



ST. FRANCIS
IN THE FIELDS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the same worship that Anglicans have been celebrating for centuries. Our service is from The Book of Common Prayer. Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services today.

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HOLY BAPTISM AND HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE II

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Sunday, January 11, 2026 ~ 9:00 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 Aria, Op. 51

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

James Recktenwald, *trumpet*

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 381

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

TON-Y-BOTEL

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 *Afferte Domino*

Anglican chant: George M. Garrett (1834–1897)

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honor due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

*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 honor.*

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 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The children are invited to join the Children's Procession to the Chapel by following the acolyte with the silver cross.

The People stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Barbara White

HOLY BAPTISM

The Candidates 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>Eliza Brooks Nation</i> to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. I present <i>Elsie Patricia Semple</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.

The People stand. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Eliza Brooks* and *Elsie Patricia* in their lives 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 these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them 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.**

The People sit.

THE BAPTISM

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

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

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

Elsie Patricia, 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.

The People stand.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.

The People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Fountain of the Holy Spirit"

Michael Sitton (b. 1958)

In those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And it happened that when the Lord came up out of the water, the whole fountain of the Holy Spirit came down and rested on him. The Spirit said to him, "My Son, I was waiting for you in all the prophets, waiting for you to come so I could rest in you. For you are my rest; you are my first-begotten Son, who rules forever.

Words: Mark 1:9 and The Gospel of the Hebrews (alt.)

All stand as the Offering is brought to the altar.

PRESENTATION HYMN 119

As with gladness men of old (stanza 3)

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.

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

We give thanks to you, O God ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; ... 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM *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 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 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 baptized with one 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.

COMMUNION HYMN 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

CAITHNESS

The People kneel.

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.**

All stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 135 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

SALZBURG

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY Concerto in D Minor, Op. 9, No. 2
I. Allegro e non Presto

Tomaso Albinoni (1671–1751)

James Recktenwald, *trumpet*

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The Instrumental Music is given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of Eliza Brooks Nation by her parents, Elizabeth and Charles Nation.

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CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND 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 the 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 Jagggers, Don Lurding, John Reksc, Blair Louis, Jim Morgan, Mark Clark, Julian Van Winkle, Catharine Birch, and David Birch.

Pray for those in our parish who serve in the military: 2LT Baxter Argo, 1LT Brian Bongiovi, CPT Drew Borinstein, STEC4 Danilo Caldeira, MMN2 Charles Floyd, MIDN John Floyd, ENS Sam Floyd, MMN4 Calvin Gall, MAJ 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., 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: Jordan Carter, Coltrane Cheatham, Mercy Enemuo, Faith Galgalo, Noémie Haberey, and Zach Kawa.

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 Vietnam.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Allison Trotter Nation and Andrew Blythin Ward.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

8:00 *Lector and Usher:* Kennedy Simpson

9:00 *Lectors:* Reid Brown, Monica Brown
Chalice Bearers: Melissa Calabrese, Caroline Eager, Lyndee Kantor, Robert Rebecchi
Acolytes: Alejandro Brown, Maximo Brown, Mia Brown, Sarah Leonhardt

11:15 *Lectors:* Davis Tyler, Anita Streeter
Chalice Bearers: Cindi Calvert, Doug Egger, Laura Kellow
Acolytes: Luke Alsaukas, Grafton Brackett, Rory DeMasie, Leo Falk

5:00 *Lector:* Carolyn Fass

Altar Guild: Stuie Brown, Karen Crain, Bev Cresbaugh, Elizabeth Gillette, Carol Rebecchi, Carolyn Thebert

Flower Delivery: Judy Bortner, Kim Johnson

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Francis Crewneck Sweatshirts! ... Order by January 16 to receive at the Annual Parish Meeting New Year, new gear! Represent St. Francis in the Fields with a new Champion crewneck sweatshirt. The design is a timeless vintage athletic style that can be seen in scrapbook photos from the church. To order, visit Registration Events on Realm and find the event titled “SFITF Crewneck Sweatshirts – Order Now!”. Sizes are unisex and there are two weight options (lightweight at \$25 and heavyweight at \$39). IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THESE BY THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, YOU MUST ORDER NO LATER THAN JANUARY 16.

Newcomers Class ... January 11, 18, and 25, at 10:15 a.m. New to St. Francis or the Episcopal Church? Want to learn more about what we believe or ways to connect to worship and fellowship? Join us for our St. Francis Newcomers Class! This three-week class contains a little theology, a little history, and a chance to ask questions about life at St. Francis in the Fields. Anyone new, visiting, or who feels new is welcome to join us. We’ll meet in Room 201 on January 11, 18, and 25 at 10:15 a.m. Childcare is provided, and registration is not required. If you have any questions, please contact Mthr. Barbara at barbaraw@sfitf.org.

Rooted: Young Adult Ministry Small Group ... Sundays at 10:15 a.m. beginning January 11 Join us this winter for Rooted, a Young Adult Small Group specifically for those in their 20s and 30s. We’ll meet on Sundays at 10:15 a.m., January 11 through March 22 in the Williamson Room (next to the elevator). We’ll be exploring a Rule of Life—what it is, how to thoughtfully build one, and how it can grow with you through different seasons. Together, we’ll reflect on spiritual rhythms that foster intentional living, deeper faith, and sustainable practices for everyday life. Whether you’re new to the concept or looking to refine your spiritual rhythms, this group offers a welcoming space for conversation, learning, and growth. (And, as an added bonus, we’ll provide breakfast each week!)

