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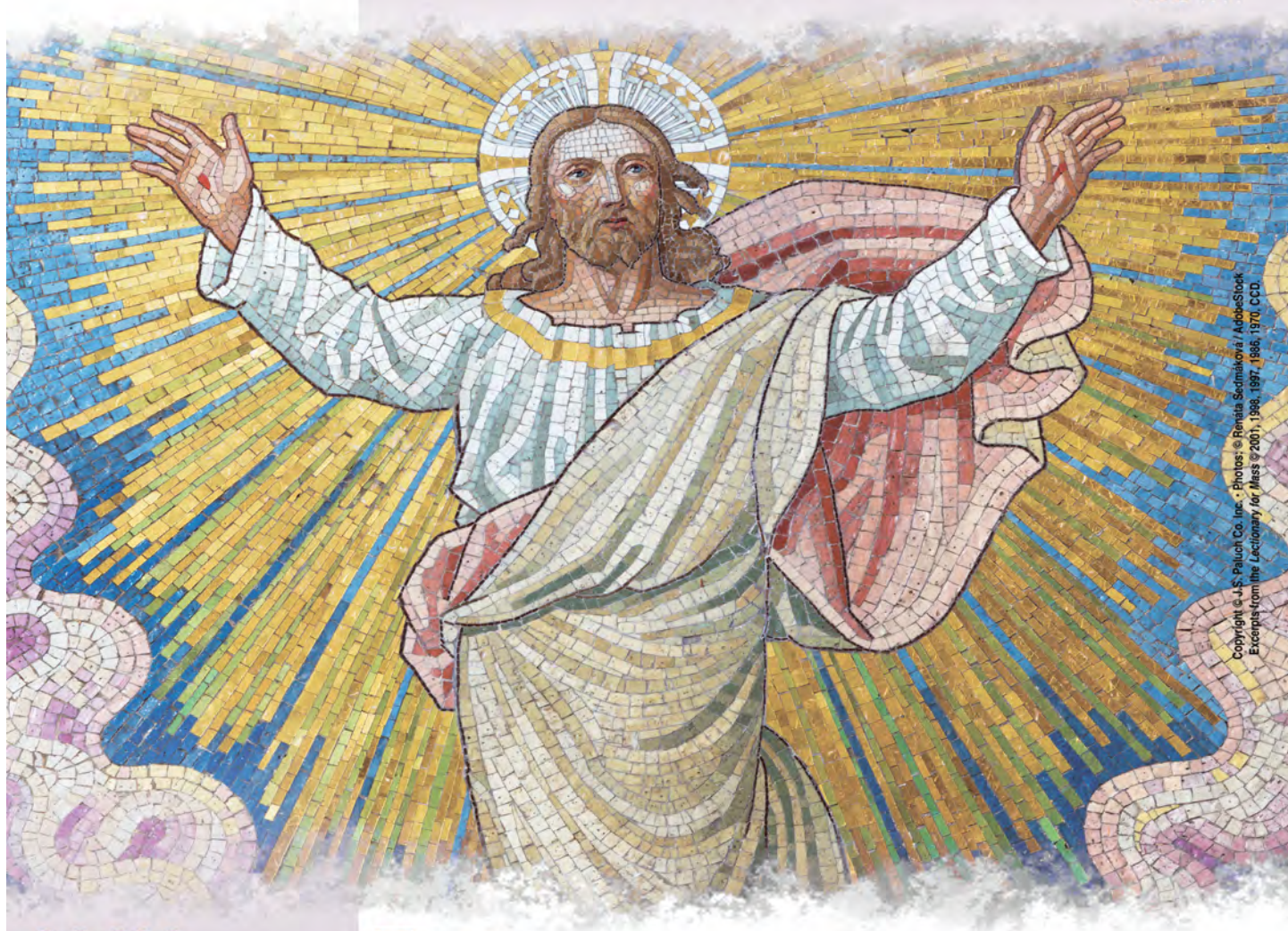
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"Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there
looking at the sky?"

Acts 1:11



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MAY
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THE
Ascension
OF THE LORD

ON MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and Honor
those who gave their lives in
the service of our country.



The annual outdoor **Memorial Day Mass** at Calvary Cemetery (1916 Martin Luther King Jr Ave) will be held on **Mon., May 30 at 9 a.m.** Bring a chair and join us to pray for all those who have served our country. Immediately following will be a history tour of the cemetery - find out about the cemetery and interesting stories of those buried there. For more information, call Beth Wolf at (865) 679-0535.

