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Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; 1:45 - 5 p.m.

BULLETIN

Deadline is noon on Monday unless otherwise specified. Announcements may be mailed or e-mailed to Jenifer Dills.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 6 p.m. Sunday: 8:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.* Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

*The church is open from 11 a.m. until the end of Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday after 12:10 p.m. Mass

Rosary: First Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday: 11:45 a.m. - 12 noon

Saturday: 5 - 5:30 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a preparation meeting. Please call the parish office to register in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

6 months preparation time required. Contact one of the priests to schedule an appointment. Deposit required to secure date. Request a copy of the Wedding Guidelines from the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

(September - May)

Pre-K (age 4) - 5th grade: 10 - 11:15 a.m. Sundays

6th - 12th grade: 7 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

CALVARY CEMETERY

1916 Martin Luther King Jr Ave Knoxville, TN 37915

Volunteer Work Day: Second Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon

For information, please call the parish office.

SCHOOL

St. Joseph School (PK - 8th grade) www.sjsknox.org
1810 Howard Drive Knoxville, TN 37918 (865) 689-3424

TWIN PARISH

St. Francis Xavier in Fond des Blancs, Haiti

PARKING

Free Sunday morning Mass parking is available in the Eagles' lot across Cafego Place, the LMU lots on Locust Street and Cafego Place, and the Crowne Plaza parking garage. On weekdays, the **only** free parking available is our own parking lot.

Free parking for evening (after 5 p.m.) and weekend events is available in the LMU lots on Locust Street and Cafego Place.



From the Pastor:

Lent begins this week with **Ash Wednesday**. *The use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. The act of putting on penance symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God* (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 125). Although not obligatory, the reception of ashes is a powerful external sign of the Lenten season's serious challenge to each of us to re-examine our own familiar patterns of life in light of Christ's call to repentance and a new life of holiness.

Ash Wednesday is just the beginning of Lent. I encourage everyone to take maximum advantage of the many Lenten devotions and other parish activities that enrich our observance of this season. In particular, I invite everyone to join in praying the **Stations of the Cross** together on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (and to enjoy wonderful food and fellowship at the **Friday Fish Dinner** hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 645, immediately before the Stations at 6:00 p.m.). *Throughout Lent, every Friday is observed, since very ancient times, as a commemoration of the Lord's Passion and the faithful easily direct their devotions towards the mystery of the Cross* (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 127).

Lent is such a special time in the Church's year and in each of our lives. It is especially experienced that way in the rituals surrounding the preparation of adult catechumens for Baptism and of candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. On the 1st Sunday of Lent, Bishop Stika will celebrate the Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of those preparing for Reception into Full Communion at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. In preparation for that, our **Parish Celebration of Sending our Catechumens and Candidates to the Cathedral** will take place next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. That Mass will begin with a **Solemn Penitential Procession and the Litany of the Saints**. While these rites are especially focused on those preparing for the sacraments of initiation at Easter, our celebration of Lent enables all of us to identify with them on their journey of conversion, repentance, and renewal, joining with them in listening more intently than ever to God's word and practicing the works of mercy.

During this Lenten season, we will also again pray especially for those who, for whatever reason, are no longer participating in the Church's life. Feel free to write the name of any relative or friend who is no longer active in the Church in the special **Lenten Book of Intentions**.

The season of Lent is also an especially appropriate time for celebrating the **Sacrament of Penance**. Confessions are heard at Immaculate Conception Monday-Friday before Mass from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and on Saturdays from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. Also, as in past years, we will offer an evening Penitential Service with confessions. **This Lenten Penance Service will be on Monday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m.**

Ronald A. Lamm, CSP



Welcome to our Visitors. We extend a warm welcome to all the visitors who are celebrating Mass with us this weekend.



Ash Wednesday: Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on **Mar. 6**. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each of the Masses that day – **8 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 7 p.m.** Ash Wednesday is also a day of Fast and complete Abstinence from meat.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence: For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat, which apply to Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday, are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Besides those outside the age limits, the sick, the frail, the pregnant and nursing women are excused from fasting and abstinence.

