

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

A parish served by the Paulist Fathers since 1973

Celebrating over 160 years of service to God and God's People

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

414 West Vine Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1327

Tel: (865) 522-1508

E-mail: icoffice@bellsouth.net

Website: icknoxville.org



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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 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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From the Pastor:

Due to recent outbreaks of the flu and since February is typically the peak of the flu season, Bishop Stika has issued a directive suspending the distribution of Communion under both species and the exchange of handshakes during the sign of peace in response to the outbreak of influenza in the state. **SO THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE AND NO EXCHANGE OF PEACE AT MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. ALSO ANYONE EXHIBITING COLD OR FLU SYMPTOMS IS ASKED TO STAY HOME AND IS RELEASED FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAY.**

It seems as if Christmas were barely behind us, but Lent is just one week and a half away. For many, Lent remains the high point of the liturgical year, the season of most intense religious practice and involvement. For some the Lenten experience practically crests on Ash Wednesday, but for many Lent is experienced as a genuinely sustained religious renewal throughout the entire season. In this they are assisted by a plethora of Lenten practices the Church has over the centuries mandated, encouraged, or just tolerated. Many of those Lenten practices still sustain and renew our contemporary Lenten experience.

“Notwithstanding the secularization of contemporary society, the Christian faithful, during Lent, are clearly conscious of the need to turn the mind towards those realities which really count, which require gospel commitment and integrity of life, which, through self-denial of those things which are superfluous, are translated into good works and solidarity with the poor and needy” (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 125).

One of the most ancient and foundational Lenten practices has been the Lenten fast, which gave Lent its most distinctive character, that extended its observance into the ordinary world beyond the church building, into the very heart of every individual's and every family's daily routine. The virtual disappearance of fasting, self-denial, and the very notion of Lent as a season of asceticism has been a very recent development. Yet some dimension of self-denial seems inherent in the life of a disciple. That has always been the case and may be especially essential for us today, inextricably immersed as we all are now in this rich, consumerist, capitalist culture. And discipleship still demands religious practices which extend into the ordinary world beyond the church building, into the very heart of every individual's and every family's daily routine.

When I was growing up, daily Mass during Lent was very much encouraged, and, with the assistance of translations in the then very popular Missals for laypeople, we were able to enter intentionally into the spirit of the Church's ancient Lenten observance. With the liturgy now celebrated in the vernacular, that ancient experience of Lent logically should be even more easily accessible for those who wish to avail themselves of this great opportunity.

Ronald A. Lauer, CSP



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



Flowers on the Altar are offered in memory of
Mrs. Mary Clare Sheridan,
Mrs. Elizabeth "Tutter" McCabe,
& Mrs. Mary Harris Gillespie
 by Maggie Sheridan Hinton.



We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
 †*Robert Curtis,*
 husband of Dorothy Curtis.
In Memoriam



Presidents' Day: Mon., Feb. 17, is Presidents Day, a legal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed all day, and there will be one Mass in the church – at **8:30 a.m.** – after which the church also will be closed for the rest of the day.



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 info, call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28. Our next meeting is **Feb. 17.**



Pancake Supper: Wed., Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. To celebrate the Lenten season, the middle and high school youth group will have a pancake supper. Please join us.



A big THANK YOU to Fr. Ron and Fr. Tim for a fun and insightful "Ask-a-Priest" Family Summit Lunch! All the families enjoyed learning more about you and our Catholic faith. Also, **THANK YOU to Carolyn, Amanda, and Karl** for leading our youth choir. You are helping Jesus shine through our children's voices!



2019 Statements of Giving

To request your copy, please contact Jenifer Dills at icbulletin@bellsouth.net or (865) 522-1508 ext. 29. **Statements are sent upon request only.**



Catholic Family Benefits Presentation: On **Sun., Feb. 23,** The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a **Catholic Family Benefits presentation following each of the Sunday Masses downstairs in the parish hall.** We invite all men, wives, and their families to attend. Come and listen to what the Knights of Columbus has available to you and your family. Come and see how the Knights of Columbus can help protect your family, help you grow your faith, become a better Catholic man, husband, and father, and why your Church, Community, Country need you to be a Knight of Columbus now more than ever.

K of C Monthly Breakfast: Please join us downstairs in the parish hall **next Sunday morning** for the monthly breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus, Council 645.

Save the Date! **Sun., Mar. 1, at 4 p.m.**
God So Loved the World
Lenten meditations in scripture and song
 Featuring Knuxtet vocal ensemble and the combined choirs of Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa



Thank you to all who contributed to our **Annual Paulist Appeal.** We have received **\$13,001.46** in donations & pledges to date. The Paulist Fathers are so thankful for your continued support and generosity.



Paulist Vocations: Please keep in your prayers Paulist novice **Noah Ismael.** Noah hails from Maryland. He is a recent graduate of the University of Maryland at College Park, where he studied criminology, criminal justice and public leadership.



