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FEBRUARY 1, 2026 | ESTABLISHED IN 1870



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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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

Communion Services

Tue., Thur. & Fri. 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: We celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life on Feb. 2—the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, especially our own Sister Esther and Father Joseph. May all them continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

CCW BAKE SALE: Delicious homemade goodies will be available after all Masses on Feb. 7 & 8 and baked goods are needed. Drop off time is Feb. 6 is 5 -8 pm, Feb. 7 from 9 am - 7 pm and Feb. 8 before Masses. Contact Andrea at a_pletsch1650@hotmail.com or Elaine at mygarden@frontiernet.net for more info.

FOOD BANK: The commodity item for Feb. is canned fruit. Our barrel is located on the left of the alcove as you enter the church. Thank you for your generosity.

FALL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS: Date set for our 17th annual parish fundraiser is Sat., Sept. 19 and many people are needed for it to be successful. Please pray about how you can help. Contact our triple chairs for info about the team: a_pletsch1650@hotmail.com, djdaltonmoore@aol.com, Susan@NotreDameTN.org, Monthly meetings will begin very soon.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mark Sweet, *Chairman*

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Misty Shortridge, *Liturgy*

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Sharon Folk Chairperson

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan 31 5:00pm † Ellie LaPoint
 Sun. Feb 1 8:00am SI Fred & Wanda Ricker
 11:00am SI Parishioners of Notre Dame
 1:30pm † Eliseo Montes Canales
 Tue. Feb 3 8:30am **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Wed. Feb 4 6:00pm **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Thu. Feb 5 8:30am **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Fri. Feb 6 8:30am **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Sat. Feb 7 5:00pm SI Aurora Espinosa

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sun. Feb 1: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12:1a
 Mon. Feb 2: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 Tue. Feb 3: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19a; Mk 5:21-43
 Wed. Feb 4: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
 Thur. Feb 5: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Fri. Feb 6: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-22
 Sat. Feb 7: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-24

COMMUNION SERVICES: Communion Services will be held from Tuesday through Friday starting January 13 through February 13. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be at 8:30 am and Wednesday will be at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7 pm with the imposition of ashes. Sign up sheets for Mass Ministries are located in the narthex. Please sign up to assist if you are able.

GIVE ONLINE TODAY: Give online through eCatholic at <https://give.notredametn.org> and designate way of payment

STEWARDSHIP

December ON LINE	\$4,168.00
January 4 Collection	\$7,553.00
Building Fund Collection	\$1,944.00
January 11 Collection	\$4,310.00
Maintenance Fund Collection	\$1,371.00
January 18 Collection	\$6,861.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Linda Halen, Danny Collins, Lauren Casale, Kate Fabio, Michael Godleski, Gary & Mary Laun, Elaine Engle, Nancy Dessez, Mike Lucius, Harry Ziegler, Michael Dolezar, Christopher McBride, Samatha Starnes, Rosana Beyer, Brian Roberts, Rich & Barbara Jones, Patterson Family, Kacey Nicholas Payson, Robert Jenkins, Michael Walter, Sandramary Evans, Robert Jones, Noah Britton, Michelle Williams Hughes, Joel Rivera, Linda LaSorsa, Elizabeth Girton, Sue Pearson, Jerry Collins, Jennifer Kusnierczyk, Myron & Elsie Smith, Julie Hocutt, 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, Andrea Bernabey, John & Joyce Nickett, Linda & Edwards Reynolds, Bill & Bernadette Moughamer, Ralph Williams, Rick Longworth, Mary Noe

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

February 1, 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Jesus proclaims whom he considers "blessed", the strong and the proud are not listed. The rich and powerful are absent. Jesus says the blessed ones are humble and lowly, the faithful who pursue justice and who take refuge in the Lord. They boast only in the Lord Jesus and his salvation. To them, God promises the kingdom of God, an upside-down kingdom in which the last are first.

Father Joseph

PARISH INFORMATION

JOY OF THE GOSPEL: Reflections 2026 is a book by SFS Publications, committed to the Education of the Heart, and available for only \$10 in the parish office. Books are available first come-first served or contact Susan@NotreDameTN for more info.

FORMED: An on demand platform is FREE to parishioners to guide Catholics and those they evangelize to a fully Catholic life through faith-informed content. Formed empowers and satisfies curiosity by forming Catholics for life. To gain access to all content go to <https://signup.formed.org/> Enter our parish's zip code, your name and your email. An email will be sent to you.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: *Our resident theologian, Tyonia Burns, offers two ongoing adult formation classes based on a variety of topics and for short periods of length. Contact her by email to be included: tyburns@gmail.com or for more information.*

Adult Formation Class: Various topics on Catholic Faith is held Mon. evenings at 7 pm on Zoom. The Rosary is prayed (optional) prior to class at 6:30. Current class: Why We Worship: (6pt series by Dr. Brant Pitre) from Jan 12-Feb. 16.