The **Parish Office will be closed on Monday** for the holiday. We will not have 12:10 p.m. Mass that day.

*Join us for an
Eco-Spiritual Retreat*

*Being at Home
In the
Web of Life*



Saturday, June 4, 2022
10:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
at St. John XXII Catholic Church

The retreat will be led by
Marcus Keyes
First Director of the
Office of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation
Diocese of Knoxville

Sponsored by: Catholic Response to Climate Change

A vegetarian pizza lunch will be served

Please RSVP to genrop@aol.com by June 2nd
For more information, contact Beth Carroll Hunley 865-216-1827

Serving Christ's love to our neighbors at Summit Towers



**HOPE
KITCHEN**

Tuesday, May 31

Burgers, hot dogs, & fixings

10am: Meal prep and plating

10 -11am: Bingo & Yard Games
at the Towers

11-12pm: Meal Distribution

Items Needed: Bingo prizes - books, puzzles,
practical household & cleaning items, etc.

Please park at bagged meters on street if able.

Contact: Caroline Zengel

duckzengel@gmail.com or (865) 335-2885



**Irish Fest
is Back!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
SAT., AUG. 13, 4 - 10 P.M.**

Volunteers are needed and service hours
for students are available for:

**Setup
Cleanup
Food Prep/Sales
Admission Gate
Kids Activities**

someone with electrical experience.

Many hands make light work! For more
information on positions and times, please contact
Beth Wolf at (865) 679-0535 or beth7137@att.net.

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon—Thurs, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Closed Fri

BULLETIN

Deadline is **noon on Monday** unless otherwise specified. Please submit announcements to Jenifer Dills.

PARKING

Free Sunday morning Mass parking available in the Eagles' lot across Cafego Place, the LMU lots on Locust Street and Cafego Place, and the Crowne Plaza. On weekdays, the **only** free parking is our parking lot. **Free parking for evening (after 5 p.m.) and weekend events** available in the LMU lots.



Calvary Cemetery News:

The Cleanup Day on Sat., June 11, 10 a.m.—noon, will be "Clean your Family's Gravestone(s)" Day! Cleaning supplies will be provided. Can't make it? For a donation, we will clean it for you! No family buried there - you can still help! Call Beth Wolf, (865) 679-0535, for more information.



*Annette Andrews, Tracy Bailey,
Dionna Battle, Colette Boudreaux,
Daniel Brochu, Gene Brown,
Avery Browning, Felix Bruyns & family,
Irene Cecere, John Charron, Patty Chen, Deacon Dean Conklin,
Maggie Costigan, Ron Cross, Catherine Cunningham,
Megan McMurray Dugan, Tom Dunne, Michael Hooper Foster,
Rosalina Freeman, Cherry Gambol, Maria Gervin,
Richard Guay, Neil Harkins, Bill Healy, Chris Herman,
Chance & Trish Adams & Ben Hicks,
Susan Hiser, Becky Horner, Jeane, Diane Johnson,
Veronica Jolly-Howell, Dale Jordan,
Noria Jeanne Likobo Ekaso, Phyllis Lockwood,
Dominic Mackey, Norma McGee, Fred McMurray,
Nita McNare, Adele Money maker, Peggy Moore, Ann Morse,
Elizabeth Mullet, Bobbi Newsom, Noah, Peter Ostermayr,
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Michael, Michele & Lily Rhinehart, Joel Rivera,
Dorothy Romines, Freeda Ryan, Susan Saah, Sarah,
Viola Schneider, Howard Schnellenberger, Linda Schreiner,
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Pat Sohanchak, Nina Spencer, Ken Sullivan (brother of Fr. Tim),
Zoila Tellez, Patsy Trollinger, Bill Tullos, Janine Turley,
Barbara Vest & family, Rose Vickery, Nicholas Walles,
Jean Wedekind, Lorie Weeden, Grace Willard,
Sutton Williams-Gurley, & Carole Wunderlich.*

Please contact Nancy Brennan Strange, at (865) 522-1508 ext. 21 or icoffice@bellsouth.net, with updates.

Gospel Reflection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, where Jesus leaves his apostles and rises to heaven. Before Jesus left to be with God the Father, he gave the disciples important instructions. They were to tell people all over the world about Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. They were to preach repentance—or turning our hearts away from sin and back to God—and forgiveness of sins.

