 23, for Men's Thursday Bible Study! This spring, we will study *John for Everyone* by N.T. Wright, and will be led by Bob Coon and Nathan Dearen. We meet from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. each Thursday.

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.

Annual Parish Meeting and Youth Sunday ... Sunday, February 2, at 11:30 a.m. All parishioners are invited to join us for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 2, as we look back at the highlights of the previous year and look forward toward the next year at St. Francis! Please note that we will have our annual youth-led Youth Sunday service at 10 a.m. that morning. We will also have the 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. services as usual. The meeting will immediately follow 10:00 a.m. worship and will be held in Graves Hall (at approximately 11:30 a.m.). This meeting provides parishioners from all four services an opportunity to come together to spend time reflecting on the goals and direction for our parish. There will be no adult discipleship or Sunday School on this day. There will, however, be activities downstairs for the children during the annual meeting. Come see the story 2024 told at St. Francis in the Fields and what 2025 has in store!

Candlemas Procession and Choral Evensong ... Sunday, February 2, at 5:00 p.m. Sunday, February 2, marks the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the culmination of the forty-day Christmas-Epiphany season. Bring your candles to be blessed by the clergy, and we will

begin our service of Choral Evensong with a traditional Candlemas procession in the narthex. The pre-service recital will be performed by Organ Scholar Hayden Ives-Glasgow.

February Rector's Forum: Spiritual Disciplines for Daily Living ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m., February 9-March 2
Join us for a 4-week class starting February 9 in Graves Hall at 10:15 a.m. Fr. Clint will teach on ancient spiritual practices and will provide resources that will bring fresh understanding in your faith. We'll discuss patterns of prayer, how to understand and fight your own sin, and how to develop a "rule of life" that allows you to rest more in the grace of God.

YOUTH EVENTS

Middler Sunday Night Live: Minute to Win It ... Sunday, January 19, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Middle School youth, get ready for a night of excitement and connection! Join us on Sunday, January 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Vicarage, as Elise leads an action-packed evening of Minute to Win It-style games and group-building activities. We'll share a meal together, enjoy some laughter-filled challenges, and end the night with a devotion that points us to Christ. Don't miss out!

High School Dinner Out ... Sunday, January 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Join us on Sunday, January 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and faith! The High School youth will gather at the Calabrese home to enjoy a delicious meal, connect with friends, and hear a meaningful devotion that points the way to Christ. Don't miss it!

Sunday Night Live: Charades/Catch Phrase/Pictionary ... Sunday, January 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Get ready for a night of laughter and fun! Join us on Sunday, January 26, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Vicarage, for an evening of food, games, and fellowship. We'll enjoy a delicious dinner, dive into exciting games like charades, Catch Phrase, and Pictionary, and hear a meaningful devotion that points the way to Christ. Bring your energy and invite your friends!

Youth Restaurant Night ... Sunday, February 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Celebrate another amazing Youth Sunday with a night out! Join us on Sunday, February 2, at 6:00 p.m. as we head to Qdoba for dinner and then walk to Comfy Cow for dessert. We'll meet at the Vicarage and return by 7:30 p.m. Bring \$20 for your meal, and feel free to invite friends to join in the fun. Don't miss this chance to relax and celebrate with your youth group!

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