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ANNUAL PARISH REPORT

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RECTOR'S REPORT

Fr. Clint Wilson, Rector of St. Francis in the Fields

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am now starting my seventh year as your rector, having marked the completion of our family move into the rectory six years ago this week, and what a joy it has been! My report here is an abbreviated version of what I will present at the Annual Meeting but let me flag just a few areas and then encourage you to read the helpful reports from our lay and clergy leaders, which tell the larger story. As we take account of the year now past and look with hope toward the future God is setting before us, my heart returns to the exhortation of the Apostle Paul to the Colossians:

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”
(Colossians 2:6-7)

This passage captures not only the spirit of the past year, but the deeper vocation unfolding before us. The Christian life is not a matter of novelty or constant reinvention. Rather, it is a life of receiving, inhabiting, and being formed by what has been handed down. “I handed onto you that which I received,” St. Paul writes, as he speaks of the living story of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15). We are called to be rooted...rooted in Christ, rooted in the faith once delivered to the saints and rooted in the sacramental and theological riches of the Church. From those roots God brings about true and lasting fruit in our lives evidenced by what the English Reformer Thomas Cranmer called a “true and lively faith.” We capture this by holding forth our mission: to make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ by drawing all generations into Worship, Formation, and Witness.



A Year of Clarifying Vision

If 2024 was a year of visible momentum, 2025 has been a year of clarification, of asking not only what we are doing, but who we are called to be. Through prayer, study, listening, and discernment, our parish has articulated a renewed and compelling vision. We will fulfill our mission by being the best place to engage deeply with the richness of Great Tradition Christianity.

This vision is not aspirational branding; it is a theological commitment. It names our conviction that the Church does not exist to mirror the surrounding culture, but to form men, women, and children in the life of Christ through Word and Sacrament, prayer and discipline, beauty and truth, doctrine and devotion. We believe that Anglicanism, when faithfully lived as a pattern of discipleship, offers a profound and hospitable home for precisely this kind of deep Christian formation.

Our strategic planning work has drawn together insights from three recent and related studies on growth, outreach, and membership integration, and has translated them into a clear, disciplined framework for the years ahead.

Our strategic plan is organized around several core commitments:

- Deepened common prayer, especially through the Daily Offices and the Eucharist
- Intentional pathways of formation, rooted in Scripture, the Creeds, the Catechism, and the spiritual practices of the Church
- Leadership development for clergy and laity alike, for the sake of the wider Church
- Sustainable growth, attentive not only to numbers, but to spiritual maturity and belonging as well
- Mission grounded locally, where worship fuels witness that is relationally embedded where we live, even as we discern future steps for global partnership

Strategy, rightly understood, is simply stewardship as we order our life together so that our energy, resources, and imagination are aligned with God's call.



Growth with Depth

God has continued to bless our parish with growth in 2025, as we welcomed **68 new members** to our parish family. For perspective, in 2019, we welcomed 41 new members; 15 in 2020; 43 in 2021; 86 in 2022; 54 in 2023; and 64 in 2024. Our **Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)** has grown to **440 in person and 37 online, totaling 477 ASA**. In this Annual Report you'll notice our ASA growth on a 10-year scale, which shows a decline at SFITF starting in 2016 and reaching a low point in 2019. Our present in-person growth represents a 65% increase since 2019. You will see other updated figures as well—membership, baptisms, financial stewardship—and I trust you will be encouraged by them. Yet I want to be clear: our aim is not growth for its own sake, but growth with depth. Along these lines, it is notable that our formation offerings are also growing across the board, as we take seriously the call to be a people formed by the Word, Sacrament, in prayer, and as those who value the life of the mind and the conversion of the soul.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Highlights



The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a tree planted by water, *“sending out its roots by the stream”* (Jeremiah 17:8). That image has stayed with me this year. A shallow-rooted church may expand quickly, but it cannot endure drought or storm. Our commitment is to be a parish deeply rooted in the Great Tradition, so that growth of any kind, be it numerical, spiritual, or generational, may be resilient and enduring.

Our worship life continues to stand at the center of everything we do. The Daily Offices, the reverent celebration of the Eucharist, the discipline of the Church Year, and the beauty of sacred music are not accessories to parish life. The Spirit of God causes us to grow along the trellis of such habits and practices, and through them, Christ forms us into his mystical Body.

Investing in the Future Church

Leadership development remains a defining mark of our parish vocation. Through programs like the Louisville Fellows, our organ scholar(s), youth & children's ministries, and vocational discernment among parishioners, we are investing not only in our own future, but in the future of the wider Church. In a time of real scarcity of clergy and trained lay leaders, this work is both urgent and hopeful. We currently have three persons in the ordination process and pray for God to raise up more lay and ordained leaders for the Church.