Lenten Friday Fish Dinner and Stations of the Cross: We will make the Stations of the Cross as a parish community every Friday in Lent at **7 p.m.**, concluding with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Stations will be preceded each week at **6 p.m.** by a traditional Lenten Friday Fish Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 645.

The Little Black Book for Lent is available on the table in the vestibule.

Annual Wrap It Up Project: The ICWG will collect **handmade or purchased lap quilts and afghans** to be distributed to "Meals on Wheels" participants the week before Easter. A collection basket will be available in the back of the church during Lent.



A Message from the Diocese: Be Suspicious of Unusual Email Requests. Over the past several months,

some of our priests are among those who have been impersonated by emails that can look remarkably official. If you receive an unexpected email requesting help, contact that person or the parish office for clarification. Do not respond to the email, and don't purchase items or send money based on an unexpected electronic request. These email requests should always be treated suspiciously.



Oil on Troubled Waters: A Lenten Afternoon with Isaac Hecker: On Dec. 22, 1857, the founder of the Paulist Fathers, Isaac

Hecker, the bicentennial of whose birth we are celebrating this year, told Blessed Pope Pius IX that "the Catholic truth" would "act like oil on troubled waters ... to sustain our institutions and enable our young country to realize its great destiny."

Please join us on the 1st Saturday of Lent, **Mar. 9, from noon to 2 p.m.**, to reflect on how Isaac Hecker's understanding of what the Catholic faith offered his contemporary American society is still relevant in our society today. We will begin at noon in the church hall where we will watch *Isaac Hecker and the Journey of Catholic America*, then continue for another hour or so of discussion and concluding with prayer. All are welcome. The parish will provide pizza for a modest Lenten lunch while we watch the video, or you may bring your own lunch if you prefer. All are welcome either way, but if you want pizza please pre-register at the parish office beforehand, so that we know how much to order!

Save the date for our next Hecker Bicentennial event, **What Hecker heard: A Concert of 19th-Century Music, on Sun., June 2.**



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Interested in becoming a Catholic or exploring the Catholic Faith? Our Inquiry group meets on **Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** For further information, please call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508. Our next meeting is **Mar. 4.**



RCIA Rite of Sending of Catechumens and Candidates to the Bishop: On the 1st Sunday of Lent at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bishop Stika will

celebrate the *Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of those preparing for Reception into Full Communion in the Catholic Church.* In preparation for that, our *Parish Celebration of Sending Catechumens and Candidates to the Cathedral* will take place next **Sun., Mar. 10, at the 10 a.m. Mass**, which will begin with a *Lenten Penitential Procession and the Litany of the Saints.*

Upcoming Bulletin Deadlines: Announcements for the **Mar. 17 & 24 bulletins** are due on **Mon., Mar. 11.**



Food Pantry: The Ladies of Charity supplies our food pantry with 55-60 full bags of groceries each month, which is distributed to needy families and individuals on the second Monday of each month. The next delivery is **Mon., Mar. 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the parish hall.** For more info, please contact Karen Blum at (865) 748-5445.

Food donations are also needed. To participate in our "S.T.O.P. Hunger" food drive, please bring food according to the following schedule:

S. – Soups (canned) - the first weekend of each month

T. – Tuna and/or Toiletries - the 2nd weekend

O. – Oranges & other fruit (canned) - the 3rd weekend

P. – Peanut Butter - the 4th weekend



Family Summit March Events

Sat, Mar. 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Yard work at Calvary Cemetery. Bring rakes, tarps, clippers, gloves, etc and help clean up our Catholic cemetery with the Willard family.

Sun, Mar. 10, 11:30 a.m.: Family Summit Mass

Sun, Mar. 31, 12:30 p.m.: Free bowling at Maple Hall downtown! Come eat lunch at this cool restaurant and bowling alley on Gay Street and enjoy a fun afternoon with other families.

