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OCTOBER 5, 2025 | ESTABLISHED IN 1870



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO WORK TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD, TO GROW IN FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO HELP OTHERS GROW IN FAITH THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS.

MASS SCHEDULE & HOURS

Daily Mass

Tue., Thur.—Sat. 8:30 am
Wednesday 6 pm

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am
11:00 am
1:30 pm in Spanish

Confession

Sat.: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm
Sun.: 7:15-7:45 and 10:15-10:45
Or by appointment

Adoration / Exposition

Thur.: 7:00—8:00 pm
First Friday: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - noon

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Recommended to be celebrated at Sunday Mass. At least one parent must be a registered parishioner and Baptismal classes for parents are required. Contact the Pastor at least three (3) months before the desired date.

Anointing & Holy Communion for the Sick: Call the office to inform us of anyone who is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or unable to attend regularly scheduled Mass.

Marriage: Please do not set a date until you contact the Pastor at least six (6) months before desired wedding date to schedule marriage prep.



WELCOME

If you have newly moved to our parish, please fill out a registration form located in the alcove just before you enter the church. Forms can be placed in the collection basket or bring it by the parish office during business hours.

VENTURE: The Bible Timeline: This program will begin on Sun., Oct. 19 at 9:30 am in the Marian Room for our Middle & High School post-confirmation students. Learn about salvation history as narrated by Mark Hart, "the Bible Geek". Register in the narthex.

RE CLASSES: You may still register your child for Religious Education classes for PK through Confirmation on Sunday morning from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. There will be NO RE CLASSES on Oct. 5 & 12 due to Fall Break. Classes resume Oct. 19.

YOUTH GROUP: Middle & High School Students are invited to attend our Wed. Night Youth Group after 6 pm evening Mass. Enjoy Food, Fun and Fellowship with other students. NO YOUTH GROUP Wed., Oct. 8 due to Fall Break, however come to Myers Farm!

SAFE HAVEN: The Diocese of Knoxville Safe Environment compliance training is a condition of employment and for any volunteer ministry in the Diocese of Knoxville. More info is located on a table in the narthex. The mandatory renewal training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5-year expiration. Since the Safe Haven program has begun, many volunteers have reached the 5 yr mark and may be receiving an email for renewal. The website is <https://cmgconnect.org> or call Susan Collins at the office for more information.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mark Sweet, *Chairman*

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Dianne Curry, *Liturgy*

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Sharon Folk Chairperson

Members: Don Myers, Ray Jones, Mike Hollowell, Donna Hughes

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Oct 4 5:00pm † Daniel Berchin
 Sun. Oct 5 8:00am † Barbara Clavier
 11:00am SI Parishioners of Notre Dame
 1:30pm SI Angel Gonzalez
 Tue. Oct 7 8:30am SI Robert Pelletier
 Wed. Oct 8 at Myers Farm at 6:00pm † Jim Williams
 Thu. Oct 9 8:30am † Shirley Mitchell
 Fri. Oct 10 8:30am SI Pam Conley
 Sat. Oct 11 8:30am **NO MASS**
 1:00pm SI Esther Vazquez
 5:00pm † Roberto Diaz

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sun. Oct 5: Hb 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-10
 Mon. Oct 6: Jon 1:1-2:2,11; Lk 10:25-37
 Tue. Oct 7: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
 Wed. Oct 8: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
 Thur. Oct 9: Mat 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
 Fri. Oct 10: Jl 1:13-15,2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
 Sat. Oct 11: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

SECOND COLLECTION: Support our Deacons Special Collection Sunday, October 12th at all Masses or at Dioknox.org. Any amount is greatly appreciated and supports the five-year formation program that prepares the candidates for ordination. Deacons come to God's children in the person of Christ the servant. A bridge from the community to the sanctuary, deacons may be found not only serving at the altar, but in soup kitchens, hospitals, and prisons, among countless other ministries. Thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP

August ON LINE	\$4,156.00
September 7 Collection	\$6,846.00
Building Fund Collection	\$1,579.00
September 14 Collection	\$6,018.00
Maintenance Fund Collection	\$743.00
St Mary's Clinic	\$919.00
September 21 Collection	\$5,619.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gary & Mary Laun, Elaine Engle, Nancy Dessez, Pam Conley, Mike Lucius, Harry Ziegler, Michael Dolezar, Britt Sides, Christopher McBride, Bob Sachno, Samatha Stames, Rosana Beyer, Brian Roberts, Rich & Barbara Jones, Patterson Family, Kacey Nicholas Payson, Robert Jenkins, Michael Walter, Sandramary Evans, Robert Jones, Ray & Terry Costello, Noah Britton, Michelle Williams Hughes, Yaeira Acevedo, Joel Rivera, Linda LaSorsa, Elizabeth Girton, Sue Pearson, Jerry Collins, Jennifer Kusnierczyk, Myron & Elsie Smith, Julie Hocutt, Raymond Costello, Christina Russo, Matt Mazur Jr, Yvonne Killewald, Carol Flynn, Marlene Wilds, Mikey Kapalin, Bob & Clara Russo, Maggie May; Ernest & Geraldine Hampton, Roger Brault, Nathan Presnell, Ted McBride, Sharon Thompson, Annette Noble, John Straub, Andrea Bernabey, John & Joyce Nickett, Linda & Edwards Reynolds, Bill & Bernadette Moughamer, Ralph Williams, Rick Longworth, Mary Noe, Arlene Antonelli, Eleanor LaPoint .