Our financial stewardship—including pledges, endowment growth, and facility improvements—reflects a community willing to think long-term. These resources enable us to pursue our vision with confidence, ensuring that this parish remains a place of stability, depth, and generosity for generations to come. In terms of our budget, we have 337 pledging households, 28 new pledges, and 194 pledgers increased their pledge from 2025, representing a 17% increase. Our budget has grown from \$1,357,000 in 2015 to \$2,585,000 in 2026. Our increase this year is fueled by your generosity as 2026 pledges have risen from \$1,965,000 in 2025 to \$2,205,000. You can learn more about our overall budget—including non-pledged gifts, restricted funds, and financial standing—via the financial addendum QR code below. We do not include this data in the Annual Report because we want to be comprehensive and transparent, so you will notice the financial addendum is robust, and would more than double the length of this document!



Financial Addendum

A Community of Care and Mission

Alongside worship and formation, the quiet faithfulness of pastoral care continues to reveal the heart of this parish. Cards written, visits made, prayers offered, meals delivered—much of the Christlike work among us happens far from the spotlight. It is holy ground in addition to being the training ground for our own conversion. You love each other so well, which is one of the greatest joys for me to see on a daily basis.

Our mission partnerships and emerging outreach initiatives likewise reflect a parish that understands tradition not as retreat, but as a launching pad for love of neighbor. The Church most deeply rooted in Christ is also the Church most free to serve. We are reaching out to young adults, local military and veterans, refugees, imprisoned women and their children, the homeless, those who die without a place for their body to lay at rest, and so many more. In several of these ministries we are only just getting started—may God bless these efforts! May we always remember that we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist so that we might also be broken and poured out for others.

Gratitude and Hope

I especially want to express gratitude for Caroline Eager and Mthr. Barbara White, whose faithfulness in our senior leadership team is a great support and encouragement to me. Our team works incredibly hard, and God uses our efforts in mighty ways. Moreover, Andrew Booker and Matt Price served as our wardens this year, and their support has proved invaluable. The Psalmist declares, *“One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power”* (Psalm 145:4). This is my hope and prayer for our life together: that what we are building now—through prayer, planning, worship, and generosity—will serve not only us, but those who come after us.

As always, behind every statistic are stories: stories of conversion and recommitment, of grief and consolation, of children and adults baptized, friends and family commended to God in burial, and lives quietly shaped by grace. These are the true measures of our common life.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your trust, and your love for this parish. It is an incredible joy to serve among you as, together, we seek to be rooted in Christ and built up in his Church.

