



**Saint John XXIII
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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

**Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14**

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

Hope Coast-to-Coast:

A Virtual Groundbreaking with the Paulists.
Saturday, October 17, 2020
8:30 PM (Eastern Time)

From Fr. Eric Andrews, CSP: "It is with an abundance of joy that I present to you our Hope for the Future, a comprehensive campaign for the Paulist Fathers, with the initial goal of raising \$20 million for four areas of critical importance to us: Building a new Paulist House of Mission & Studies; fortifying our outreach ministries; supporting our Senior Paulists; and attending to our deferred capital needs."

More information, including a video and a booklet, are at: <https://paulist.org/Future>. You can sign up at: <https://paulist.org/Hope>.

During this special event, we will be honoring people from our parishes who have exemplified Fr. Isaac Hecker. **Our own John Prados will be one of the people featured for the "Spirit of Hecker" Award.**

Please consider signing up. Tickets are \$10 and will also enter you into the raffle.

**Happy Feast Day of
St. John XXIII**

Sunday, October 11th

**Men's Club
Wednesday, October 14
7 pm**

All men are invited. Please contact Deacon Bob at bobbykett@out.look.com.

Baby Bottle Drive

The Pregnancy Help Center is an amazing resource for our community and we are pleased to be able to help! Please be sure to pick up a baby bottle this weekend in the lobby. You can also donate online at www.ccetn.org/donate and specify Pregnancy Help Center in the description box. Or you can mail a check to us made out to "Pregnancy Help Center" and we will place it in a baby bottle for you!

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.

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.

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.

Coats for the Cold

Coats for the Cold is an annual coat drive to collect thousands of coats for those in need in our area. The community is invited to donate used men's, women's and children's coats at any KARM Stores location or any Prestige Cleaners location from Monday, October 19th thru Saturday, November 14th.

There are also many, many ways to volunteer for Coats for the Cold! At all KARM Stores locations, each donated coat must be sorted by gender and size prior to November 9th. Additional help is needed to display them properly from November 9th to December 5th. Please go to www.karm.coats and sign up for the day and time you would like to volunteer.

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.

October 4, 2020 Offertory: \$7,220.00

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
October 12-18**

Monday: Galatians 4:22-5:1.....Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday: Galatians 5:1-6.....Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday: Galatians 5:18-25.....Luke 11:42-46
Thursday: Ephesians 1:1-10.....Luke 11:47-54
Friday: Ephesians 1:11-14.....Luke 12:1-7
Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23.....Luke 12:8-12
Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10a.....Matthew 22:1-14

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
October 12-18**

Monday: 4:00 pm - 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
7:00 pm - Adult Enrichment Zoom

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**