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:

- Thomas V. Robinson (2/16/1903)*
- William F. Blakeslee (2/19/1975)*
- Clarence E. Wilson (2/19/1998)*
- Charles W. Albright (2/21/2002)*



IC Women's Group Upcoming Events:

ICWG Free Yoga Class: Join us on **Sat., Feb. 22, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., in the parish hall.** Please bring a mat and blanket. Contact Jeanie Matthews with questions, (865) 320-4673.

New Prayer Ministry: We are looking for *seven people to volunteer one hour on one day a week to pray for our parish priests.* Prayer can be done at any time during the day and at any place. An initial meeting to organize, and one later to evaluate, will be held. If interested, please contact Pat Ryan at (865) 687-0050 or paryan6540@yahoo.com.



Religious Education News

Religious Education classes for PK - 5th grade meet in the parish office building on **Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.** For Registration forms and information, call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28. **We do not meet today, Feb. 16. Classes resume on Feb. 23.**

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. *God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.* How is anger dealt with in your family? Pray together for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.



Youth Ministry is open to all middle and high school students in the parish. Confirmation preparation for students in 6th grade or older will take place either in the Catholic schools or in the Youth Ministry program. Our next meeting is **Wed., Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room.** Come join us for a traditional Lenten Pancake Supper in the parish hall. All are welcome! For Registration forms and more information, contact Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28 or brigidjohnson50@gmail.com.



Celebrating 100 Years
Mary's Fiat Our Yes!
 A Vision for the Future
Mary said "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your word." LUKE 1:38
KNOXVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
2020 CONVENTION // APRIL 23-25, 2020
 The convention will take place at the Morristown Conference Center Hotel and St. Patrick Church, Morristown, TN. All are welcome!
 For more information and registration materials, visit us at www.kdcccw.org

2020 KDCCW CONVENTION SPEAKERS

 Patricia Livingston, MA	 Sonja Corbitt, Evangelista	 Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM
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Calling All Women! *Mary's Fiat, Our Yes: A Vision for the Future:* The Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is having its **annual convention on Apr. 23 - 25 at St. Patrick Church and Best Western Plus Morristown Convention Center in Morristown.** Come spend a faith filled weekend with women from our diocese as we enjoy exciting speakers, celebrate Mass together, and experience an opportunity for fellowship. Contact Susan Collins, (423) 470-2560, scollins51@hotmail.com, or Kathy DeAngelis, (423) 277-6296, krdeangelis@yahoo.com, for information about hotel arrangements and convention. Convention registration forms are available online at <http://www.kdcccw.org>.



Is someone you love unable to join us at church? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort. **Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in to Catholic Mass on TV, WKNX channel 7 (The Knox) at 8:30 a.m., or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org.**



*Dinner & Drinks *Silent & Live Auction *Dancing & Door Prizes

Sat, Feb 22nd, 6:00-11:00 pm

Saint Joseph School Gymnasium

\$50 per person

8 or 10 top tables may be purchased for seating with family and/or friends
\$400/8 top table - \$500/10 top table

Registration deadline is Fri, Feb 14th

All MUST be paid in full to guarantee your reservation and seating requests

Register online: sjsknox.org/mardi-gras/

**If you have any new, like new or antique items that you would like to donate to the silent auction, please deliver to SJS.

Please contact Saint Joseph School with any questions @ **865-689-3424**



IC Table at SJS Mardi Gras: We have two seats available at our Mardi Gras table. If you are planning to attend, and would like to sit with us, please contact Jenifer Dills in the parish office, at (865) 522-1508 ext. 29 or icbulletin@bellsouth.net. Tickets are \$50 each.



You Can Help Your Marriage: 25% of surveyed couples say they are *Happily Married*. For everyone else, there is *Retrouvaille*. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse? *Retrouvaille* helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on **Mar 6 – Mar 8**, call (800) 470-2230 or (615) 523-0631, email nrv3043@gmail.com, or visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

SISTER JOLITA
Supper & Sing-along!

Irish Food	For info, call:
Silent Auction	Mrs. Therese Hurley
Family Entertainment	(865) 247-6119 home
\$5 per child	(865) 441-6774 cell
\$7.50 per adult	(865) 689-3424 SJS office
\$20 for the whole family!	

Saturday, March 14th **5-8 pm**
SJS Gym

Proceeds benefit the Sister Jolita fund for students in need.

Sister Jolita Supper & Sing-Along: Sat., Mar. 14. Interested in Sponsoring the event? Please call Saint Joseph School at (865) 689-3424 to be a Table Sponsor (\$100, \$250) or an Event Sponsor (\$500, \$1,000, \$2,500) for this worthy cause - helping SJS students in financial need in memory of Sister Mary Jolita Hughes, RSM.



2nd Annual Call to Love Marriage Conference

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Sister Anna Marie McGuan, RSM, SSL Director of the Office of Christian Formation will offer three talks on Pope St. John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" and how better understanding his teaching can enrich your marriage.

Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Begins at noon in the Shea Room

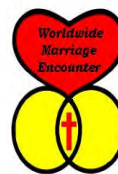
Concludes with Mass at 5:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per couple (lunch included) Each couple will receive discount coupon for Paraclete Catholic Books and Gifts

Registration/payment due by Friday, March 13, 2020

Online registration/payment option <https://tinyurl.com/DoK-Call-to-Love-20> or mail check to the Chancery, Attn. Karen Byrne

Contact: Karen Byrne at kbyrne@dioknox.org or (865) 584-3307



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples and Priests: "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on **April 17-19** or **June 26-28**. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling (678) 242-WWME.



Knoxville Catholic High School is currently seeking an **assistant girls lacrosse coach** for this spring season. Playing or coaching experience is preferred. If interested, please contact Jason Surlas, Athletic Director, at jason.surlas@knoxvillecatholic.com or (865) 560-0506.

PILGRIMAGE to SPAIN
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Diocese of KNOXVILLE

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— McGuan, RSM —

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AND HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL EUROPE
with His Eminence
Cardinal Justin Rigali
September 17-27, 2020
IEC 2020

Upcoming Pilgrimages: The Diocese of Knoxville would like to make you aware of two very special pilgrimages. *Sister Anna Marie McGuan, director of Christian Formation for the diocese, is leading a journey to Spain June 1 - 9. Cardinal Justin Rigali will lead a journey to Central Europe and the International Eucharistic Congress Sept. 17 - 27.* Learn more about these spiritual pilgrimages and sign-up at dioknox.org.

Struggling to pass the faith on to the **next generation?**

RECLAIM FATHERHOOD

An event for Catholic men who are tired of living in a world of perpetual adolescence.

Free mini-retreat hosted by international speaker Jimmy Mitchell
Open to ages 15+ | Scan QR code with your phone's camera to RSVP:

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 | 9AM-12PM
Begins with breakfast and concludes with Mass
433 St. John Ct.
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MARCH 5, 2020
5:30 PM
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For tickets or sponsorships, visit www.cctn.org/events or call 865-963-4727



Post Abortion Healing Opportunities:

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with **Rachel's Vineyard healing and recovery retreat Feb. 28 – Mar. 1, at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN.** Complete confidentiality is honored at all times. The **deadline for registration is Feb. 21.** If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with counselors who have been trained in this area. For more info, please contact Sandi Davidson, (865) 776-4510 or sandi@cctn.org.

COMPASSION COUNSELING **COMPASSion Counseling**, a non-profit organization located in Maryville, TN is in need of a Clinical Therapist.

Education: Master's Degree
Licensure Requirement: LCSW, or LPC-MHSP, or LPC
Minimum Experience: One (1) to three (3) years' experience in providing clinical therapy to children (5 and up), adults and couples. Knowledge of multidisciplinary team approach to treatment is preferred.

Days and Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - flexible hours, including two to three evenings per week - 20 to 30 hours per wk.

If interested, please send your resume and a cover letter to Info@ccmaryville.org or contact Sr. Lakshmie at (865) 724-2325 ext. 3.

Parish Financial News

Parish Offertory Report*

February 9 Collection	\$	8,306.70
Online Donations:	\$	1,717.50
Needed for Budget each week:	\$	11,779.30
Total Collection YTD:	\$	349,930.71
Total Budgeted YTD:	\$	376,937.60
Gain/(Loss) this fiscal year:	\$	(27,006.89)

*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. 2019:	\$	311,970.22
Balance Remaining:	\$	72,550.29
Parish Share/Dec. 2019:	\$	157,236.20

Together....Our Future Fulfilled

St. Joseph School Capital Campaign

Total Pledged:	\$	319,672.00
Total Remitted:	\$	246,973.02
Balance Remaining:	\$	72,698.98

2019 Bishop's Appeal

November 2019

Parish Goal:	\$	52,200.00
Total Committed:	\$	50,363.50
Collections to Date:	\$	45,651.50
Collections Needed:	\$	6,548.50



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>.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for

February: *Listen to the Migrants' Cries.* That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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.



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Readings for the Week

Monday: *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Weekday

Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Weekday

Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Weekday

Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33

Friday: *Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Jas 2:14-24,26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 16:13-19

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2,17-18 Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15

6 p.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

Sunday, February 16

8:30 a.m. †Pat Patronik by Trish Long

10 a.m. †Sam Shipman by the People of IC

11:30 a.m. †Claude Morelli by Dina Morelli

Monday, February 17

8:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, February 18

12:10 p.m. †Marilyn Magee Responi by Dina Morelli

Wednesday, February 19

12:10 p.m. †Frankie Micale by the People of IC

Thursday, February 20

12:10 p.m. †Wanda Willard by Mary Catherine Willard

Friday, February 21

12:10 p.m. †S. A. Shipman by Clete & Brenda Walles

Saturday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz by the People of IC

6 p.m. Sean Barnette by the family

Sunday, February 23

8:30 a.m. †Pat Patronik by Trish Long

10 a.m. †Richard J. Archer by Tom & Patty Miller

11:30 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception



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