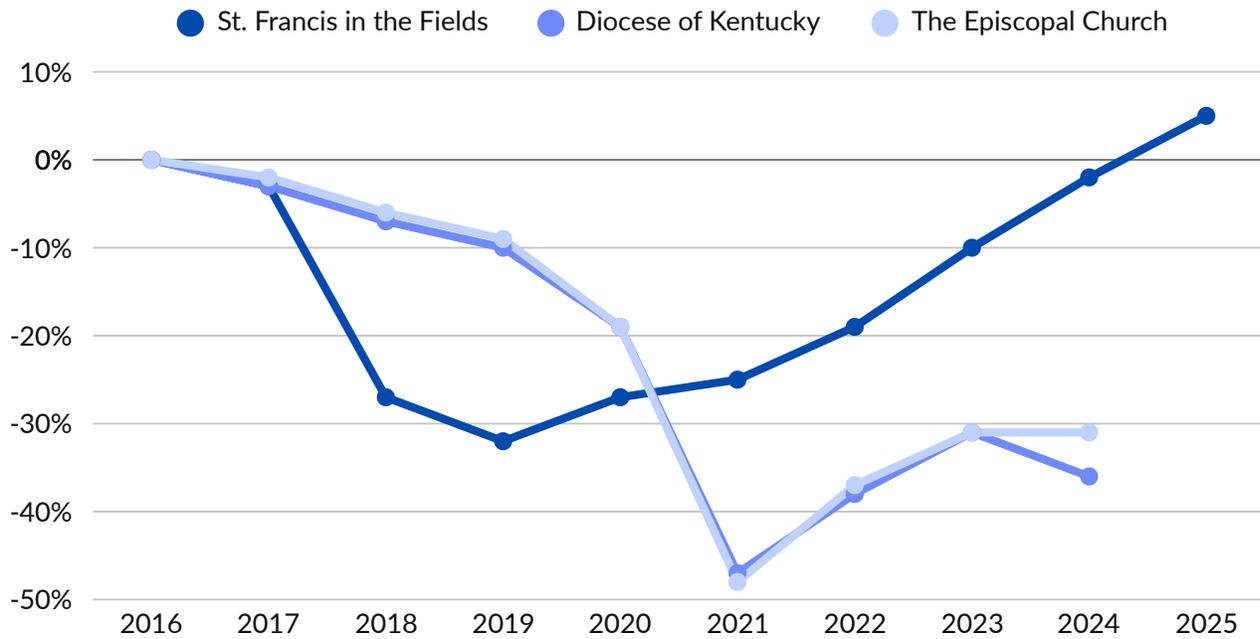
Your Fellow Unfinished Disciple,

Fr. Clint Wilson

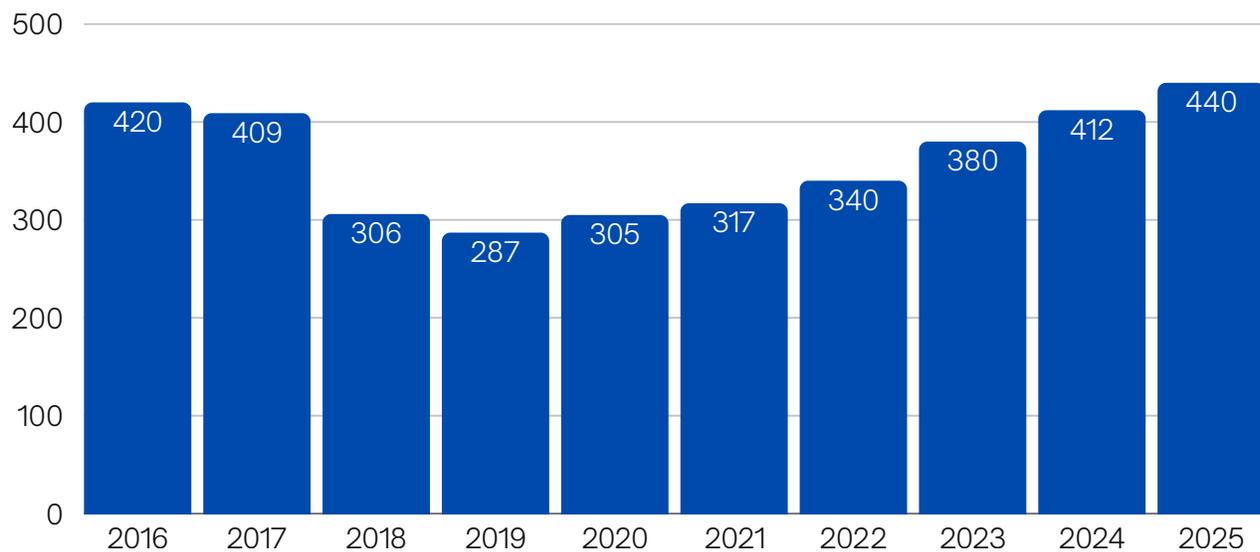


GROWTH TRENDS

St. Francis in the Fields Average Sunday Attendance Cumulative Percentage Change, 2015-2024



St. Francis in the Fields Average Sunday Attendance Annual Average, 2016-2025



2025 PARISH STATISTICS



7
births



10
deaths



13
baptisms



41
confirmations*



68
new members



337
pledging families

*25 confirmed adults
4 reaffirmed adults
2 received adults
10 confirmed youth

2025 PROGRAM NUMBERS

	Average Weekly Attendance	Total Number Attending
 Tuesday Bible Study	69	1,646
 Rector's Forum	90	2,517
 Food for Thought	66	465
 Wednesday Night Small Groups	35	354
 Men's Thursday Bible Study	21	435
 Alpha	20	235
 Children's Chapel	21	1,109

SPECIAL EVENTS

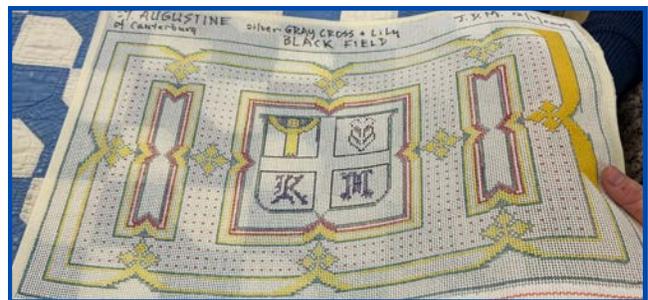
 <i>The Living Church Conference</i>	 Harvest Festival	 All Hallows Eve	 Friendsgiving
116	140	90	135

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Andrew Booker, Senior Warden of the Vestry

