



Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

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)

Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-4:45 pm
or 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

Looking for another way to grow your relationship with God? Deacon Bob is a certified Spiritual Director you can consult at no cost! Contact him at bob-bykett@outlook.com.

Columbus Home Children's Emergency Shelter

Here's your chance to hit it out of the park for children in crisis who are awaiting a safe and loving placement. Join Catholic Charities of East Tennessee in supporting its Columbus Home Children's Emergency Shelter, a place to call home when there is nowhere else to go. Columbus Home Children's Emergency Shelter meets the unique needs for a stable, nurturing environment for children awaiting a custody decision. This virtual event on Oct. 21 at noon is hosted by Bo Williams of WATE-TV and features keynote speaker Tony Vitello, Head Coach of UT Baseball and special guest Honorable Judge Tim Irwin. Head to ccetn.org/365hope to register. Donate by texting the keyword 365HOPE to (865) 413-4252.

Diocesan Collection for Seminarian Education

Presently, the Diocese of Knoxville has 13 seminarians enrolled in studies with a number of other men seriously discerning the priestly calling. The cost of educating just one seminarian is over \$50,000. Please invest in the future of the priesthood and the Catholic faith in East Tennessee. Envelopes are available in the lobby.

Red Mass

A special invitation is extended to all serving in the legal and law profession to join us in celebrating our annual Red Mass this weekend to honor and pray for all who serve in the legal profession. As a time honored tradition of the Catholic Church, the Red Mass is celebrated for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice.

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!

Does God Exist?

The St. Mary's Parish St. Paul Street Evangelization Ministry invites you to an online "Zoom" presentation on the topic of "Does God Exist," presented by Dr. Brant Pitre. The presentation is approximately 40 minutes long. Following the video presentation there will be a discussion led by Deacon Gary and the St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) Team. To sign in directly, open your favorite web browser and navigate to the web page www.Zoom.us. A selection on the top of the page is labeled "JOIN A MEETING." Follow the prompts may include installing the Zoom app. The Meeting ID is 876 4821 8106 and the Passcode is 537196. If you have questions or are concerned about your ability to join Zoom or would like to get the outline, send an email to John Platfoot (john.platfoot@gmail.com).

Women For Women

Parishioners of St. John XXIII are going to start a group of women for the support of women. It will be a group for women of all ages and walks of life. The focus of the group will be to discuss topics relevant to women and to develop friendships. The first gathering will be Saturday, October 10th at 9 am in the Paulist Room where we can appropriately social distance. Masks are required for this event. Please RSVP to Jane Ketteringham at 865-850-6934. Please feel free to text or call.

Married Couples and Priests:

Married Couples and Priests: "He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." God invites your marriage to be filled with His graces. Accept His invitation by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 23-25 (ALFL-wwme.org) or November 13-15. This is a virtual experience, so no overnight stay in a hotel. Right from the comfort of your home. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE!

You can make a difference in the life of a mother and child without leaving the comfort of your own home. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee's five Pregnancy Help Centers are now providing online pregnancy, parenting and life-skills classes. Volunteers follow up weekly with clients via phone to review the material - - it's that easy and convenient! Training is provided, so if you have a couple of hours a week to help a mother in need, call today. Knoxville 865-776-4510

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

Here is an excerpt from a thank you letter from one of our Pandemic Fund Donation Recipients:

"Dear St. John XXIII University Parish:

On behalf of the agency, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous gift of \$300 on May 7, 2020 to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. 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 change to spend their golden years without worry. Your contribution is providing "360 Degrees of Hope," and for that, we are truly thankful. What a blessing your gift is!"

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; Jerry Carney; residents of Serene Manor; those serving in the military and for any too shy or reserved to let us know.

September 28, 2020 Offertory: \$2,330.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
October 5-11**

Monday: Galatians 1:6-12.....Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24.....Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Galatians 2:1-2,7-14.....Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Galatians 3:1-5.....Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Galatians 3:7-14.....Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29.....Luke 11:27-28
Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10a.....Matthew 22:1-14

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
October 5-11**

Monday: 4:00 - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass
7:30 pm - Spirit and Truth

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

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

Thursday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
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
for
UPCOMING EVENTS**