



## Saint John XXIII University Parish/Catholic Center

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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

*Is 50:4-7  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14-27:66*

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 10 am (Lent) and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am,  
5:30 pm, and 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  
(865) 523-7931 or [frich@john23rd.org](mailto:frich@john23rd.org)

## Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to make a donation  
in memory of a loved one, please  
designate on your check in the memo  
line their name(s) and "Easter Lily."  
The flowers are lovely and donations  
are greatly appreciated!!

## St. John XXIII Schedule

### Pizza and Penance

Wednesday, March 29

Pizza at 7:00 pm

Service at 7:30 pm

### Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 6

No 5:05 pm Mass

Mass at 7:30 pm

### Good Friday

Friday, April 7

Noon - Outdoor Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

No 5:05 pm Mass

### Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 8

No 5:30 pm Mass

8:30 pm - Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9

9 am and 11:15 am - Mass

No Evening Masses

### Easter Monday

Monday, April 10

Building and Office Closed

No 5:05 pm Mass or Confessions

## Easter Lily Donations

### **Jeanne Fair**

for *Mary & Myron Fair,*  
*Myron King Fair,*  
and *Mary Ann Fair Galante*

### **Clarita Buffaloe**

in memory of *Vince and Franklin Vineyard,*  
*Steve Buffaloe,*  
*Mark Fly,*  
and *Edwin & Donna Bowers*

### **The Sobieski Family**

for *John L. & Ann M. Sobieski*

### **Nancy Larsen**

in memory of *The Larsen Family*

### **Ryan Watha**

in memory of *Vergin Dabish Watha*

### **Charles Jones**

in memory of *Charles and Dorothy Jones*  
and *Oneil R. Brooks*

### **John Platfoot and Rosey Mattson**

in memory of *Virginia Mattson,*  
*Lucile Mattson,*  
*Mary J. Hayes,*  
*Beth Dennison,*  
and *Geneva Stewart*

### **Jeffery and Anne Swanson**

for *Alice & Joseph McKay*

### **Zara Dewhirst**

for *Dudley Dewhirst*

### **Jeff Foster**

for *Bill McDonald*

## Lenten Fridays

Looking to add to your spiritual life this Lent?

Whether you are a parishioner or a student, please join us on Friday evenings for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Mass begins at 5:05 pm, Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm, and potluck soup supper immediately after. Come for the whole thing or just one part. All are welcome!

### **Schedule Hosting Schedule:**

3/31 FOCUS

4/7 Good Friday Stations

## "How to" Mass

Our faith is steeped in two millennia of tradition and the more we know the deeper we can delve into the spiritual life. During Lent, on Saturdays at 10am we will be celebrating teaching Masses, covering different aspects of the liturgy each week. Please join us for a spiritual and enriching experience.

### **Saturday Teaching Mass Schedule:**

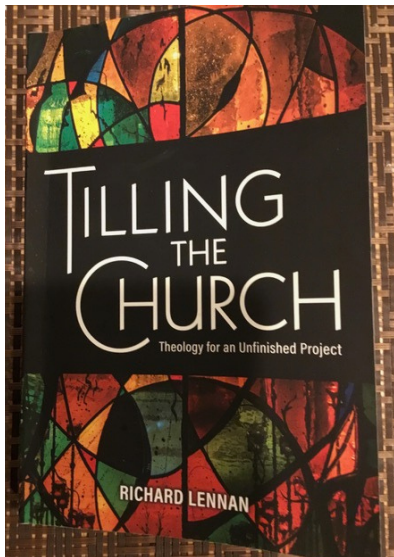
4/1 Closing Rites

## The Power of Sacrifice

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

Rice bowls are available in the lobby.





## Looking for a Book to Read?

The St. John XXIII Social Concerns Committee stays current on Catholic Social Teaching by choosing books to read and discussing them chapter by chapter in the first 25 minutes of each meeting. We would like to share our recent discussion, and if it intrigues you as it did us, you may want to get the book.

For the last 6 months, we have been reading *Tilling the Church: Theology for an Unfinished Project* by Richard Lennan, currently a professor of systematic theology at Boston College. The metaphor Lennan uses in calling us to be faithful to the grace the Spirit bestows on the church is “tilling”. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis uses “tilling” to define an activity that nurtures and renews the earth. In the same way, tilling the church increases its yield for future generations. As farmers well know, tilling supports the current harvest and overcomes any neglect or misuse which has damaged its yield in the past.

