

O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER.

— LUKE 18:13 —

Bulletin for October 26, 2025

Celebrants: Saturday 4:30pm: Fr. Shayne

Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am: Fr. Shayne

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St. Frances of Rome Catholic Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

Sunday-8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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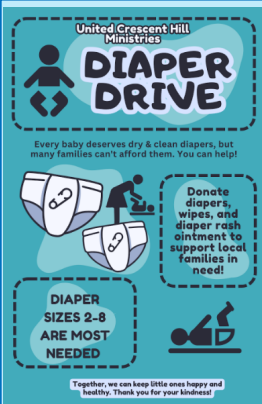
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Now is the time to make plans to attend the annual Friendsgiving celebration on Thursday, November 20. We will once again gather in the reception hall to share delicious fried chicken, green beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, and cookies while celebrating the St. Frances of Rome community and the friendship we find here.

You can reserve your spot by calling the parish office at 502-896-8401. If you leave a message, please include your name, the number in your party, and a phone number. If you also want to volunteer to set up, serve, or clean up at this event, let us know that too!

RSVPs are due by Friday, November 14. The meal is free, but we will be collecting monetary donations as well as nonperishable items to support the food pantry at United Crescent Hill Ministries.



October Collection for United Crescent Hill Ministries

In the most recent newsletter from United Crescent Hill Ministries, they noted a pressing need for diapers (sizes 2-8 are most requested), baby wipes, and diaper rash ointment to provide for our neighbors.

When you go shopping this week, please consider picking up one or more of these items so that we can support families who live in our neighborhood. You can drop off items in the basket on the right side of the church gathering area.

Donut Sunday this Sunday—October 26

Don't forget to join us after the Sunday Masses in the Clifton School Reception Hall for donuts, refreshments and some fellowship with our favorite Coordinator of

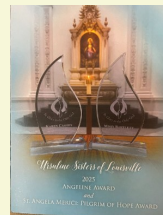


Faith Formation and Parish Life, Sharon Bidwell, as she prepares to take on her new role at St. William Parish.



Master Catechist and Teacher Receives Award from Ursulines

St. Frances of Rome parishioner and Sacred Heart Academy teacher, Missy Bartlett, received the *St. Angela Merici: Pilgrim of Hope Award* on Sunday, October 19. The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville honored this master catechist for her many years of forming students at Sacred Heart and for her legacy of developing courses at the academy focusing on the charism of the Ursuline sisters and the spirituality of St. Angela Merici.



For many years, Missy has worked to ensure that the gifts that the Ursuline sisters have offered to the Louisville community through education and service will continue to live on in the curriculum offered by Sacred Heart Schools.

Room in the Inn Louisville

**ROOM IN THE INN
LOUISVILLE**



St. Frances of Rome parishioners are invited to participate once again in serving our sisters and brothers experiencing homelessness in the coldest months of the year. Room in the Inn (RITI) Louisville will have two shelter sites for January and February 2026—one for women and children and one for men.

You are invited to attend a planning meeting at St. Frances of Rome on Tuesday, October 28 beginning at 6pm in the parish house. Here you will learn more about how you can support this important ministry.

The first season of RITI Louisville provided overnight shelter for more than 450 women and children from January 8 to February 28, 2025, at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral. The success of this pilot program reflects the dedication of the Cathedral, Uniting Partners (UP) for Women and Children, and 17 partner congregations to address homelessness by expanding access to shelter during the coldest months.

The program is modeled on Nashville's pioneering Room in the Inn program, which was started by Fr. Charles Strobel, pastor of Holy Name Catholic Church. During a particularly cold winter night in 1985, Fr. Strobel opened the church to several unhoused neighbors sleeping nearby in their cars. Nashville's Room in the Inn's model has spread to over 100+ congregations and has successfully been replicated in 36 other cities, including Bardstown, Lexington, and Bowling Green, KY.

Animated by that spirit, RITI Louisville will be adding a second site for its upcoming 2026 season at Grace Immanuel United Church of Christ in the Butchertown neighborhood. At both sites, RITI will shelter up to 15 of our unhoused neighbors each night. RITI will partner again with UP for screening and intake of female guests, while a new partnership with St. John Center will enable us to serve male guests this year at our new site.

Both shelters will be staffed between 5pm and 7am by volunteers who are trained and scheduled by RITI. At least two volunteers, always, will assist in welcoming guests, serving dinner and breakfast, ensuring that the evening's program proceeds smoothly, that everyone makes it to bed and wakes up on time, and cleaning up after guest departure.