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers have followed these instructions for all this time. Talk to your children and ask them: Who are some people who have taught you about Jesus? How have their lessons helped you in life?



The Hospitality Committee has begun serving coffee & donuts between the Sunday Masses on an occasional basis. If you would like to help, please contact Mikki Steinhoff at (865) 523-6434 (H), (865) 567-9851 (C), or danmikki@comcast.net. Our next event will be in June.



Religious Education News: Our classes have ended for the school year. We will resume again in September. Please don't hesitate to call Brigid Johnson at (865) 522-1508 ext. 28 if you have any thoughts or questions. Thank you for sharing your children with us.



Youth Ministry is open to all middle & high school students in the parish. **We meet in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Our summer meeting dates will be advertised in the bulletin so keep checking! For more information, contact Wendy Waxmonsky, wwaxmonsky@gmail.com.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or exploring the Catholic Faith? Inquirers are always welcome. For info, contact Brigid Johnson at brigidjohnson50@gmail.com or (865) 522-1508 ext. 28. **Join us in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. on Mon., June 13.** Our topic will be "A Biblical Walk through the Mass." Team members will be available to answer any questions.

MASS SCHEDULE Weekend

Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15, 10, 11:45 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.

Livestream Masses on Facebook Live

Sunday: 8:15, 10 a.m.
Special Occasion Masses: TBA
A link is posted on our website.

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:
11:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Saturday: 4 - 4:30 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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

(September - May)
Pre-K (age 4) - 5th grade
Sundays: 9:15 - 10 a.m.
6th - 12th grade
Wednesdays: 7 - 8:30 p.m.

CALVARY CEMETERY

1916 Martin Luther King Jr Ave
Knoxville, TN 37915
Volunteer Work Day:
2nd Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon

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



UT Forensic Chemistry Camp for Middle Schoolers, June 6-10. For information, contact Dr. Al Hazari at ahazari@utk.edu.



Our parish is collecting items to be placed in a **Bag of Blessings** that will be given to the homeless in Knoxville. Items needed include:

sanitizing wipes, chapstick, water, fruit cup/applesauce, granola bars, cheese or PB crackers, tuna salad kits, toothbrush & paste, washcloth & soap, shampoo & comb/brush, razor & shaving cream for men and sanitary items for women, adult socks, lotion, tissue, and laundry detergent.

Donated items may be left in a tub in the back of the church. Financial donations are always welcome. To date, **over 875 bags of blessings have been donated to the homeless.** Thank you for your continued support!

The "Bag Ladies plus 2" meet **every 2nd & 4th Friday, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall**, to work on making plastic mats for the homeless. Everyone is welcome and no experience is needed. It takes approximately 400 bags to make one mat. Please continue to bring your plastic bags to the Parish Hall and place them in the marked boxes. **Curious about how we make the bags?** Check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or the IC Women's Group page on the parish website for detailed instructions.

Immaculate Conception Outreach

Helping disabled & elderly residents at Summit Towers

Current Needs:

Household Cleaners
(e.g., Mr. Clean, Pine Sol or Fabuloso),
Toilet paper, Dish detergent & sponges,
Liquid laundry detergent, Gently used/new towels,
Simple "tube socks" for men or women

Please mark for Summit Towers.
Thank you for your kindness.



Paulist Vocations:

Please keep Paulist seminarian **Christopher W. Lawton, CSP** in your prayers. Chris entered the Paulist Fathers' novitiate on Aug. 25, 2018 and made his first promise on Sept. 6, 2019. Chris graduated *cum laude* from Harvard University, earning an AB in Biochemical Sciences, and from Columbia Medical School. He was active in campus church life as an undergraduate and later as a parishioner and ministry team member of The Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

After living in New York City for years, he moved back home to reconnect with his family and enjoy a simpler routine while working as an Assistant Professor of Medicine in palliative care. He believes that rest and contemplation for his new phase in his life was needed to discern whether God was calling him to religious life. Chris trusts God and His plan for him. Medicine afforded him the opportunity to walk with people. Similar to medicine, he now wants to be a "vessel for people -- someone that walks with people in whatever God Experience they are made for."