Improved harvests and damage control are both needed in our church. An ecclesial community can only remain faithful to its origin by continuing to be fruitful in today’s circumstances. New growth demands change which continues as a critical task until the fulfillment of God’s reign.

Some of the themes we considered in our discussions included the church as an ongoing project. Grace, a free gift of God’s Spirit, is part of the foundation of the church. However, we are free to accept or reject grace. Accepting grace always requires conversion which is the sometimes difficult change following Christ involves.

Realizing that we are a “pilgrim” church, we are continually moving through time, requiring us to look at things with new eyes in new situations and cultures. The Spirit is the primary agent of tilling. In Baptism, all of us are filled with God’s Spirit, so there is no privileged group that alone has access to the Spirit. So the task of tilling is a requirement for all of us – bishops, theologians and laity. The book ends with the importance of Pope Francis’ call for synodality – listening to each other in order to discover how the Spirit might help us with tilling. The church depends on us.

## Your Suggestions for the St. John XXIII Social Ministry Committee

The Social Ministry committee of 10 members met today as they have for almost seven years now.

Seven years ago, when we began our work, we had a questionnaire for everyone in the parish.

There were lots of ideas. That was a long time ago.

In April, we will be holding a two-hour meeting to plan our agenda for the rest of 2023. Some people think we should get a speaker. Others think we might put a few ideas in the bulletin weekly helping parishioners to connect with interesting projects around town. Talks on topics like homelessness, job-centered bus transportation, gun violence, or a panel on racism might be possible. We used to do fingernails at Serene Manor. Maybe have a parish conversation on life issues or a conversation with another parish about what they do for Social Ministry. Maybe you think we should do less.

Why not sit down and send a text about your thoughts to 865-243-7052 or email to [chasfm@comcast.net](mailto:chasfm@comcast.net)?

Any time before April 12 would be fine. Thank you for your prayers and your support!

## Justice Knox

In previous years, Justice Knox has researched and found that cities that had an affordable housing trust fund did a better job of creating more housing for low-income families and individuals. We found that Crisis Intervention Training was needed for ALL in the police force, not just for a few officers. We learned that whole school restorative discipline gave teachers more skills to effectively teach students how to change disruptive behavior and to be accountable for their actions. These are changes we have brought about to our community because people of faith came together to say we need this in our community for hard-working people and families who are struggling. And the leadership in our community listened.

Has this solved all the problems? Of course not. So, Justice Knox continues to address homelessness, transportation for those who do not have cars and so don't apply for jobs, and gun violence. We continue to look for other pieces to help people become more independent, and so less dependent on charity. If we do not speak out in our community, we will never help others to get out of the cycle of poverty. If we do not speak out, people in our community will never reach more of their God-given potential and lead the dignified lives that God has ordained. If we do not speak out, then we need to ask ourselves if we really are living out our faith commitment to love our neighbor.

This is why we want you to join us on April 25. It is only one evening out of the year that we ask you to come and join us. There are updates in the Lobby. Please take one so you can be more informed. Come early on April 25 to receive instructions for the Assembly. Officials are always told beforehand what we will be asking them and why. At the Assembly, they will be asked to publicly commit to our asks in front of a large group of people from many denominations.

In some years our asks are readily agreed to by officials. And some years, there is resistance. Then, officials are asked to explain why. There can be further negotiations that evening. However, sometimes there is an impasse and tension. We always insist on everyone being quietly respectful, if there is not an agreement. But we do not give up. It took several years of negotiating to establish the dedicated source of funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. It takes time to change hearts and attitudes. And lots of prayers!

Justice Knox members go through a yearlong process of hearing the concerns of local people, voting on issues to look into, researching each problem, meeting with officials and then getting a commitment for a doable change in our community. We meet many times with officials and present facts, stories, and solutions. We bring a wealth of information to the table on changes that are possible, information that many times officials do not have the time or inclination to delve into.

In the coming weeks, look for a sign-up sheet in the lobby of St. John XXIII. Please sign-up and commit to attend. Then mark your calendar and prioritize this one evening to join us at the **Justice Knox Nehemiah Action Assembly on Tuesday, April 25 at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium. The meeting will begin at 7 pm., but we ask you to arrive before that starting at 6:15 p.m.** Parking will be free at the garages across the street from the Auditorium. Daycare will be provided by vetted adults.

JUSTICE KNOCKS!!!



