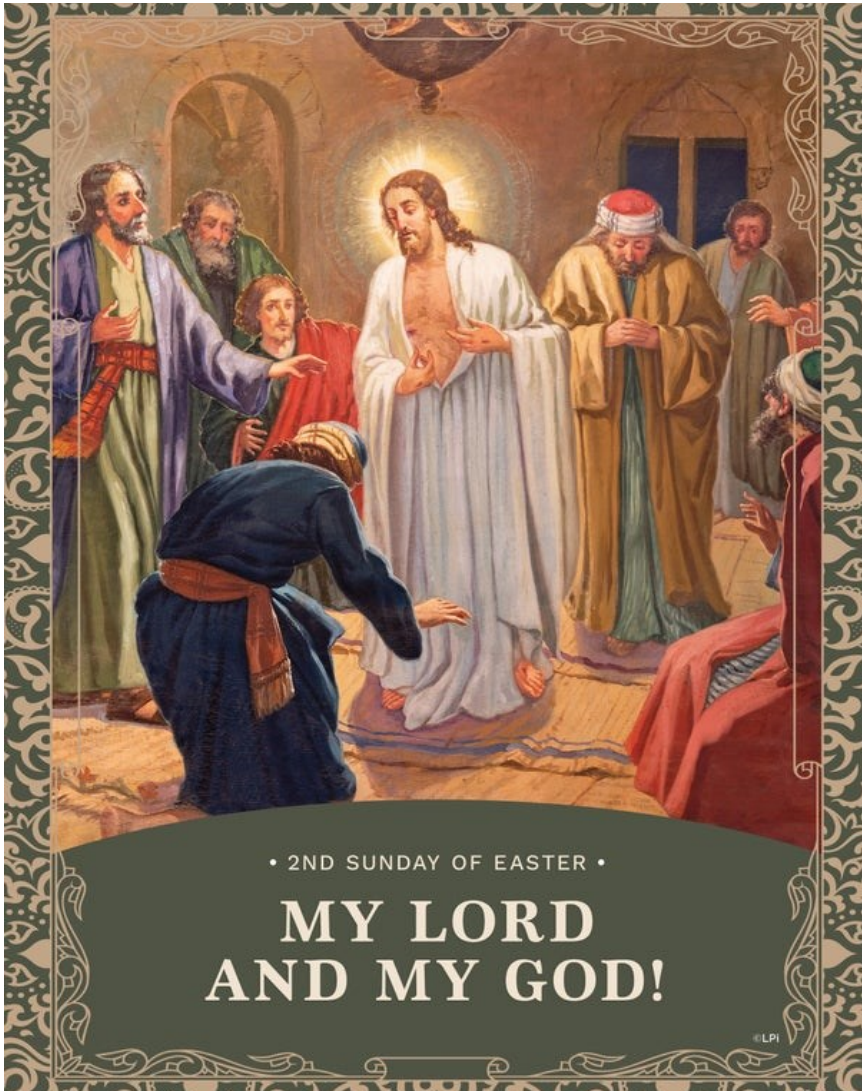




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*NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO WORK TO BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF GOD, TO GROW IN FAITH IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND TO HELP OTHERS GROW IN FAITH THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS.*

## HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE / HOURS

### Daily Mass

Tue., Thurs.-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.

## FAITH FORMATION

**BOOK OF ROMANS:** This Bible Study starts April 18th and will meet every 3rd Sat. after morning Mass in the Marian Room. It will utilize Dr. Brant Pitre series: Sin & Salvation and facilitated by Tyonia Burns. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex. Please sign up so preparation can be made.

**ETERNAL REST: The Art of Dying Well** - This 4 part series explores the catholic theology of death, afterlife, and dying with hope covering topics of the separation of body and soul, purgatory, the sacraments for the dying, and more. Each night consists of a 30 minutes video and discussion. The 5th night will consist of a live 2 hour session by Paul Simoneau on the mystery of human suffering and the care for the seriously ill and dying. n May for interested adults. Mark your calendar to join us.

Tues., May 12—Ep. 1 The Story of Death

Thurs., May 14—Ep 2 The Afterlife

Tues., May 19—Ep 3 The Hour of Our Deah

Thurs., May 21—Ep 4 The faithful Departed

Tues., May 26 - 2 hour seminar by Paul Simoneau on the Mystery of Human Suffering and Care for the Seriously ill and Dying

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mark Sweet, *Chairman*

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## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Sharon Folk Chairperson

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Apr 11 5:00pm † Robert Sachno  
 Sun. Apr 12 8:00am SI Bob & Maureen Pelletier  
 11:00am SI Parishioners of Notre Dame  
 1:30pm † Cecilia Cedillo Cedillo  
 Tue. Apr 14 8:30am † Esther Vazquez  
 Wed. Apr 15 6:00pm † Sabas & Braulio Gonzalez Silva  
 Thu. Apr 16 8:30am † Catherine McNamara  
 Fri. Apr 17 8:30am SI Jeff & Ana Hill  
 Sat. Apr 18 8:30am † Fr. Jospeh's Intention  
 5:00pm † Bob & Charlotte Merkel

## DAILY MASS READINGS

Sun. Apr 12: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Mon. Apr 13: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tue. Apr 14: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wed. Apr 15: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thur. Apr 16: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Fri. Apr 17: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Sat. Apr 18: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**FORMED:** This on demand platform is FREE to parishioners to guide you and those you evangelize to a fully Catholic life. To gain access go to <https://signup.formed.org/> then enter our parish's zip code, your name and email. An email will be sent to you with a link to begin exploring content. Once registered, no password needed - email verification is used.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** This sacrament in the Catholic Church is a covenant, not merely a contact, wherein a baptized man and woman establish a lifelong partnership of love and fidelity. It is a vocation and this weekend Fr. Joseph will be blessing our married couples.