The Friends of IC Ministry sends monthly cards or notes to parishioners and other Christians who are shut-ins, in nursing homes, or who are facing difficulties and could benefit from a cheery piece of mail. To refer someone to our list, to give an update on someone already receiving our cards, or to express interest in joining our writer team, email chaplainmarilyn2006@gmail.com.



The **2019 KDCCW Convention, Reflecting God's Joy**, will be held **April 4 - 5 at St. Mary's Parish, Oak Ridge.** All women are welcome! **Early bird registration deadline is Mar. 3.** Registration information can be found at www.kdccw.org, on the Conventions Tab.



Diocesan policy states that all parish volunteers must attend a **Virtus Child Protection Training.** For more information or to register for an upcoming training session, visit www.virtusonline.org.



Religious Education News

Our Religious Education Classes for 4-years old through 5th grade meet on **Sunday morning at 10 a.m.** All are welcome! For info or to register your child, call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus give us three parables with pithy statements to live by including, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." In what areas of your family's life are good fruits being born? Where is your life less fruitful?



Youth Ministry: Youth Ministry is open to all students in 6th grade through high school. **Our next meeting is Mar. 6 at 7 p.m. in the youth room.** Please be early. We will be going over to church immediately to celebrate Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers on Sat., Mar. 9. They will be participating in the parish retreat to prepare for their **Confirmation on Mar. 30.**



Catholic Teens United: Our next CTU gathering is **today, Mar. 3, 2 – 4 p.m. at St. Mary's in Oak Ridge.** Robbie Bauman, a seminarian from our diocese, will discuss

Conversation with Christ, sharing what prayer is and how to pray, stories of how prayer has resulted in miracles throughout history, and how the power of Christ is accessible through prayer. Join us!



The annual **Bishop's Gathering for Scouting** will be held **Sat., Mar. 9 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Mass at 5 p.m.,** followed by a **Reception and Dinner with Bishop Stika at 6:15 p.m.,** in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Event Hall (711 Northshore Drive). Purchase tickets online at www.kdccs.org. For info, call (865) 607-5064.



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**Saturday,
March 16th** **5-8 pm
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Proceeds benefit the Sister Jolita fund for students in need.



Choir! Choir! Rehearsals for our **Sunday 10 a.m. Mass Choir** are held on **Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the church.** Join us! For more info, contact Karl at karljake@gmail.com.



National Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: Please be generous on **Ash Wednesday** with your donation to help with the rebuilding of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe that suffered so much under decades of communist rule.

National Collection for Black and Indian Missions: Please be generous next Sunday with your donation in support of the Black and Indian Missions National Collection that assists with evangelization efforts. (The Diocese of Knoxville has been the recipient of evangelization and scholarship grants that assist us in our ministries within the African American community.)



2018 Statements of Giving:

To request your copy, please contact Jenifer Dills at icbulletin@bellsouth.net or (865) 522-1508 ext. 29. Please specify if you would like to receive your statement by mail or email. **Statements are sent upon request only.**



Confirmation for Adults: An Adult Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Any adult (18 and over) who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and First Communion, but who has not been confirmed, can receive the sacrament on this date. Anyone desiring to be confirmed at this celebration should contact Fr. Franco as soon as possible.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Weekly Mass of Reparation: Bishop Stika has asked all parishes to offer one Mass each week for reparation and forgiveness of sins that have taken place in the Church. At Immaculate Conception, this Mass will be offered on the Fridays of Lent, **Mar. 8, 15, 22, and 29, and Apr. 5, and Wed., Apr. 10 and 17.**



RAM Clinic Volunteers Needed: Ladies of Charity, 120 W Baxter Ave, will host their 3rd **Remote Area Medical Clinic on Sat., Apr. 13.** We are currently requesting *professional help for the vision and dental clinic.* Sign up on the Remote Area Medical website at www.ramusa.org. To make an appointment for vision or dental services, contact Ladies of Charity at ladiesofcharityknox.org or (865) 474-9329. This clinic is by appointment only.



