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The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18a
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

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 & 9 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 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 Fr. Rich at
523-7931 or frrich@john23rd.org

Sunday School

Do you have children in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade? We have Sunday School on Sundays from 10-11 am for your kids! We will have a sign-up **this weekend** after the 9 am and 11:15 am Masses, but if you cannot attend today, there is an application in the lobby. The first day of Sunday School is Sunday, **September 19th**. Don't forget, if your child is in 2nd grade, they are ready for First Communion!

RCIA

What's the best way to learn about and strengthen your faith? Join RCIA!

The RCIA needs you to assist as we walk with people who are interested in learning more about Catholicism. No training or expertise is needed, only a desire to walk with people and share your experiences as a Catholic. We also ask that you spread the word! If you know people who are curious about Catholicism, please let them know that our RCIA will be starting in August. If you feel called to help people who are looking for a spiritual home, please contact **Fr. Rich** at frrich@john23rd.org or call (865) 523-7931.

Vocalists and Musicians Needed

Do you sing or play an instrument? We're looking for vocalists and musicians to help out at the **Sunday 11:15am and 5:30pm masses**. In particular, a pianist is needed for the Sunday 11:15am mass. Commitment is minimal, as we know your time is limited. We rehearse one hour before mass and no other rehearsals are scheduled during the week. Please let us know if you can join us! Contact Nancy Strange at nancybstrange15@gmail.com or Mary Beth Aguilar at john23music@gmail.com.

Lectors Needed

We will begin training for this valuable ministry the **next weekend** after all the masses. Lector sign-up sheets are available in the lobby. If you are interested, please take one and return it by Monday, August 23.

SmartLoving Newlywed Date Nites

Newlywed Date Nites is an email program to support couples in their first year of marriage. Sent every second week, each Date Nite includes topic information, reflection questions and a discussion guide for a 30 minute relationship activity that can be easily incorporated into a regular couple date. Compiled by the founders of SmartLoving, Dr Byron and Francine Pirola, it addresses common challenges facing newlyweds with wisdom, insight and humour.

Subscribe now – FREE for a limited time.

<https://smartloving.org/newlywed/>

Paulist Capital Campaign

As we approach the end of the Paulist Capital Campaign here at J23. So far, we have pledges and donations of \$823,000 totaling 150% of our goal. Thank you so much to all of you who have helped secure our Paulist future.

Catholic Response to Climate Change

As the Season of Creation begins on September 1st and culminates on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th with the release of the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform, Catholic Response to Climate Change asks you to reflect on the following thoughts from Laudato Si':

“...stop and give thanks to God before and after meals.... That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.” (Laudato Si' Section 227)

For more information on Catholic Response to Climate Change, please contact Beth Carroll Hunley at genrop@aol.com or (865) 216-1927.

Sunday Supper

During the UT semester, after the 5:30 Mass, volunteers serve dinner to about 100 students and parishioners. The meal is funded by St. John XXIII Parish and the volunteers are generous enough to shop for and cook the meal. There is even someone else to clean up afterwards! Please consider volunteering for this valuable ministry; a poster for signups is in the lobby.

Post Abortion Healing Opportunities

Did you know that one in four Christian women have experienced an abortion? That means that one in four Christian women and men are sitting in our pews every Sunday suffering in silence. In Pope John Paul III's Evangelium Vitae he states, “But do not give into discouragement and do not lose hope.” If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion, there is help and hope. Our Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is ready to assist you in your healing. The next retreat is scheduled for **September 24-26, 2021** at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times. **Registration deadline is September 17, 2021.** If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with counselors who have been specially trained in this area. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson, (865) 776-4510, sandi@ccetn.org. For participants' safety and comfort, all COVID-19 restrictions will be followed during the retreat.

Marriage Encounter

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” Find out how to live your Sacrament to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **Sep 24-26 and Nov 5-7**. These will be an in-person experience, and spots are limited! You can get more information or apply online at wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

Annual Bishop's Appeal Update

We've all felt the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and during it all, your support has kept ministry alive at our parishes, and we are so very grateful. Your continued generosity has made many things possible, including our livestream Masses, online Bible studies, and so much more.