## STEWARDSHIP

February ONLINE	\$2,669.60
March 1 Collection	\$6,154.00
Building Fund Collection	\$2,481.00
March 8 Collection	\$6,448.00
Maintenance Fund Collection	\$1,462.00
March 15 Collection	\$5,037.00
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$840.00
March 22 Collection	\$7,126.00
March 29 Collection	\$5,423.00

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Patty Mayo, Antonio Zamori, Karina Justiz, Terry Costello, 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 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

April 12, 2026 *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Today, as the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday we hear once again the familiar story of Thomas, who had to touch and see before he believed. If, like Thomas, you and I struggle to comprehend the resurrection, it's because it's like trying to fit the sky in a jar. Jesus understands this. He has mercy on us in our doubts and in our fragile need to see for ourselves. When he returned to that locked room, it wasn't for the ten who had already seen him, it was for Thomas, who had not seen Him. Jesus always pursues his lost sheep. As he said to St. Faustina, the great apostle of today's feast, "the greater the sinner, the greater the right they have to my mercy." Today, picture God's ocean of mercy, imagine yourself dropped in as a little rock of salt, and dissolve in those faithful words: "My Lord and my God, I trust in you." Fr. Joseph Kuzhupil

## EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:

*The Berneck Family by Margaret & Audrey  
Michael, May, John Botta by Angelo & Pam Botta The  
The Cook Family by Margaret & Audrey  
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The Mazur Family by Candice Mazur  
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Diane Swindle by Tina Dougherty  
Roger Violette by His Wife, Children and Grandchildren  
The Vocaturio Family by Margaret & Audrey  
The Wayson Family by Margaret & Audrey  
Jim Williams by Barbara Williams*

## IN HONOR OF:

Jerry & Judy Collins  
The Work Crew by Barbara Williams

## FALL FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

A new design for our 17th annual Parish Fundraiser are on display in the narthex and all parishioners are invited to place their vote for our next Fall Festival T-Shirt. Order forms will be available soon for T-Shirts. Festival sponsors are wanted for our Sept. 19 event and forms are also available in the narthex. Many benefits are available for sponsors! Consider joining our Festival Committee Team and more info is on the display in the narthex.

Chairman for Positions wanted:

Art Show	Advertising & Communication
Bake Sale	Entertainment
Fundraising (Sponsors)	Games & Activities
International Food Booths	International Silent Auction
Lemonade Stand	Master of Ceremonies
Mexico Food Tent	Parking at Event
Photographer	Physical Arrangements
Raffle Ticket Sale	Safety & Security
Ticket Sale at Event	USA Food Tent
Vendor & Displays	Yard Sale

Contact the Triple chairs if you are willing and able to assist: DJ Dalton 423-588-0150; Andrea Pletsch 423-823-7165; or Susan Collins 423-470-2560. Monthly meeting will begin soon and only last an hour. New ideas are always welcome!

# PARISH INFORMATION

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** Assistance is needed on Monday, April 13 from 10 am until about 7 pm to unload and set up for a Food Distribution. Food will be distributed while supplies last on Tuesday, May 14 from 5—7 pm and help is also needed for the distribution.

**TN STRONG:** Pregnant? We'd love to help! New programs are coming to Greene County and will be held at Notre Dame Church. Jacky Mejia will be at Notre Dame on Sun., April 19 to help explain the program in English at 9:30 am between the Mass and while Religious Education is in progress and after the Mass in Spanish to those that speak Spanish. This project is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee and through Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Ladies that attend the sessions will earn a chance of a giveaway. For more info contact Jacky at (423) 214-1573.

**CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION:** Mark your calendar for Sat., May 2 from 10 am—3 pm for lots of authentic Mexican Food and activities. Please share the event with your family and friends. All proceeds benefit Notre Dame Catholic Church.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** If you will be graduating from High School this spring and would like to be included in the Parish Recognition, please contact Susan at the office. Graduates will be attend Mass together in cap and gown on Sun., May 17 at 11 am with a luncheon to follow.

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

**FREE myParish App:** Text App to 55321 to download the app and select Notre Dame Church. Parish messages, bulletin, calendar, readings, prayers & more are available.

**VBS: Vacation Bible School:** Please pray about assisting in our Summer Vacation Bible School held every Wed. night in the month of June. A new theme comes alive every year and students strengthen their Catholic faith by attending.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Students will be receiving Communion for the first time on Sunday, April 26 at the 11 am Mass. Please continue to pray for those preparing.

**MAY CROWNING:** Last day of Religious Education classes for students is May 3, and they are encouraged to bring flowers to class. The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 10:45 am prior to the 11 am Mass. Parents are encouraged to attend this Mass with their children.

## DIOCESAN INFORMATION

**KDCCW SPRING EVENT: Registration Now Open.** 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](http://www.dioknox.org) under events.

**MEN'S EMMAUS RETREAT:** Register now or this Retreat to be held at Christ Price of Peace Retreat Center in Benton on April 24-26. The Emmaus Retreat is based on the gospel of Luke chapter 24 where Jesus joins two of His disciples as they walk from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus.

Questions can be directed to Michael Hart at [mikehartf1987@gmail.com](mailto:mikehartf1987@gmail.com) or by calling 423-414-4532. To learn more about the Men's Emmaus Retreat or to register, please go to: [www.emmausretreats.org](http://www.emmausretreats.org).

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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, Greenville, TN 37745  
Please use entrance at the rear of the building.  
Enter near the flagpole.

The Greenville/Greene County  
**Senior Resource Network**  
The "Senior/Caregiver Resource EXPO" is  
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