



# PRIME TIMERS

## Adult Ministry Newsletter

### July 2020

Who would have thought we would still be social distancing and limiting activities into July. I don't know how many of you remember the early television show "That Was the Week That Was" (TWTWTW) that aired from 1964-1985. With all the cancellations and curtailments during 2020, it may be we refer to 2020 as "That Was the Year That Wasn't." It certainly will be a year we won't forget!

We currently do not have many activities planned for July since social distancing is still being required in keeping with the health department and state guidelines. This is especially important with the current uptick in cases. Hopefully, we will be able to plan a few more things for August. That is TBD—to be determined! In the meantime, let us remember those on the first lines who are fighting to keep us safe.



## June Steering/Planning Committee Meeting Update



The Steering Committee met on **Monday, June 22**, during a "Walk and Talk" and discussed ideas for future activities for our group. Several ideas were suggested. It was decided to survey the group on these ideas before time and energy were expended given the increase in virus incidents. See below.

## Activity Survey

Based on discussions during the Planning Meeting, we plan to send a short survey out via email by the end of July. The purpose of the survey is to gauge the inclination of Prime Timers to participate in socially responsible activities given the current environment. We would also appreciate any ideas you may have in addition to those being suggested. Thank you in advance for responding so we may continue to meet the needs of our senior ministry. **Please be sure to participate – YOUR INPUT IS VALUED!**



# LET'S CONTINUE TO DO SOME WALKING AND TALKING

In June, we began a "meet up walking group" at All Saints, and we are continuing it in July. Anyone interested in participating in a walk around the All Saints Church grounds, please meet in the parking lot by the picnic pavilion at **7:00 p.m. on Mondays**, weather-permitting. We will walk and talk and, if interest, visit in the picnic pavilion afterwards.

We will practice social distancing during our walk. Remember to bring a mask and water and lawn chair if you plan to visit after the walk. It's great to see some familiar faces after isolating these past several months.



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Second Harvest:** Our July volunteer opportunity at Second Harvest is scheduled for **Thursday July 23** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Carpooling/caravanning from All Saints is available at 8:30. We have 5 to 10 spots available. Please contact Donna Terzak at [penguin7@prodigy.net](mailto:penguin7@prodigy.net) or 531-3839 if you can help. Volunteer hours benefit Ladies of Charity.

Second Harvest requests that volunteers bring masks and gloves. For those who do not have this safety equipment, it will be provided. While casual attire is welcome (jeans, shorts, t-shirts, etc., attire must be appropriate for a family environment. **Open toed shoes are prohibited.** Jewelry must be limited to rings only. Second Harvest is concerned for our safety.

**Ronald McDonald House Update:** We usually provide a meal for the Ronald McDonald residents on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month. I have been in contact with the director of the House and because of the virus, the **House does not currently have guests.** Hopefully, we will be able to serve the House in the next month or two. Those who would normally stay at the House are staying at local hotels.

## Hopefully Still Coming in August

### Shakespeare “Off the Square”



Shakespeare on the Square is moving to **Ijams Nature Center** for its production of “Much Ado About Nothing” this season. The new venue is a safe, social-distanced, outdoor theatre for the whole family. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Tentative date for attending the performance is **Sunday, August 16**.

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Please keep Bertie Lubert, Linda Bryson, Nell Rachide, Bob Ernst, Philomena Nardone, and Keith Ely in your prayers... that God may grant them, as well as their caregivers and caretakers, comfort, strength, and peace as they continue to face health challenges.



#### ***Prayer for our Troops and Health Care Providers:***

*Lord, hold our troops and health care providers in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*



## Ongoing Parish Activities

### Rosary for Our Country



A Rosary for Our Country is prayed each Monday at 7 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome to join as long as social distancing guidelines can be met! Don't forget your mask! **Contact Kathy Ernst at 548-8209 or [kathy\\_ernst@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy_ernst@yahoo.com).**

# Parish Back to School Collection

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There are several ways to participate in the Social Action Ministry's Back to School Collection:

1. Make a donation through the parish's secure online giving platform (see parish website)
2. Purchase an item off the Target Gift Registry (see parish website) and have it shipped.
3. Purchase Walmart or Target gift cards and place them in the Sunday collection basket or drop off at the parish office
4. Purchase and return any item below to the narthex:
  - Back Packs
  - Calculators
  - Clip Boards
  - Colored Pencils or Crayons
  - Composition Notebooks or Spiral Notebooks
  - Construction Paper, Drawing Paper, or Notebook Paper
  - Folders
  - Dividers
  - Dry Erase Markers, Magic Markers, Sharpie Markers or Highlighters
  - Glue Sticks, School Glue or Tape
  - Kleenex or Paper Towels
  - Index Cards or Pots-It-Notes
  - Pencils or Pens
  - Pencil Boxes, Zipper Pencil Cases or Pencil Sharpeners
  - 3-Ring Binders
  - Safety Scissors or Scissors
  - Stapler and Staples
  - USB Drives
  - White Out or Correction Tape
  - Ziplock Bags



Your donations will help support charities such as Columbus Home Assisting Parents (CHAP), The Emergency Shelter, The Pregnancy Help Center, Elizabeth Home, and local City Schools. The collection of donations will go through August 16.

## Help Needed

Do you, or anyone you know, own a metal detector? We have a lost set of keys on the All Saints property where one of our group was walking. If anyone can help locate the keys, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kathy at 548-8209 or [kathy\\_ernst@yahoo.com](mailto:kathy_ernst@yahoo.com) if you can help. Might also say a prayer to St. Anthony.



# Thought for the Day



"Comfort"-Psalm 16:1

Focus on the presence of the Lord within you and you will feel peace, love, and growing understanding. Know that challenges come and go, but His peace, love, and strength comforts and sustains you throughout your life.

We have over 200 senior parishioners who do not have e-mail. If you know someone who does not have e-mail, please print off a copy of this newsletter to share with them! Thank you!!

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*Updated information on the Prime Timers, including the new Mission Statement and monthly newsletters, may be accessed on the All Saints Parish website at <https://allsaintsknoxville.org/prime-timers>*

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## How to Stay Healthy During the Pandemic

- ✓ Practice social distancing.
- ✓ Wear a mask in public places.
- ✓ This is *not* the time to be a caregiver for your grandchildren.
- ✓ Practice a healthy lifestyle.
- ✓ Make time for exercise.
- ✓ Take up a new activity.
- ✓ Keep in contact with others.





# Public Service Announcement



## Tennessee General Assembly Approves Two Sales Tax Holiday Weekends for 2020



The Tennessee General Assembly has announced it has approved two separate sales tax holiday weekends for the year 2020 only. During these weekends certain goods may be purchased tax free.

The first tax-free holiday weekend focuses on **back-to-school items**, including clothing, school supplies, computers, and other qualifying electronics. **It begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 31 and ends Sunday, Aug. 2 at 11:59 p.m.** Certain price restrictions do apply, and exempt items sold online are also eligible. The items must be purchased for personal use, not for business or trade.

The second tax-free holiday weekend focuses on **restaurant sales**. **It begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7 and ends Sunday, Aug. 9 at 11:59 p.m.** During this time, the retail sale of food and drink by restaurants and limited service restaurants, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 57-4-102, is exempt from sales tax.

For more information on specific items that are exempt, visit the Tennessee Department of Revenue's **Sales Tax Holiday webpage**: <https://www.tn.gov/revenue/taxes/sales-and-use-tax/sales-tax-holiday.html>