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/
Lk 13:31-35

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

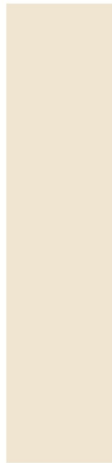
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;
his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
(Lk 18:14)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Friday:	All Hallow's Eve
Saturday:	All Saints
Next Sunday:	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends



Devotions, *Explained!*

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one's guardian angel. Its exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.

Prayer of Praise

Dear God,
As we look to the week ahead,
help us to remember that You will
accompany us at every moment
— You who greet us with mercy
anew every morning, and grace in
abundance each night.
Amen.

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance... and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

- Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Sirach teaches us that God cares deeply about our desire for justice. Can you think of a time when you fought against an unjust situation?

Second Reading:

As Paul nears the end of his life, he shares with Timothy how he fought hard for the faith, ever grateful for the Lord's support. As you look back on your life, can you see where God has been present?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the crowds about the importance of humility. Does humility come to you naturally or do you have to work at it?



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To reach a staff member at St. Frances of Rome, you may call the parish office directly at (502) 896-8401 and leave a voicemail. For a sacramental emergency, please call our hotline at (502) 899-9687. You may also reach us via email by using our first initial and last name:
Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall = sduvall@htparish.org.



Phone List

- Parish Office 502-896-8401
- Our Emergency Line 502-899-9687 (For those in need of Anointing of the Sick, or Last Rites)
- Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall, Pastor 502-897-5207 x1100
- Rev. Fr. Steven Henriksen, Assoc. Pastor 502-896-8401
- Bruce Hines, Business Manager 502-897-5207 x1103
- Steve King, Director of Facilities and Operations 502-896-8401 SFR/ or 502-897-5207 x1120 HT
- Sharon Bidwell, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Parish Life 502-896-8401
- Elizabeth Jackson, Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy 502-897-5207 x1107
- Allison Deaton, Director of Finance and Human Resources 502-897-5207 x1116
- Jill Greer, Finance Admin. Assistant 502-897-5207 x1109

St. Frances of Rome Parish Council

Rev. Fr. Shayne Duvall, Pastor

Open Position –Chair

Bill Benoit –Finance Chair

- Anne Hogan
- Kathy Leonard
- Marnie McAllister
- Matt Brotzge
- John O'Brien
- Paul Ostertag
- Phyllis Clay

The St. Frances Parish Council meets on a bi-monthly basis. The Council has discussed ways to improve communication with parishioners and others interested in joining our community.

If you have thoughts or comments to share, please email them to either Father Shayne sduvall@htparish.org.

Collection 10/19/2025 \$8,445

Loose Collections \$384

Online giving \$820

Amount Needed Weekly:\$8,154

Amount Over or (**Under**) YTD: \$9,634

Text Donations

You can now donate to our parish using text messaging! You can use the following phone number to make a donation. Just text "**Give**" to 502-743-4434. It's super easy, and much appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the Week and 2025 Prayer List

Saturday, October 25

4:30PM Steve Leonard ✝

Sunday, October 26

8:30AM Robert Litsey ✝

10:30AM Honaker Family

Weekday Mass Intentions will now be added to Holy Trinity's daily Mass Intentions while our Daily Masses are temporarily suspended at SFR. The following M-F dates and times are at Holy Trinity.

Monday, October 27

Jane H. Brown ✝

Saturday, November 1

4:30PM Robert Litsey ✝

Sunday, November 2

8:30AM Larry Litsey ✝

10:30AM Honaker Family

Ann Burton
Scott Dinsmore
Patricia Elliott
Mary Elmore
Katie Evers
Alberta Fenimore
Judy Theobald Fitzhugh
Allie & Masey Goatley
Michelle Hagan
Betsy Hilinksi
Joseph Hohmann
Rita Hohmann
Michael McGuire
Ann Browning Mayer
Lynne McKnight
Anne McMahon
Ann Mary Mehling
Joyce Mitchell

Toni Mullins
Barbara Ogden
Nancy Ostertag
Susan Rappa
William Rawlings
Raleigh Ridge
Ed Schoenbaechler
Garland Sharpe
Carole Sheehan
Judy Thornberry
Linda Waddell
Katheryn Watkins
Jean Watson
Gerard White
Leora Williams
Patty Williamson
Arthur Woolery

Please Pray for the Repose of Their Souls...

- Patrick Despeaux
- Raleigh Ridge



Our Celebrants

- 4:30p Saturday, November 1 – Fr. Steven
- 8:30a Sunday, November 2 – Fr. Jerry Eifler
- 10:30a Sunday, November 2 –Fr. Ron Knott
- 4:30p Saturday, November 8 – Fr. Shayne
- 8:30a Sunday, November 9 – Fr. Shayne
- 10:30a Sunday, November 9 –Fr. Shayne