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR NEED A PASTORAL VISIT?

Contact the office for your name to be added to our prayer requests or request a pastoral visit by Fr. Joseph. Names are published for six (6) weeks unless otherwise notified. Thank You!

Call the office to update this list.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

October 5, 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today show us that living a way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards. Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains, because it is God who does the heavy lifting. We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant. Jesus describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility. The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

Fr. Joseph

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5: Today is Council Sunday. This day highlights the presence and contributions of CCW within our Parish. The Oct. 5, 11 am Mass will bring awareness to this day by women of the Council serving in all ministries.

BOX OF JOY: The St. Agnes Guild of CCW is hosting this activity for families to fill a box for a child to receive this Christmas, who otherwise will not receive a gift. A \$9 fee is requested per box to assist with shipping and handling to countries served by Cross Catholic Outreach. Boxes are available in narthex as they last. You may also use a plastic shoe box of similar size. Return boxes by Sun., Oct. 19.

FOOD BANK: The commodity item for October is Sugar. Our barrel is on the left of the alcove as you enter the church. Thank you for your generosity.

MEMORIAL CANDLES: All Souls Day is November 2nd and this year we are offering a Memorial Candle to honor and pray for our loved ones. They will be placed in the church for all Masses then you will be able to pick them up in the Narthex the following week. Cost is \$10 per candle. Forms are available in the narthex and deadline to order is Oct. 20th. Contact Dianne Curry for more information.

SEEKING PARISH PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: Are you being called to serve? Our parish is currently seeking faithful, prayerful, and committed parishioners to discern service on the Parish Pastoral Council in the roles of Communications Officer and Chairman for the Liturgical and Social Action Committees. These are vital ministries that work closely with the pastor to prayerfully guide the mission and direction of our parish. If you are active in parish life, have a heart for listening and collaboration, and feel called to help shape our parish's spiritual and pastoral vision, please consider applying. *"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."* – 1 Peter 4:10



MYERS FARM PUMPKIN PATCH & CORN MAZE: Join us on Wed., Oct. 8 of Fall Break at 6 pm for Holy Mass at Myers Farm, 3415 Gap Creek Rd., Bulls Gap, TN. Then cook hotdogs over an open fire and take a hay ride to the Corn Maze. Cost is FREE for youth and \$8 for adults. May want to bring a flashlight and light jacket. Sign up in the narthex so we have a better idea of parish family participation. A donation basket will be available to help with the cost of food. Please come at 6 pm for Holy Mass!

TRUNK OR TREAT: Plan on decorating your trunk and handing our treats to our young folks on Wed., Oct. 29. Please attend Holy Mass as a family at 6 pm. Refrain from costumes at Mass unless dressed as your favorite Saint (special treat will be for given to our Saints). Dinner will follow & fall fun while our youth trick or treat from trunk to trunk in the parking lot. Donated treats are being collected in the container in the narthex if you are unable to attend.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

FIVE RIVERS DEANERY CCW FALL MEETING: All ladies are invited to the Fall Meeting of the Five Rivers Deanery Council of Catholic Women on Sat., October 11 starting at 10 am at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Newport. RSVP to Susan Dandrow at (315) 783-0752 or email sdgoodshepherd@gmail.com. Holy Mass will be celebrated and lunch provided for \$10. Come and meet ladies from other parishes in our deanery and learn about the exciting projects and events they have planned in our area.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: A healing retreat for those hurting emotionally and spiritually after involvement with an abortion. Without a doubt, abortion can be one of the most traumatic experiences in a person's life. Rachel's Vineyard is available to anyone that has been affected by an abortion. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times. The next retreat is Oct. 17-19 in Benton. Deadline to register is Oct. 10. If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with trained counselors. Please contact Program Leader Sandi Davidson at 865 776-4510 or at sandi@ccten.org.

WOMEN'S TALK; Addressing our Wounds. Women of the diocese are invited to an evening of inspiration and prayer at St. John Neumann Church on Tues., Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Jackie Angel will present a talk on "Addressing Our Wounds." Jackie Francois Angel is a full-time worship leader, vlogger, author, singer-songwriter, and homeschooling mom of four. Together with her husband, Bobby Angel, she has written *Pray, Decide, and Don't Worry: 5 Steps to Discerning God's Will* and *Forever: A Catholic Devotional for Your Marriage*. Talk is at 7 pm followed by worship music and Adoration at 8 pm. Cost \$15. Register on www.dioknox.org under events.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP: Sat., Oct. 25 from 9 am until noon and repeats every 4th Sat. of the month until May 25, 2026 at the Diocese of Knoxville Chancery in Knoxville. The Men's Discernment Group is for men who are interested in discerning if God is calling them to the priesthood. If you are interested in joining please contact vocations@dioknox.org. There will be a Zoom option for those not in the Knoxville area.



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2022 "Senior/Caregiver Resource EXPO"

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm (Free Lunch is provided)

Veteran Tribute: 12:00pm

Place: First Baptist Church, Christian Activity Center

211 North Main Street, Greeneville, TN 37745

Please use entrance at the rear of the building.

Enter near the flagpole.



The "Senior/Caregiver Resource EXPO" is
for anyone interested in learning about
community resources available to help
assist throughout life's journey.
For more information call
Renee Lowery at (423) 638-2226



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