



## Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**  
**Romans 13:8-10**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

### 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

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day but the building will still be open all day with Mass at 5:05 pm. Weekend Masses will remain the same.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you or someone you know interested in understanding the Catholic faith and/or considering the idea of becoming Catholic?

RCIA can help!

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm beginning September 15**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Contact Deacon Bob Ketteringham at 523-7931 or  
bobbykett@outlook.com.

## St. John XXIII Mens' Club

Attention Men! The newly formed St. John XXIII Men's Club will be meeting via Zoom on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Watch for the Zoom link in Fr. Don's weekly email or contact Deacon Bob at bobbykett@outlook.com or 1-865-5486. We look forward to your participation.

## The Grad Student and Young Professionals Group

We want to make sure new grad students and young professionals know we exist! We do Bible Study on Zoom on Sunday nights at 7pm and various events throughout the year, and we would encourage anyone interested in knowing more to join our GroupMe group. If anyone is interested or wants to join our GroupMe, contact Susannah Edwards at sedwar38@vols.utk.edu.

## **Counseling Services**

Many across East Tennessee are struggling with stress, uncertainty, social isolation, sadness, and worry, as well as spiritual questions. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee currently has openings for adults in need of counseling services. Our licensed counselors are in Knoxville and Chattanooga and can serve remotely through a confidential video conferencing platform. Anyone in East TN can now access our counseling services. If you, or someone you know, is in need of counseling services, you can contact our counselors through email at [counseling@ccetn.org](mailto:counseling@ccetn.org) or by calling either one of our counseling offices: Knoxville (865)314-8870 or Chattanooga at (423)322-0057.

## **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](http://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!

## **Ladies of Charity 11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

**Thursday, September 3**

**Egwani Farms Golf Course**

**Register Online At:  
[ladiesofcharityknox.org](http://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**

On Tuesday nights, Fr. Bob conducts a Bible Study focusing on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. They are ZOOM events, starting at 7 PM. Watch for the link in your weekly email!

Check out our website at [www.john23rd.org](http://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 continue to meet every other week in the months ahead. You are welcome to join in at any date. The book is available for purchase through online sources and bookstores. The bulletin and Fr. Don’s newsletter will contain sign-in links. 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**

The St. John XXIII Pandemic Emergency Fund continues. The word emergency may seem too dramatic. Can a situation which lasts for months be a real emergency? More people now wear masks and steps toward reopening schools, restaurants, sporting events are cautious and carefully planned. It is an emergency requiring us to live in a way that protects the health of ourselves and others.

St. John XXIII persists full of faith and hope. Our many active groups meet online with zoom. Check our website to see all our activities. Of necessity, however, participation is down and so is our income. This is a time of greater need. We are grateful for all who continue their weekly and monthly contributions. We can use some extra help.

But consider the impact that individuals and families suffer due to the Pandemic. Government help is fading. Many do not qualify. Some parents cannot work because they must stay home to care for children. Programs which offer meals are fewer. Staff at hotels, restaurants, theaters, and other places of public gatherings are no longer required when people do not feel safe participating. Our Pandemic Emergency Fund supports groups helping those in need.

The Pandemic Emergency Fund helps your parish and the following groups: Catholic Charities of East Tennessee; Holy Ghost parish outreach; the Volunteer Ministry Center; the Ladies of Charity; and Holy Cross Parish outreach in Pigeon Forge. Donations can be mailed to the parish and the memo line of your checks should be marked “Pandemic Emergency Fund.” Your help is still needed. Thank you.

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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; Kathy R.; Betty S.; George and Martha T.; Fred McMurray; residents of Serene Manor; those serving in the military and for any too shy or reserved to let us know.

**August 30, 2020 Offertory: \$3,317.01**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
September 7-13**

**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 5:1-8.....Luke 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Micah 5:1-4a.....Matthew 1:1-16  
**Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 7:25-31.....Luke 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13.....Luke 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22b-27...Luke 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 10:14-22.....Luke 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Sirach 27:30-28:7.....Matthew 18:21-35

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS  
September 7-13**

**Monday:** Office Closed  
Confessions by appointment  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:30 pm - Spirit and Truth

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

**Wednesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:00 pm - VolCatholic

**Thursday:** Confessions by appointment  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Friday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm - Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass  
11:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass  
7:15 pm - Young Adult  
Zoom Bible Study  
9:00 pm - Mass

**Please See Online Calendar at  
[www.john23rd.org](http://www.john23rd.org)  
for  
UPCOMING EVENTS**