Books for Adult Faith Formation: A small selection of spiritual books is for sale at our cost in the church vestibule. Please put your money (cash/check made out to IC) in the book's envelope and place it in the lock box on the wall to the right of the book shelves.



Online Giving is available with WeShare. You can set up a one-time donation or a recurring transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. For more information, visit <https://icknoxville.weshareonline.org>.



Paulist Vocations: Please keep Paulist seminarian **Paolo Puccini, CSP** in your prayers. He is a native of Houston, Texas and prior to joining the Paulists he was a mechanical engineer traveling internationally for three years. Paolo was impacted by the ministry of the Paulist Fathers as an undergraduate student at The University of Texas at Austin. He believes personal encounters with priests and the ministry are the best to help those discerning the priesthood. Attending a Come-and-See weekend in his senior year of college and then again years later, after having worked as an engineer, helped to broaden his understanding of the Paulist mission and ministries. In the midst of discernment, Paolo realized how many wonderful friends and mentors were in his life to help him discover how he could serve God. As a result, he wants to do the same for others when he becomes a priest. Please continue to pray for Paolo Puccini, CSP and all our Paulist Seminarians.



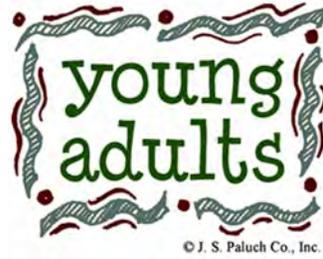
Paulist Fathers' Necrology

Throughout the year, the Paulist Fathers remember in their prayers their deceased brother missionaries on the anniversaries of their death. This week, we remember:

- Austin Malone (3/3/1965)*
- Donal F. Forrester (3/4/2002)*
- Henry H. Wyman (3/6/1929)*
- Richard J. Boudreau (3/6/2014)*
- Paul Vincent Maloney (3/7/1985)*
- James B. Corbett (3/7/1997)*



Now accepting nominations for the *Longest Married Couple*. The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is searching for the *Longest Married Couple* from each parish. The winners will receive a *Certificate of Achievement* in June. The longest married couple in our diocese will be submitted to Worldwide Marriage Encounter for their search of the longest married couple in each state and the nation, *Longest Married Couple Project (LMC)*. For the last four years, the Diocese of Knoxville has had the Longest Married Couple in the State of Tennessee. Winners are selected solely from nominations submitted and may not be submitted two years in a row. To nominate a couple for this honor, please submit their names, wedding date and what parish they belong to by **Tues., Apr. 30** to Marian Christiana at (423) 892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org.



Theology on Tap is back! Join young adults from around the diocese at **Bearden Beer Market** (4524 Old Kingston Pike) on **Thurs., Mar. 7, 7 - 9 p.m.** Sr. Anna Marie McGuan,

RSM, will speak about her journey from West Point Military Academy to the convent. It's a great story; you don't want to miss it! Food trucks will also be available. Young Adults over 18 but under 21 are still welcome to join for food and the talk. Contact Erica Pereira, at epereira@dioknox.org, with any questions.

DoCat Workshop: The DoCat is a great source for learning about the Social Doctrine of the Church and how to live it out! On **Sat., Mar. 30, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., in the youth room at the Cathedral**, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host a workshop for Young Adults on the DoCat. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch and a copy of the DoCat! Contact Erica Pereira, at epereira@dioknox.org or (215) 390-0963, to register. Pope Francis desires for millions of young people to be missionary disciples of Social Doctrine of the Church. How will you respond?

Prepare for Holy Week with a 24-hour Passion Sunday retreat! The retreat will be led by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in collaboration with Fr. David Mary, FFM. **It will begin at 7 p.m. on Sat., Apr. 13 and end at 5 p.m. on Sun., Apr. 14, at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center (250 Locke Lane, Benton, TN 37307).** The retreat is open to young adults 18-35. The cost is \$45. To register, contact Erica Pereira, at epereira@dioknox.org or (215) 390-0963. Come prepare for the holiest week of the year with Jesus! He desires you.