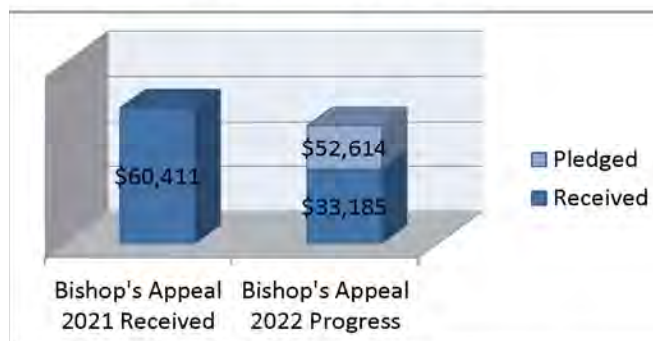
BISHOP'S APPEAL for MINISTRIES

Building up the Church in East Tennessee

Immaculate Conception

Through April 2022

Annual Parish Goal: \$52,200



You make ministries possible!



Tennessee Right to Life will hold its annual **Rummage Sale** on **June 10 - 11** at **St. Joseph School**, 1810 Howard Road. Donations of household items, furniture, toys, clothes, etc. will be accepted starting **Tues., May 31 through Wed., June 8, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day except Sunday OR by appointment.** Please bring items to the old gym entrance at the front of the building. Note: Large TVs and children's car seats are not accepted. Proceeds benefit the outreach and educational efforts of Tennessee Right to Life. For more information, contact trlknox@prolifeknox.com or (865) 689-1339. Thank you for your support.



Pregnancy Help Center Volunteer Opportunity

Have a few hours each week to spare? You can make a difference in the life of a mother and child without leaving the comfort of your own home. We are looking for English and Spanish-speaking volunteers to assist with our virtual Earn While You Learn program.

We educate parents on pregnancy, parenting and life skills all while earning the supplies they need for their babies. Both women and men volunteers are needed. Training is provided and schedules are flexible. Your time and talents are truly needed as our Pregnancy Help Centers are rapidly growing to meet the needs of those we have the privilege of serving. For more information, please contact Ernestine Meiners, at emeiners@cctn.org.



Donations will be accepted this weekend for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

in its work of evangelization. Working to keep the Gospel message in the world, CCC provides Catholic content for radio, the Internet, television, and print publications. CCC focuses on finding new ways to bring the Gospel message to **you** by working to be wherever the faithful and those seeking the faith are. CCC provides content the way **you** need it—on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for news, discussions, and sharing of the faith. Please be generous in the Collection and support this important work. Fifty percent of the funds collected will also assist the Diocese of Knoxville's Communications Office in our local projects.



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Knoxville Catholic High School is currently accepting applications for the position of **receptionist** for the 2022-2023 academic year. Qualified applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to Dickie Sompayrac at dickie.sompayrac@knoxvillecatholic.com.

Parish Offertory

May 22 Collection
\$ 8,006.00

Online Donations
\$ 3,667.50

Home Capital Campaign March 2022

Pledges & Donations
\$ 384,520.51

Total Received
\$ 334,890.40

Balance Remaining
\$ 49,630.11

Parish Share
\$ 168,721.30

Together.... Our Future Fulfilled St. Joseph School Capital Campaign

Pledged
\$ 319,672.00

Total Remitted
\$ 255,944.82

Balance Remaining
\$ 63,727.18

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28

5 p.m. Peter Ostermayr by Victoria Ostermayr *for healing*

Sunday, May 29

8:15 a.m. †Leona Betz by Pat Ryan

10 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

11:45 a.m. †Rose & †Park Gettys family by the family

Monday, May 30

9 a.m. Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery

Tuesday, May 31

12:10 p.m. †Laura "Patty" Smith by Alex Cate

Wednesday, June 1

12:10 p.m. †Kevin Dobson by Tony & Margo Alexi

Thursday, June 2

12:10 p.m. †Hazel Sorah by Louis Rankin

Friday, June 3

12:10 p.m. †Kevin Patrick Moore by Louis Rankin

Saturday, June 4

8:30 a.m. IC Prayer List

5 p.m. †Thelma Ryan by Louis Rankin

Sunday, June 5

8:15 a.m. The People of Immaculate Conception

10 a.m. Kathleen DeWine Benedict by her friend *Happy Birthday*

11:45 a.m. †Judge Charles Susano by the People of Immaculate Conception

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May: *For faith-filled young people.* We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Ps 68:2-3b,4-5acd,6-7b

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16

(Ps) Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6

Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Saint Justin, Martyr

Acts 20:28-38

Ps 68:29-30,33-36b

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Acts 22:30;23:6-11

Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 25:13b-21

Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20b

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,30-31

Ps 11:4-5,7

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34

1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Rom 8:8-17

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16,23b-26



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