



# Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

**Isaiah 35:4-7a  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37**

## 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](mailto:frrich@john23rd.org)

## Happy Labor Day!

Please note that our building will be closed on **Monday, September 6th** and there will be no daily mass or confessions that day. All of us at St. John XXIII wish you a safe and happy holiday!

## RCIA

What does it mean to be Catholic? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Not sure but curious? We have a way to answer your questions! RCIA 2021 will have our first meeting on **Tuesday, September 7 at 7pm** in the Paulus Room. All are welcome! We also need people who are Catholic to help make this experience as rich as possible. An interest in sharing your experiences with the Catholic faith is all that's needed. This is a great way to meet people, make new friends, and experience the depth and richness of our shared faith in a rewarding way. Email Fr. Rich at [frrich@john23rd.org](mailto:frrich@john23rd.org) for further information or just show up Tuesday evening! All are welcome!

## Pianist Needed

Do you play piano? 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](mailto:nancybstrange15@gmail.com).

## 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! Applications are available 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!

## Catholic Response to Climate Change Meeting

This year during the Season of Creation, which began on September 1, and continues through October 4, St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day, the global Christian family is uniting around the theme, "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God." Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." This year's symbol, Abraham's tent, signifies our commitment to safeguard a place for all who share our common home, just as Abraham did in the Book of Genesis.

Abraham and Sarah opened their tent as a home for three strangers, who turned out to be God's angels (Genesis 18). By creating a home for all, their act of radical hospitality became a source of great blessing.

Abraham's tent is a symbol of our ecumenical call to practice creation care as an act of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures in our common home, the household (oikos) of God.

Please join Catholics from area parishes at our **Thursday, September 9** meeting of Catholic Response to Climate Change on zoom at 7:00 p.m. to talk about how we as Catholics can celebrate this Season of Creation together and how we can participate in Pope Francis' Laudato Si' Platform which the Vatican will launch in October. For more information and to receive the zoom link, please email Beth Carroll Hunley at [genrop@aol.com](mailto:genrop@aol.com) or call 865-216-1827.

## Creatio

Creatio is a Catholic, Non-Profit organization focused on evangelization of the next generation of Catholics. Our mission at Creatio is to guide all people to encounter the beauty of creation. We lead experiences for young adults that catalyze intentional moments of encounter between person and nature; others; themselves; and ultimately God.

Creatio members are volunteers, professionals, and friends working to address environmental and human issues on a deeper level. Our goal is to facilitate an active transformation of ourselves and others, as well as the environment.

For more information, please visit [www.creatio.org](http://www.creatio.org)

## 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@ccctn.org](mailto:sandi@ccctn.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](http://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>.

## 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/>

## Annual CCW Holiday Bazaar

Join St. Patrick Catholic Church in Morristown for its 19th annual CCW Holiday Bazaar fundraiser from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 11th**—rain or shine—in the parking lot near the parish center (behind the church) located at 2518 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. The largest fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Council of Catholic Women, the bazaar features more than 20 vendors with items ranging from jewelry, toys, paintings, candles, scarves, purses, woodcarvings, food and more! The CCW holiday resale shop features items for every holiday with bargain prices. Proceeds from the event go to support local charities and church organizations.

## Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2021

As the Church begins the annual **Season of Creation** on 1 September, Pope Francis is inviting everyone to pray for “an environmentally sustainable lifestyle”.

In The Pope Video for the month of September, he held up the example of young people who are environmentally conscious.

“It makes me very happy to see that young people have the courage to undertake projects for environmental and social improvement, since the two go together,” he said.

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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, the Palmer family, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.

**August 29, 2021 Offertory: \$1,596.25**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
September 6-12**

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Col. 1:24-2:3.....Luke 6:6-11        |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Col. 2:6-15.....Luke 6:12-19         |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Mic. 5:1-4a.....Matt. 1:1-16, 18-23  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Col. 3:12-17.....Luke 6:27-38        |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | 1 Tim. 1:1-2, 12-14.....Luke 6:39-42 |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | 1 Tim. 1:15-17.....Luke 6:43-49      |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | Isa. 50:4c-9a.....Mark 8:27-35       |

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS  
September 6-12**

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Building Closed<br>No Mass or Confessions   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 5:05 pm - Daily Mass<br>7:00 pm - RCIA  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 5:05 pm - Daily Mass<br>7:00 pm - Vol Catholic  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 4:00 pm - Confessions<br>5:05 pm - Daily Mass   |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | 5:30 pm - Mass  |
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 9:00 am - Mass<br>10:00 am - Adult Bible Study<br>11:15 am - Mass<br>5:30 pm - Mass<br>6:30 pm - Sunday Supper<br>7:00 pm - Young Adult Bible Study<br>(ZOOM)<br>9:00 pm - Mass |

Check out our website at [www.john23rd.org](http://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!