## **Catholic Response to Climate Change: There's still time to go greener this Lent**

### **Prayer, Fasting and Giving Alms**

As we approach Easter, we share some Resources from Catholic Climate Covenant for a greener Lent: During this Lenten Season, we join with you in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, thanking God for the blessing of our collaboration, striving to refrain from judging others, and seeking to give of ourselves to others in the wholeness of our Catholic faith.

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/season-lent>

### **A Greener Lent**

Greener Lent is a Lenten program based on the Lenten Tradition of prayer, fasting and alms giving and encourages participants to do the following:

- Intensify prayers, especially for the poor whose livelihoods are being destroyed by the climate crisis and that we may follow Christ more closely.
- Sacrificially reduce the amount of meat eaten by choosing a fasting level which expands the established days of abstinence for Catholics during Lent and provides a Biblically-based penance for all Christians. Reducing or eliminating meat significantly impacts the participants carbon footprint during Lent.
- Give alms to the poor who have suffered the worst effects of the climate crisis.

To participate in the "Greener Lent" program and receive updates from the community, please visit the following link:

<https://greenerlent.org/index.html>

The carbon equivalents that are avoided from our community fast by faith are tracked and reported each week. The money donated to the poor as a result of eating less expensive meals is reported in total for all participants each week. Prayer opportunities and resources are routinely provided to participants.

### **Lenten Reflections in the Environmental Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross is an ancient tradition and a spiritual pilgrimage of accompanying Christ in his passion. While Christ's Passion existed in history, the Passion continues to play out in modern times. Our sisters and brothers fleeing the damage done by climate change make great sacrifices along their journey to find safety.

We invite you to pray with these Stations of the Cross as a way to walk with Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem, and also to walk with those who have been displaced by the effects of climate change around the world:

<https://www.jrsusa.org/resource/stations-of-the-cross-renew-the-earth/>

### **Next Catholic Response to Climate Change Committee Zoom Meeting:**

**Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** All are invited!

For more information, contact Beth Carroll Hunley at [genrop@aol.com](mailto:genrop@aol.com) or 865-216-1827.



*Save the Date!*

# The Third Spirit of Hecker Awards



**Register for the Online Event!**  
**[paulist.org/HeckerAwards](http://paulist.org/HeckerAwards)**

*\$10 suggested donation enters you in a raffle*



We will be hosting a watch party in the Paulus Room  
after the Saturday evening mass on **April 22!**  
**It will be a catered event, so please RSVP to the parish office.**



## **St. John XXIII Staff**

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## **Sunday Giving Update**

### **Basket Collections**

February 19: \$4,382.00

February 26: \$3,666.51

March 5: \$8,822.12

March 12: \$4,310.25

**Electronic Donations for February**  
\$11,453.31

## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

### **March 27-April 2**

**Monday:** 4:00 pm - Confessions  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:00 pm - Finance Committee  
Meeting

**Tuesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:00 pm - RCIA

**Wednesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
7:00 pm - Pizza and Penance

**Thursday:** 4:00 pm - Confessions  
5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Friday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
6:00 pm - Stations of the Cross  
6:30 pm - Soup Dinner

**Saturday:** 10:00 am - Lenten Teaching Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
10:00 am - Adult Bible Study  
11:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass  
6:30 pm - Sunday Supper  
9:00 pm - Mass



## Prayer Requests

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Jo Andrews, Vic Kaminsky, Erin Kirkpatrick, Scott Hernandez, Kylie Hemphill, Dominic Mackey, Chance Adams, Jeyden, Peg Hart, John Fox, Mary L. Fox, Jamie Davis, Kathy Kuczka, Karen Pearson Rich, Connie Beeler, Christine Wade, Jerry Carney, V. J. D'Innocenzo and his family, Beth Long, Dino Carbetta, the family of Mufide Rende, Ellen Wavrek, Emilian, Charles, Carlos, Michel, Fernando, Esteban, Sebastian, Margaret Dusichka, Diane Dusichka, Ray Bieniek, Geneva Stewart, Anna Platfoot, Brendan Barry, Ernst Edel, displaced tenants of Walker Springs Apartments, the Acheampong family, the Odoi family, the Bentil family, the Thompson family, the Deku family, Tom Mulligan, Tom Walsh, residents of Serene Manor, those serving in the military, and for any too reserved to let us know.

Scan the QR code to register with  
St. John XXIII!



## Lector Schedule

**April 1-2**

Sat. 5:30pm Steve Hillenbrand - John Sobieski  
Sun. 9:00am Cid Letsinger - Lee Campfield  
Sun. 11:15am Ed Howley - Jim Dutkosky

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