I cannot believe just how quickly time passes us by! A little over three years ago, I received a phone call from Tim Root asking if he could nominate me to serve on the Vestry and in the snap of a finger, it's concluded! We have had a very busy last three years, particularly in 2025: the Vestry passed the Strategic Plan, which sets our parish's vision for the future and provides us with a roadmap to get there; we have experienced tremendous growth with new families coming to church nearly every Sunday; our buildings and grounds have seen a revitalization with many areas receiving long overdue TLC; Julie Chapman joined our staff as the new Parish Accountant and Elizabeth Girardy as Office Manager; and Nathan Dearen became our new Youth Director. Probably most importantly, though, is the incredible growth in our Children's Ministry area: I am simply amazed at the number of children who process to the chapel each Sunday, during both the 9:00 and 11:15 services. As parents, we are all blessed to have a Children's Ministry that is making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ by drawing ALL GENERATIONS into worship, formation, and witness!

We have so much to be thankful for, and praise God for the many blessings we have received! While a lot has been accomplished, much lies ahead: a new Children's Ministry Director; the prospect of a preschool sooner than later; sewers; and the potential for a capital campaign that will reshape our campus and ministries and prepare us to serve the Lord for decades to come. None of these things is accomplished though through just committees, Wardens, the Vestry, staff, or clergy; it will be a gargantuan parish-wide effort.



It has truly been an honor to serve on the Vestry and as a warden. I would like to thank Father Clint and Mother Barbara for their leadership, vision, and pastoral guidance. Additionally, I would like to thank Caroline Eager, who has done an amazing job in her role as Director of Administration and Finance. She has raised the level of professionalism, organization, and preparedness in our office and amongst the staff, setting a new standard for her position.

2026 VESTRY SLATE



Justin Leighty was confirmed at St. Francis in the Fields in 2025 and has been attending since 2023. A former Baptist, he attended seminary and served as an Elder. He was part of the choir at St. Francis from 2023 to the Spring of 2025. Justin has served on the Endowment Committee (Legacy Committee) since 2023, the Residency Program Discernment Group since 2024, and served on the Youth Pastor Search Committee in 2025. He was also a presenter for Food for Thought in the fall of 2025. Justin is married to Chris, and they have four children: Thomas, Caroline, Camille, and Catherine. They attend the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services.



Claire Mulloy was confirmed at St. Francis in the Fields in 2022. She has been on the Parish Life Committee since 2023 and is currently part of the Guest Engagement Team. Claire is married to Joseph, and they have two children: Patrick and Anna Claire. They attend the 9:00 am service.



Richmond Simpson has been a member of St. Francis in the Fields since he was born and was confirmed in 1972. He served on the Outreach Committee for several years in the 1980s, as a Sunday School teacher in the early 2000s, and was EMC Chair in 2002. Richmond served on the 1994-1995 Capital Campaign Committee and formerly served on the Vestry as Clerk from 2002 to 2005. Currently, he is a part of the Member Integration Team and serves on the Altar Guild. Richmond and his wife, Susan attend the 9:00 am service. They have three grown children: Storey O'Barr (David); Blair Bell (Dustin); and Maclin Simpson (Morgan); and 6 grandchildren.



Amy Spears has been at St. Francis in the Fields since she attended kindergarten at the original St. Francis School. She was confirmed in 1960. Amy taught 1st Grade Sunday School, served on the Outreach Committee, and has been part of the Martin Courtyard Team for over 10 years. Currently, Amy is part of the Needlepoint Guild and is a regular attendee of Tuesday Bible Study. She has been on the Altar Guild for five years and is on the St. Joseph Burial Ministry Committee. She is married to Lew Spears. They have three grown children: Powell Spears (Jessica), Amy Lavin (Kevin); and George Spears (Elizabeth) and 7 grandchildren. They attend the 9 am service.



Maida Wood is a lifelong Episcopalian. She was confirmed at St. Andrew's Episcopal and joined St. Francis in the Fields in high school. She has regularly attended Tuesday Bible Study since 2005. She formerly served on the Vestry from 2005 to 2008 and has been on the Altar Guild since 2001. She was part of the Prayer Team from 2020 to 2024. Maida has been a member of the Daughters of the King since its inception at St. Francis in the Fields. She has two children, Clarke Wood (Gretchen) and Amy Harwell (Raleigh) and four grandchildren. She attends the 9:00 am service, but can always be found at the altar before and after all services!

SACRED MUSIC

Dr. Kirk Rich, Director of Music

2025 was a vibrant and rewarding year for music at St. Francis in the Fields. New artistic partnerships included a sold-out performance of J. S. Bach's *St. John Passion* with the Louisville Master Chorale, featuring the St. Francis Parish Choir and our choral scholars as soloists. We also deepened community life through "gastro-musical" events such as *Brunch and Broadway* and *Joie de Musique*, a French dinner and silent auction that supported the choir's first overseas pilgrimage. That ten-day journey brought singers, parishioners, and guests from across the country to Paris for a concert and service at the American Cathedral, and culminated in a weeklong residency at Lincoln Cathedral in the United Kingdom.