Mahjong Monday ... Monday, January 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please come join us for Mahjong and fellowship! Men, women, beginners, and experienced players are all welcome. We will have multiple tables set up and a teacher on hand to help those still getting familiar with the game. Please bring your 2025 NMJL card(s) (spare cards will be available). We have 3 dates planned this winter (January 12, February 9, and March 9)—sign up on Realm and join us when you can!

Wreath Retirement at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery ... Saturday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m. The retirement of the wreaths at Zachary Taylor National Cemetery will occur on Saturday, January 17, beginning at 10:00 a.m. There are 11,400 wreaths spread across the cemetery that will need to be retired. Save the date if you wish to help with the wreath cleanup. Please see the latest edition of the Canticle for important instructions for participants.

Men’s Thursday Morning Bible Study ... Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. beginning January 22 Join Fr. Clint on Thursday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. starting January 22! We will be studying *Romans For Everyone, Part II*. There is no charge for the class, but registration on Realm is required. The companion book is available for purchase on Amazon.

Tuesday Bible Study: The Book of Signs – John 1-12 ... Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning January 27 The Gospel of John has captivated minds and hearts from the earliest days of the Church. It is a rich and challenging gospel that was “written that you may believe,” and which has just as much resonance today as ever. This winter, join us an exploration of the first half of this fascinating gospel during Tuesday Bible Study. Each session will include a one-hour lecture followed by optional small-group discussion. New registrations welcome! Those who participated in TBS this fall are already registered for winter 2026.

Robley Rex VA Medical Center Town Hall Meeting ... Tuesday, January 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Robley Rex Veterans Medical Center is holding a series of Town Hall meetings regarding the progress of construction of the new VA medical center. These meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27 at the UAW Local 862 (3000 Fern Valley Rd., Louisville, KY 40213).

Annual Parish Meeting and Youth Sunday ... February 1 at 10:00 a.m. On February 1, the Youth of St. Francis will take over all aspects available to lay people within our Sunday service of Holy Communion. We will have one combined service at 10:00 a.m. Come, worship together and be served by youth on this special Sunday. The Annual Parish Meeting will immediately follow 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 2025 told at St. Francis in the Fields and what 2026 has in store!

Wednesday Night Small Groups: Journey through Acts ... Wednesdays beginning February 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the earliest days of the church, a story of ordinary men and women who shook

the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Join us on Wednesday nights to follow in their footsteps. Each week will begin with a short lecture before small group discussion. Childcare is provided, and no previous Bible study or small group experience is needed. Register on Realm and contact Mthr. Barbara if you have any questions.

Rector's Forum: Virtue and Vice ... Sundays in February and March, 10:15-11:00 a.m. Beginning February 8, Fr. Clint will lead a seven-week Rector's Forum titled "Virtue and Vice: Growing in Grace through the Formation of Character." Together we'll explore how virtues and vices reveal our deepest desires—and how God uses them in the lifelong work of sanctification. Join us as we seek to live more wisely, more worthily, and with greater peace. The class runs through March 22.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Active Games ... TONIGHT, January 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m. This week at Sunday Night Youth Group, we will be moving around! After dinner and prayer, we will play games that will involve strategy, teamwork, and will get your blood pumping! Join us in the Vicarage from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Board Game Night ... Sunday, January 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m. This week at Sunday Night Youth Group, we will play some board games! Bring your favorite board game to share! After dinner and prayer, we will spread out across the Vicarage and challenge one another in various tests of skill, strategy, and luck! Join us in the Vicarage from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Youth Sunday ... February 1 at 10:00 a.m. It's that time of year! Youth Sunday is almost upon us! On February 1, the Youth of St. Francis will take over all aspects available to lay people within our Sunday service of Holy Communion. If you want to participate on this special Sunday, you **MUST** sign up and participate in some kind of training. On each of the three weeks prior to February 1, there will be training specific to each role in the liturgy. You are allowed to attend multiple trainings. Once trained, you will be able to serve in that capacity for any worship service. We will invite you to join the regular rotation of greeters/ushers/lectors/chalice bearers, just like many of you already serve as acolytes. Please look to the Youth Newsletter for the signups.

Youth Bowling ... Sunday, February 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for a night out! We will be going to a local bowling alley for two hours of bowling, dinner, and fun! Meet us at Ten Pin Strike and Spare Family Fun Center in St. Matthews from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please register on Realm by January 18. The cost is \$11 per person. Please bring additional money for dinner.

Sacraments 101: Holy Communion ... Sundays in February at 10:15 a.m. This February, High School Sunday School will continue its overview of the sacraments. In Advent, we studied baptism. Now we will study Holy Communion. What do we call it? What is it? What do the words that we say even mean? How does the Bible talk about it? These are all questions that we will take 3 weeks to break down and investigate together.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School 2026 ... Save the date for Journey with Jesus, our 2026 Vacation Bible School! This week we'll embark on an epic adventure of faith, with Jesus and his Church as our guide. Summer is just around the corner, so mark your calendars. **VBS will be June 15-19 for ages Pre-K to 5th Grade.** Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

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