



Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday at 5:05 pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9 am & 11:15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Confession)

By Appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Congratulations! Please call the office at least 4 months before your planned wedding date.

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?

Please contact Deacon Bob at 523-7931

Kroger Community Rewards

St. John XXIII is now registered with Kroger Community Rewards! Just register your Kroger card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and indicate that you would like Kroger to donate to our organization. St. John XXIII has been assigned the NPO #AE054. If you have any trouble signing up, please call our office!

Pray with Us-Celebrate With Us

We are live-streaming our weekend 11:15 am Mass on our Facebook Group. Just look for "Saint John XXIII Catholic Center at UTK." There are also great resources on the USCCB website, the Diocese of Knoxville website, and Paulist.org/WatchMass. Be sure we have your email address so you can get information about our Zoom meetings as well for more seminars and activities!

St. John XXIII Mens' Club

Attention Men! Deacon Bob is forming the St. John XXIII Men's Club. Please join! We will meet via Zoom on Monday, August 24th from 7-8 pm. Fr. Dwight Longenecker, a renowned writer and speaker, will discuss his book, "Immortal Combat." Contact Deacon Bob at bobbykett@outlook.com or 1-865-5486. We look forward to your participation.

Children's Nutrition Project of Haiti

The Children's Nutrition Project of Haiti provides nutrition training and support for children and mothers in the predominantly Catholic and poverty stricken areas of Haiti. It addresses children's nutrition at its roots when children are young and most vulnerable. Our parish has provided support for the program in past years. If you would like to make a donation, make your check to "St. John XXIII" and mark it "Haiti Project" and send it by **August 15, 2020** to the parish office.

Ladies of Charity 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 3

Egwani Farms Golf Course

**Register Online At:
ladiesofcharityknox.org**

**Registration Deadline
August 31**

The Knox County Catholic Jail Ministry

'...I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
(Matthew 25:36)

Jesus calls us to corporal works of mercy. Are you being called to visit those in prison? It is not a mission that calls believers to an individual mission. To work in a jail, one needs to be sponsored by a church or diocese and vetted by the Sheriff's department.

But the call comes from within and is deeply personal. Participation in your parish and a deep belief in the forgiving love of Jesus is important.

Catholic Jail ministry is a ten year tradition in the Knox County Jail. Prisoners recruit other prisoners by word of mouth to provide our participants. About 20 volunteers from all Knox County Parishes minister to maximum and minimum security men (Saturdays 11 AM and 1 PM) and women (Wednesdays 7 PM) every week. Priests celebrate Mass once a month.

If you are interested, please call either Bob Denne (865-384-1318) or Geraldine Mulligan (865-243-7052). None of us came into this qualified, we were simply called.

Tuesday Night Events

We are planning some ongoing Tuesday Nights Events. In the following weeks we are looking at a Bible Study with Fr. Don, focusing on the readings for the coming Sunday. They will be ZOOM events, starting at 7 PM.

Check out our website at www.john23rd.org for online giving, alternate worship options, and updated information. If you are not comfortable with online donations, we are still in the office to receive any mailed donations. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you again!

“Catholicism” Thursday Evening Study

Bishop Robert Barron’s in-depth book on our Catholic Faith will be the Fall study. It will be offered only via Zoom due to pandemic safety restrictions. The study will begin 7 pm - Thursday, August 6th and meet every other week in the months ahead. The book is available for purchase through online sources and bookstores. The bulletin and Fr. Don’s newsletter will contain sign-in links. Please join us in August! Contact: Charles Jones - cbjones2@gmail.com

A Note From Our Social Concerns Committee

COVID-19 is bringing out the goodness in people as we live through this crisis. However COVID-19 is also exposing the weaknesses in our communities that may be causing this crisis to be much worse for some people, especially for those already struggling. After COVID-19 will we address these underlying weaknesses that will remain? Will we speak up for changes that truly address the root causes of poverty, regardless how hard people try to overcome it?

Currently, government checks are beginning to help many. If you are able to use some of this to make a contribution to our parish above what you normally do, half of it would go to the parish and half could be channeled by the Social Concerns Committee to people with urgent needs during this pandemic. Our God calls us to take care of one another. Jesus lived compassionately and taught us speak out for justice to bring about God’s kingdom on earth for all people. Pope Francis, in a recent letter, wrote on the pandemic: “I hope that this time of danger will...shake our sleepy consciences and allow a humanist and ecological conversion that puts an end to idolatry of money and places human life and dignity at the centre.”

Let us heed Pope Francis’ words and find ways to not only extend charity, but also to ensure justice for all people, especially the marginalized. Be informed. Speak out. Contact and communicate with helpers, leaders and those with power. Above all, pray that each of us hear God’s call and faithfully answer, “YES. AMEN.”

To Keep All Of Us Safe, Please:

- **Wear a mask at all times**
- **Maintain social distance of 6 feet from those not in your family**
- **Do not congregate in the lobby or on the sidewalks (you may do so in the grass or the parking lots)**
- **Do not come to Mass if you are experiencing any illness symptoms (the Bishop has issued a dispensation for Sunday Mass for everyone)**

Pandemic Emergency Fund

Our parish continues to serve the community, while experiencing a budgetary shortfall. At the same time we all face increased demand for assistance to others. St. John XXIII has established the “Pandemic Emergency Fund” designed to supplement our parish deficit (50%) and to assist the following groups (50%): Smokey’s Food Pantry (UT campus); FISH Pantries; Office of Hispanic Ministries; Catholic Charities of East Tennessee; Holy Ghost parish outreach and the Volunteer Ministry Center all of which work to meet food and housing needs. Your donation to the Pandemic Emergency Fund will be divided equally between the parish budget and outreach to the community and greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online at www.john23rd.org or the memo line of your checks should be marked “Pandemic Emergency Fund” and mailed to the parish.

A paragraph from a thank you letter from Catholic Charities helps us see what good we are doing for our community:

“Because of you, more new mothers are learning how to care for their babies. Because of you, more children are being given a safe haven from abuse and neglect. Because of you, more families are overcoming homelessness and learning to live stable lives. Because of you, more seniors in need are being given a chance to spend their golden years without worry. Your contribution is proving ‘360 Degrees of Hope,’ and for that, we are truly thankful. What a blessing your gift is!”

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Prayer Requests: Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Frank Carney; Alfred Prados; Robert Tobey; Anne Pidkowicz; Ann Patterson; Patty Bowman; Peg Hart; Roberto Lenarduzzi; Diane Dusichka; Margaret Dusichka; Mary Jane Fuller; Betsy Alpers; Virginia Mattson; Geneva Stewart; Mary Jean Hayes; family of Sarah Hatfield; Megan McMurray Dugan; Tom Mulligan; Cliff Russell; Nick Lyle; Leslie Stephens; residents of Serene Manor; those serving in the military and for any too shy or reserved to let us know.

July 26, 2020 Offertory: \$3,716.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
August 3-9**

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17.....Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-22.....Matt. 15:1-2,10-14
Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7.....Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14.....Matthew 17:1-9
Friday: Nahum 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7.....Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4.....Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a.....Matthew 14:22-33

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

August 3-9

Monday: Confessions by appointment
5:05 pm - Mass

Tuesday: 5:05 pm - Mass
7:00 pm - Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Wednesday: 5:05 pm - Mass

Thursday: Confessions by appointment
5:05 pm - Mass
7:00 pm - Adult Enrichment Cafe

Saturday: 5:30 pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am - Mass
11:15 am - Mass
7:15 pm - Young Adult
Zoom Bible Study

**Please See Online Calendar at
www.john23rd.org
for
UPCOMING EVENTS**