This fall we graduated our first organ scholars, Hayden Ives-Glasgow and Daniel Grotz, and strengthened our partnership with Indiana University through the appointment of Maria Cusick as organ scholar and Dr. Jeffrey Smith as Artist-in-Residence. The Parish Choir expanded and diversified its ranks with new students from IU, U of L, and UK, and premiered a new anthem by David Hurd for the parish's 80th anniversary. Our Schola enjoyed growing audiences for *Messiah* with the Chamber Orchestra of Louisville and *Judas Maccabaeus* with The Temple. Educational and formation initiatives also flourished, including the *Sound and Spirit* Sunday School lecture series and the *Joyful Noise Singing School*, now serving approximately 12 children each week. We were also blessed to add Kim Rice as our Music Events Coordinator, and appreciate her organizing a beautiful reception after *Messiah*. Looking ahead to 2026, we plan to launch *Friends of Music*, a donor-supported initiative designed to enhance liturgical music.



COMMUNICATIONS

Karen Enderle, Communications Manager

We've had another very productive year in Communications, with our social media presence continuing to evolve and our print and digital media expanding to meet the needs of our blossoming parish family. We saw growth in every area, meaning more eyes and ears than ever before are experiencing what it means to be St. Francis. Our vision for 2026 is one in which our digital reach is furthered through an enhanced digital marketing campaign, search engine optimization (SEO), and a potential website overhaul.

198

new Facebook
followers
(up 36.6%)

10.2K

Instagram
page reach
(up 86.6%)

88

new YouTube
subscribers
(up 47%)

24.5K

Facebook
page visits
(up 21.1%)

76.9K

Instagram
content
views

1.5K

YouTube
hours watched
(up 6%)

9.7K

Facebook
content
interactions
(up 25.5%)

121

new
Instagram
followers

8.1K

YouTube
views
(up 9%)

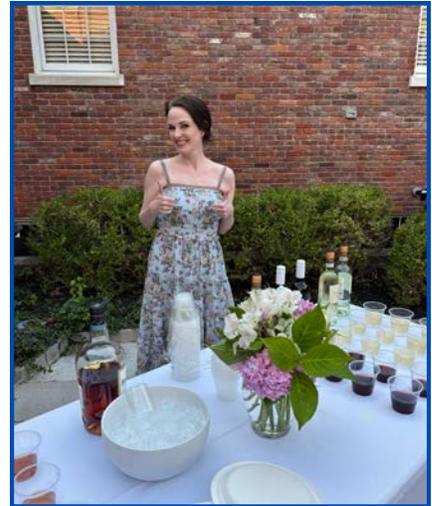
FORMATION

Mthr. Barbara White, Senior Associate Rector

Formation is central to our mission of making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ. At St. Francis in the Fields, we believe people of all ages are shaped through robust formation grounded in Scripture and the core teachings of the Christian faith.

Throughout the year, St. Francis offered a wide range of formation opportunities, including:

- **In the Beauty of Holiness and Sacraments 101** – Classes designed to help adults and youth better understand what takes place in Sunday worship
- **Weekly Bible studies on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**, covering Genesis, James, Exodus, Romans, Mark, and other books of Scripture
- **Narnia Book Club** – A joyful and imaginative way for elementary-aged children to learn the story of salvation through Anglican literature
- **Sunday Rector's Forums** exploring Great Tradition Christianity, Paul's Letters to the Corinthians, and the richness of Anglican hymnody
- **Alpha** – An introduction to Christianity for seekers and those unfamiliar with the faith



Formation Participation in 2025

This year's formation programs engaged parishioners across all ages and stages of faith:

95

children enrolled in Sunday School

10

youth completed 8th Grade Confirmation

36

adults participated in the St. Francis Catechumenate

90

people on average attended Rector's Forum each week

12

children enrolled in the Joyful Noise Singing School

10

children on average participated in Kids Cooking Club

100+

people enrolled in Tuesday Bible Study

45

children attended Vacation Bible School

PATH TO BELONGING

THE ST. FRANCIS WELCOMING MINISTRY

Mthr. Barbara White, Senior Associate Rector



This year, we worked intentionally to make welcoming strangers a core part of every aspect of life at St. Francis. Central to this effort was the launch of Path to Belonging: The St. Francis Welcoming Ministry, a key initiative within the St. Francis Strategic Plan.

Path to Belonging brings together the previously separate greeter, usher, newcomers formation, and member integration teams under one umbrella, creating a more intentional and streamlined path from first-time visitor to committed member.