Spirituality Class: Every Thursday morning after Mass in the Marian Room resumes Jan 22nd and will meet weekly.

Lent (after Sat. morning Mass) March 7- Brant Pitre's The Jewish Roots of Holy Week (2 hrs); **March 14 -** The Jewish Roots of Jesus Death & Resurrection (58 min.); The Road to Emmaus (1 hr 4 min.); **March 28 -** Brant Pitre's The Jewish Roots of Holy Week (2 hours) repeated

Bible Study: Book of Romans starts April 18th and will meet every 3rd Sat. after morning Mass in the Marian Room and use Dr. Brant Pitre series: Sin & Salvation.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: This ladies Bible study is on Thursday evening at 6 pm in the Marian room from Jan. 8 - Feb. 12 utilizing the book Fearless and Free, on the book of Ephesians, It is a six lesson study on experiencing healing and wholeness in Christ. The next book will be decided soon and begin Feb. 19 after evening Adoration. Contact Elizabeth Girton elizabethgirton@gmail.com for more info.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*, Matthew Kelly demonstrates the timeless genius of Catholicism by illustrating the practical and spiritual ways these ancient spiritual habits continue to enrich our daily lives today. Join us in the parish hall on Sun., Feb. 15 - Mar. 29 at 9:30 am until 10:45 for small group discussion, facilitated by Elizabeth Girton, based on the book.

MEN'S GROUP: Launching this summer at Notre Dame is the Knights of Columbus "Cor" Program. "Cor" is a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity that helps focus men on Jesus through building Christ-centered brotherhood. Call Paul Hammerton 708-648-2098 for info.

SAFE HAVEN: The Diocese of Knoxville Safe Environment compliance training is a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in the Diocese of Knoxville. The mandatory training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5-year expiration. The website is <https://cmgconnect.org> or call Susan Collins at the office for more information.

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

APPALACHIAN-HIGHLANDS MEN'S CONFERENCE: Sat. Feb 28 at St. Dominic Church in Kingsport. All men, whether fathers or sons, young or experienced, are invited to be a part of this annual event. Sons under 18 can attend for free! This year's theme is "Weathering the Storm." Register online at www.dioknox.org under event.

FRAZZLED: The Office of Christian Formation is bringing back Frazzled in the Vineyard for OCIA Coordinators/Catechists, DREs, and Youth Ministers. This event will be held at Drury Inn on the evening of Fri., March 6th and Sat, March 7th. If you would like to book a room with the Diocese's room block at a group rate, you can, however you can RSVP and attend this event without booking a room. We will be offering wine and other refreshments on Fri. evening and on Sat. The hotel offers a continental breakfast for Sat. morning. Dcn. Tim Elliott will be our speaker and his presentation will focus more on spiritual health than catechesis. This event is for you to relax and add to your own spiritual lives rather than strictly focus on your work in ministry. Contact Rachel McCarthy, rmccarthy@dioknox.org or 865-862-5741 for more info

PRINCESS RETREAT FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS: The Sisters of Mercy of Alma invite mothers and daughters (age 4-10) to a Princess Retreat at their convent in Knoxville (6832 S. Northshore Drive) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by other activities for the separate age groups (mothers, daughters age 4-6, and daughters age 7-10). Space is limited. Register at www.dioknox.org under event.

KDCCW SPRING EVENT: Peace, Unity and Love to be held on Sat., April 18 at St. Mary Church in Athens. The Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a day of reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal with Lisa Tuggle and Danielle Rose, inviting women from across East Tennessee come together in the spirit of peace, unity, and love. More info on www.dioknox.org under events.

MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT: This Retreat will be held for the first time in East Tennessee on the weekend of April 24-26 at Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton. The retreat is based on Luke 24, where Jesus joins two of His disciples as they walk from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. Men ages 18 and over are welcome to attend. For info, call Michael Hart at 423-414-4532.



ADORATION CHAPEL: Our beautiful Adoration Chapel is available to spend some time with our Lord. Are you interested? Call the office for the entry code and spend some time in prayer.

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**Courtney Fannon
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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.
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for anyone interested in learning about
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For more information call
Renee Lowery at (423) 638-2226



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