In addition, our diocesan ministries and outreach were also strengthened this past year through support of the **Bishop's Appeal**, which raised over \$2.7 million dollars in 2020! For the 8th year in a row, the Bishop's Appeal has experienced growth, which has enabled all of us to continue to provide vital ministries throughout East Tennessee, including seminarian education, youth and young adult ministry, Christian formation and religious education, Catholic Charities, and the St. Mary's Mobile Medical Clinic.

St. John XXIII had an annual parish goal of \$33,100. As of the end of June, we had \$36,691 pledged and \$21,827 received.

Thank you for all you do and have helped to provide! You make ministries possible!

Adult Bible Studies

St. John XXIII adult bible studies are held downstairs in the church office between the Sunday 9am and 11:15am masses. No need to RSVP! Just come when you can.

Tuition Evaluator Knoxville Schools Fund

The Knoxville Schools Fund is seeking a Tuition Evaluator who is responsible for reviewing and processing of tuition support applications for families from the Knoxville Catholic Schools requesting tuition support. This position reports to the Lead Tuition Evaluator and has no supervisory responsibilities. For more information about how to apply for this position please go to <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/7112147067>.

Ladies of Charity Golf Tourney

Please join us for the annual Ladies of Charity Golf Tourney, in memory of Fr. Albert Henkel and long-time volunteer Joe Fuhr, on **Thursday, September 2nd** at Egwani Farms GC in Rockford. The format is a four-person scramble (select shot) and is fun for golfers of all abilities. Registration fee is \$500 per team/\$125 per player and includes a light breakfast, golf, prizes and lunch. Check-in and breakfast begin at 7:30 am with an 8:30 am shotgun start.

If you are unable to play, please consider one of the many sponsorship opportunities. You can register on line at www.ladiesofcharityknox.org.

For more information, contact the Golf Committee Chair, Joe Sutter, at (865) 588-4013, or sutterjtn@aol.com.

Youth Leadership Camp

Activities include low ropes, zip line, climbing wall, adventure mud race, campfire, adoration, speakers, music, and sports.

Who: 9th – 12th grade youth
Dates: **September 17, 2021 - September 19, 2021**
Location: Ocoee Retreat Center
Cost: \$110, transportation available for an additional \$10
Registration: <https://dioknox.org/events/diocesan-youth-camp-2021>
Deadline: **Friday, September 3, 2021**
Contact: Karen Byrne kbyrne@dioknox.org or (865) 584-3307

Young Adult Mass with Bishop Stika

When: **August 28th**, Mass will begin at 11:15 am
Where: St. Albert the Great Catholic Church

After Mass, stick around to have the opportunity to get to know other young adults from all around the diocese. We'll have food, drinks, games - all we're missing is YOU!

RSVP online at <https://yamassdioknox.eventbrite.com>.

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Prayer Requests: Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Beth Moser, Anne Kaminsky, Jerry Carney, Marilyn Sobota, Karen Pearson, Anne Pidkowicz, Ann Patterson, Doug Layman, Maria Theresa Walters, Etheleen Teaster, Peg Hart, Blanche Mackay, Linwood Kennon, Mark Miller, Alfred Prados, Edward Prados, Cliff Russell, Patsy Borie, Diane Dusichka, Margaret Dusichka, family of V. J. D'Innocenzo, Ed Seaver, Michelle D., Kathy R., George and Martha T., Patty Chen, Robert Tobey, Tom Walsh, Tom Mulligan, Kathy Croft, Joe Miller, Trudy Koehling, Debbie Davis, Cathy Barrington, Jaci Fryxell and family, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.

August 15, 2021 Offertory: \$3,872.25

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK OF
August 23-29**

Monday: 1 Thess. 1:1-5, 8b-10.....Matt. 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rev. 21:9b-14.....John 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thess. 2:9-13.....Matt. 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thess. 3:7-13.....Matt. 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thess. 4:1-8.....Matt. 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thess. 4:9-11.....Matt. 25:14-30
Sunday: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8.....Mark 7:1-8. 14-15, 21-23

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS
August 23-29**

Monday: 4:00 pm - Confessions
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

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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
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study
11:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Mass
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper
7:00 pm - Young Adult Bible Study
(ZOOM)
9:00 pm - Mass

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 in the office to receive any mailed donations. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you again!