During the past year, we:

- Launched a new **Guest Engagement Team**, complete with a handbook and training designed to equip volunteers to make meaningful connections on Sunday mornings
- Completely overhauled the **Welcome Table** and its materials to better serve guests and newcomers
- Held four rounds of **Newcomers Classes**, offering repeat visitors and guests space to ask questions and learn more about life at St. Francis
- Hosted a **Connect and Serve Fair** to help both new and longtime members discover opportunities for involvement
- Received, logged, and followed up on **30 Connect Cards**, ensuring personal and timely engagement

These efforts have borne great fruit. This year, we welcomed a number of new families and individuals into the life of the parish, including:

- **68 new members**
- **31 adults** who were Confirmed, Reaffirmed, and Received in May
- An average of **20 people** attending quarterly Newcomers Lunches

As always, our greatest asset in welcoming others is the warm and generous spirit of our people.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mthr. Jennifer Grady, Director of Children's Ministry

We had a wonderful year in Children's Ministry! Crossroads is going great and we enjoyed having Kid Cooking Club this past year. In April, we had a wonderful Easter season, despite it falling on Spring Break. We hid over **1,200 Easter eggs** and were delighted to welcome about **100 people for the Easter Egg Hunt**. We had a wonderful Easter Sunday. We many children join us in Children's Chapel on Easter at the 9:00 and 11:15 services.

In June, we geared up for a fantastic summer that included a week-long Vacation Bible School where we had **45 children** attend and nearly **35 volunteers**. In August, we also hosted our annual Build-a-Bed project, where we made **30 beds** and **30 bags of bedding** for children in our community. We started a new offering, the Narnia Book Club, which has been a big hit, and we are reading through *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

We had a lovely St. Francis Day celebration, a lively Advent Fair, and a fun and festive St. Nicholas celebration in December. We had a very robust Nativity Pageant this past Christmas, with over **76 children** participating, and many hands behind the scenes. We also hosted a mitten tree during the Christmas season and were able to donate pairs of mittens to people in need in our community. We are so blessed to have enjoyed such a wonderful year and we look forward to 2026!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Dcn. Nathan Dearen, Associate Rector for Youth Ministry

In 2025, the Youth of St. Francis entered a brand-new chapter of ministry. Raleigh Langley retired after an unprecedented 35 years with the Youth. In his last months, the Youth had a moving retreat at All Saints, saw **10 confirmed**, and traveled to the **Dominican Republic** for another mission. In August, many current and former youth gathered to celebrate Raleigh's ministry. In the fall of 2025, we called Deacon Nathan Dearen to lead and serve our youth. Dcn. Nathan brings with him a vision for youth ministry that believes youth are an integral part of the church, both locally and historically. He is excited to imagine, along with our youth, what a Great Tradition Youth Ministry could look like.

Since the fall, our Youth have been formed by a weekly pattern of Sunday School, Sunday Night Youth Group, and Wednesday Night Bible Study. Here are a few highlights: **Middle School Sunday School** has been working their way through the bible from start to finish. **High Schoolers** have had classes on Christ's authority as king, the Sacraments, and sit in on Rector's Forum from time to time. On **Sunday Nights**, we have dinner together. We then pray together in the chapel using the forms of the BCP. Of course, we still make time for fun and games! On **Wednesday Nights**, we have paired up with the adult small groups, drawing a closer link between the Youth and the wider parish. In November, we traveled to All Saints for a retreat all about prayer in our everyday life called *Ora et Labora*. In 2026, we have another Lenten (spring) Retreat lined up. We anticipate another solid **Confirmation class**. In the summer, our High Schoolers will be traveling to Connecticut for the **Saint Michael's Conference**, a one-week Anglican summer camp. We believe that by exposing our youth to the beauty of holiness, they will inhabit virtues that serve them for a lifetime.

LOUISVILLE FELLOWS

Theresa Wilson, Director of the Louisville Bridge Fellows Program

The Louisville Fellows Program provides leadership, career, and spiritual development for recent college and trade school graduates, forming them as marketplace and ministry leaders committed to enriching our city. In 2025, we graduated our second class of Fellows, bringing our **alumni base to eight young adults**, with **five pursuing careers in Louisville**. Our 2025/26 class is fully engaged with their employers, our program curriculum, and St. Francis through volunteer work and our Young Adult Ministry.

Program support has grown to nearly **125 volunteers and financial sponsors** from St. Francis, providing family hosting, professional and spiritual mentorship, leadership programming, and ongoing career and job placement support. Enthusiasm across the wider Kentuckiana community has expanded with repeat employment by **Family Scholar House, Home of the Innocents, and The Parklands** where a grant specific to Fellows' employment has been established. New employers in 2025 included **Boys & Girls Club, Collegiate, Spalding University, and Unified Technologies**. In addition, Rotary and other business leadership programs engaged Program Director Theresa Wilson to speak, raising the potential for future involvement among their membership.