Emerald Occasion Dinner: On **Thurs., Mar. 14 at The Knoxville Hilton**, the annual Knoxville Emerald Occasion Dinner will bring the community together for an evening of fun and fellowship. The evening includes a cocktail reception, silent auction, and more! We will also be honoring special guest, Kristin Farley, recipient of the 2019 Pope Francis Service Award. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Visit www.cctn.org/knoxvilledinner for info and tickets!

Parish Financial News

Parish Offertory Report*

February 24 Collection	\$	6,304.42
Online Donations:	\$	1,578.24
Needed for Budget each week:	\$	11,779.30
Total Collection YTD:	\$	336,636.93
Total Budgeted YTD:	\$	400,496.20
Gain/(Loss) this fiscal year:	\$	(63,859.27)

*Regular offertory giving only. Does not include income from donations and other collections.

Home Capital Campaign

Total Pledges/Donations:	\$	384,520.51
Total Received/Dec. 2018:	\$	272,089.22
Balance Remaining:	\$	112,431.29
Parish Share/Dec. 2018	\$	137,295.67

Together....Our Future Fulfilled St. Joseph School Capital Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$	319,672.00
Total Remitted:	\$	243,798.72
Balance Remaining:	\$	75,873.28



A Word from Servant of God Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers

The Bicentennial Year Theme for March is **The Church**. For Hecker, the spiritual search was never an end in itself. Hecker found fulfillment in the Catholic Church and desired to devote his life to helping others – especially other seekers, such as he himself had been – to find the truth in the Catholic Church. Thus, all his activity after his conversion was characterized above all by his enthusiastic embrace of the Church to which his personal spiritual search had so earnestly led him, and which would in time transform him into an active, enthusiastic missionary.

“Facts and truths which are outside of the sphere of revelation and are purely objects of natural knowledge are not, as such, within the scope of the divine authority of the church, and cannot be defined, on their natural evidence, as dogmas of Catholic and divine faith. God has not made the church a medium for teaching in his name mathematics, physics, or history, and therefore has not given to her infallibility in respect to these matters, or any others in respect to which a similar reason runs.” [“The Divine Authority of the Church,” *The Catholic World*, November 1885]

If you have asked Father Hecker to pray for you or another person who is ill, and you believe something miraculous has happened, please contact Fr. Paul Robichaud, CSP, at (212) 265-3209 x350.

Diocesan policy states that **all minors must be accompanied by an adult when they use church restrooms**. Please do not send your children downstairs alone to the restroom.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Saint Casimir
Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Weekday
Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-8,14,23 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY
Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,12-14,17
2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday: Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Saint John of God, Religious
Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b,18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15
Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2

6 p.m. †Joe Albert Jr. by Clete & Brenda Walles

Sunday, March 3

8:30 a.m. †Hon. George A. Sullivan by the People of IC
10 a.m. †Helen LoFaro by the LoFaro family
11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

Monday, March 4

12:10 p.m. †Tom Todd by Carole Wunderlich

Tuesday, March 5

12:10 p.m. †Fem O'Farrell by Gerry & Carol O'Farrell

Wednesday, March 6

8 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception
12:10 p.m. †Beth Robbins by Bill & Connie Healy
1st Anniversary
7 p.m. †Margaret Durish by the LoFaro family

Thursday, March 7

12:10 p.m. †Beth Robbins by Linda Schreiner

Friday, March 8

12:10 p.m. Mass of Reparation
7 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, March 9

8:30 a.m. for all souls
6 p.m. †Joe Albert Jr. by the family

Sunday, March 10

8:30 a.m. †Irene Betz by Pat Ryan
10 a.m. †Teresa Nan Brown
by Ward, Tracy, & Dabney Phillips
11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

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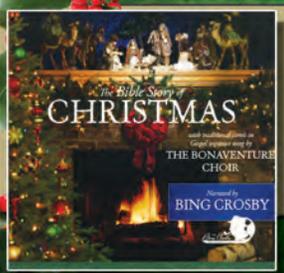
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