Program costs are covered by Fellows' tuition and donations. Each year, we raise scholarship funds to help those who cannot afford to pay full tuition, as well as funds to cover pricing increases. We are happy to report success in meeting our 2025 goals, driven by the generosity of St. Francis members as well as a year-over-year increase in gifts from the wider Louisville community. We are deeply grateful for this continued support.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Dean Wilkinson, Chair

Caroline Eager, Staff Liaison



Buildings and Grounds had particularly busy year in 2025! Here is a recap of some of the projects that took place:

- Obtained bids for the **Historic Brick Renovation Project**; received a gift to cover the costs of the project (Project launch: Spring 2026)
- Obtained bids to **resurface all paved areas and install new curbs**; received a gift to cover the costs of the project (Project launch: Late Spring 2026)
- Installed **new flooring** in the Vicarage and Staff Office, Copy Room, and AED (First Aid) Room with a gift from a donor
- Completed the renovation of the **Martin Courtyard**
- **Replaced the beech tree** that we lost in the summer of 2025
- Completed extensive **landscaping work in the Memorial Garden** area
- **New landscaping at the Rectory**
- Initiated regular, scheduled **cleaning of all carpets** in the building
- Initiated regular, scheduled **deep cleaning of our commercial kitchen** (3 times/year)
- Hired a **professional cleaning company** for the church
- Finished bid process with the Department of Homeland Security; ready to receive **\$144,000+ grant**, enabling us to **enhance safety and security of our campus**, including new exterior pole lighting, new exterior coach lamps, new and improved access control systems for all doors/entrances, new building security system (alarm and surveillance/CCTV), an Emergency mass notification system, an emergency standby generator for essential areas, and more
- Added 24 **pew torches** to the Nave for special services, all in memory or honor of loved ones
- Updated our **fire alarm system** and **elevator emergency phone system** to Starlink
- Repaired the **Boy Scout Shed**; new roof and flooring
- Repairs and replacements of numerous **gutters**, both for the church and the Rectory
- Numerous **repairs and replacements** to maintain our beautiful 80-year-old campus!

With much planned in the near- and long-term future, including plans to partially restore the original **Olmsted Tree Landscape Plan**, we are grateful to God and to the many hands who have helped us both financially and logistically this year.

MISSIONS (FORMERLY OUTREACH)

Sam Ellington, Chair

This year we prayerfully guided and focused the parish's mission and outreach ministries by clarifying its purpose, supporting new initiatives, and deepening a shared understanding of mission as essentially relational and local.

The Outreach Committee was renamed as the **Mission Steering Committee**, which exists to resource and strengthen the mission and outreach ministries of our parish. We prayerfully discern and make decisions about mission funding, collaboratively consider requests for support, and provide leadership that raises awareness and engagement in our shared call to serve.



Key ministries launched and grew, including a **Military and Veterans Ministry** that honored service members and supported veterans through cemetery observances, book and food drives, Christmas outreach, and ongoing correspondence; a successful launch of **Alpha** as a welcoming evangelistic outreach engaging members and newcomers and laying groundwork for future offerings; growing **Young Adults** and the launch of our **Anglican Communion Partners** ministries focused on formation, service, and global connection (especially in support of Laura and Christopher Wells); and tangible expressions of care through the **St. Joseph of Arimathea Burial Ministry**, **Build-A-Bed**, refugee engagement with **Kentucky Refugee Ministries**, prison visitation through **Aunt Mary's Storybook**, partnership with **Cabbage Patch** in Louisville, and expanding partnerships with **local schools and community organizations**.

Throughout the year, the committee reaffirmed our commitment to relationally embedded mission, engaging in reflection on healthy outreach practices, empowerment, and sustainable partnerships, while exploring new opportunities for collaboration, parish involvement, and future mission initiatives that equip the congregation to serve generously and faithfully. We celebrated our relationship with the Dominican Republic Mission, and we continue a season of transition as we discern future global opportunities of service and witness.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Lyndee Kantor, President

The Daughters of the King at St. Francis has a wonderful group of women who are dedicated to our rules of The Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. By living out our lives by these rules, we display Evangelism to others.

We have several ministry committees which serve not only our parish but also our community. We serve our parish with the **Ice Cream Social on Shrove Tuesday**, stuffing Easter eggs for the **Easter Egg Hunt**, and helping with organizing volunteers to do the floral arrangements in the Nave for **Easter morning services**, to name a few. We have served the community this past year by donating books to the **Oldham County Women's Prison**; donating clothing to **Sanctuary of Sisters (S.O.S.)**, a local organization in Louisville which provides a safe place for women in need; and "**adopting**" a **homeless female veteran** at Christmas by providing money to buy needed clothing.

We pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the spiritual growth of our parish, and we aspire to minister to God's people wherever we are.



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Doug Egger, Chair



The St. Francis chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which meets regularly on Saturday mornings for breakfast and Bible Study, continued its ministry of fellowship and service to the community with vigorous outreach opportunities undertaken throughout the year.

The chapter continued its active support of its many outreach ministries during the year, including the **quarterly Churchill Downs backside feeding ministry**, serving dinner to the women of St. Francis in the Fields on the **Feast of the Epiphany**, full coordination and manpower necessary to run the **23rd Annual Mission Driven Car Show**, the **Feast of St. Andrew ceremony** (held at St. Luke's in 2025), active participation and support of the **Build-a-Bed initiative**, and numerous volunteer projects that arise within the church throughout the year in support of scheduled and special events.

MISSION DRIVEN CAR SHOW

Paul Deaver, Chair



As usual, the 23rd Annual Mission Driven Car show on September 27 was blessed with the clear weather we prayed for. This prayer tradition begins months ahead and God always comes through.

Our faithful and generous congregation again made this show successful with time, talents and financial support. We had **over 60 Victory Lane Sponsors**, and for the fifth consecutive year, a **Title Sponsorship from L&N Federal Credit Union** (thanks again to Tim Root). Many thanks also to our other corporate sponsors. Many of the **over 220 exhibitors** were complimentary as usual of our friendly, helpful and welcoming volunteers. Thanks to all of our many parishioners who contributed funds and labor. I was grateful again this year for the advice and assistance of Bill Receveur, without whom the show wouldn't be what it is.

Proceeds of this year's show, while somewhat off the prior year, are slated solely for Outreach Missions as always. None of this is possible without your generosity and commitment to mission. God bless you all.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Kate Boyer and Nancy Tafel, Co-Chairs

Now in its fifth year, Food for Thought is a monthly series taking place during the academic year which offers a presentation by a guest speaker on a variety of topics including history, art, sports, philanthropy, the environment, religion, and more.

The spring session of 2025 featured speakers **Mary Berry**, Executive Director of the Berry Center, on continuing her father Wendell Berry's legacy of agrarian work; the **Rev. Georgine Buckwalter** on the challenges of living with a loved one with Alzheimer's, along with helpful advice; and **Randy Hoffacker**, an international golf course designer who oversaw the renovation of Valhalla, leading to the course being chosen for a PGA championship.

After the summer break, the fall opened with **Doug Keeney** discussing his book *The Eleventh Hour*, about the secret meeting between Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt that decided D-Day, and continued with **Justin Leighty**, Executive Director of the Baptist Health Foundation Greater Louisville, on "A Christian Vision of Generosity and Stewardship." **Jessica Dawkins**, CEO of Historic Locust Grove, shared pictures and stories of the c. 1790 final home of Louisville's founder, George Rogers Clark.

Attendees have been enthusiastic about FFT's diverse subjects. We have also been delighted to welcome some of our own members as guest speakers which this past year, including Randy, Doug, and Justin.

PASTORAL CARE

Kathy Foster, Elizabeth Gillette, and Marianne Reutlinger, Co-Coordinator

Our statistics tell the story of much of what has been happening in Pastoral Care. In addition, we would like to highlight two new initiatives.

In order for Pastoral Care to support emotional and mental well being, our new Pastoral Care Pamphlet now includes a QR code (also included to the right) with counseling resources for you to consider when needed. Find encouragement in life's challenges and allow your challenges to become a blessing as you grow in Christ.



Mental Health Resources

Another new initiative, *Just Lunch*, is an opportunity for members to experience fellowship together and deepen friendships outside of our church facility. Monthly ladies' luncheons at nearby restaurants offer a relaxing venue for connection. Check your *Canticle* for dates and RSVP to attend!



505

clergy visits
and calls



338

lay visits and
calls



74

altar flowers
delivered



648

cards
mailed



42

calls to offer
meals



12

prayer blankets
distributed



26

holding crosses
delivered



77

grief books
mailed



38

grief book
recipients



22

Valentine's
gifts



44

Easter
lilies



648

Christmas
poinsettias

CLERGY AND STAFF



The Rev. Clint Wilson

Rector



The Rev. Barbara White

Senior Associate Rector



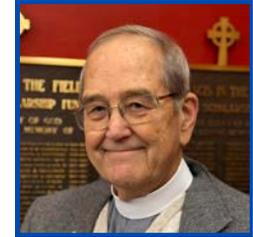
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