

St Joseph Catholic Church

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<http://www.rc.net/knoxville/stjoseph>



Pastor: Fr. Bill Gahagan
Pastoral Associate: Sr. Mary Yvette (207-7070)
Deacon: Dan Hosford (603-9682)
Church: 494-7746
Rectory: 494-9964

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Tuesday Mass 9:00 am
Thursday Mass 9:00 am
Liturgy of Hours 8:45 TU & TH

Parish Council

John Seymour (Chairman)
Eric Rauch, Bruce Knudsen,
Chris Curtin, John Fecco,
Kathy Mohrman

Committees

Director Religious Ed - Lynnette Currie
Council of Catholic Women - Susan Baker
Liturgy - Audrey Knudsen
Men's Club - Gary Golden
RCIA - Fr. Bill, John Seymour, L. Currie
Youth - Deacon Dan, Karen Savino
Bookkeeper - Eric Rauch
Maintenance - John Seymour
Office - Susan Baker, Sally Jackson
Chuck Stearle

Baptism

By appointment, at least 4 weeks prior.
Contact Karen Meiring @ 494-7830.

Reconciliation See Father for appointment

Marriage

4-month preparation period as required by the Diocese

Reflections from St. Therese & St. Joseph's Parish Council Retreat

The phrase "weekend retreat" has a new meaning to me and it says "to reflect and rejuvenate". Last weekend the Parish Pastoral Council from Saint Joseph and St. Therese along with Father Bill and Deacon Dan had the privilege to go on retreat together at Bill Swain's retreat house in Scott County. If that's not God's country I don't know what is. Prior to the weekend all participants struggled with the desire to go and their own active schedules and the families they had to leave behind. But the Holy Spirit spoke to us all and said come reflect and rejuvenate. It was exciting to experience how the Holy Spirit spoke to us all in different ways.

Not only did we have great opportunities to learn new morning and evening prayers, but to learn new skills as PPC members and fully understand we are all called to be pastoral in our lives and faith journey. Vatican II gave the laity of the church an opportunity to use their time and talent to benefit the Catholic Church and to enrich our lives and our love of God.

Along with all this we still had time to enjoy some great meals (Thanks Kathy and Jim), get to know new friends and deepen friendship within our own parish, explore the great outdoors, share a glass or two of wine, and laugh a lot. If you ever have the opportunity to go on a retreat, push aside how difficult it is to get there and open oneself to reflect and rejuvenate. It might just change your life and increase your love and understanding of God and the Catholic Church.

John D. Seymour

St. Therese Parish council was unanimous in their opinion that our joint council retreat was a deeply spiritual experience. It allowed time for both personal reflection as well as group discussions and reflections on our relationship with God and our fellow believers. During St. Therese parish council session, we discussed plans to help carry over this enthusiasm in ways to re kindle the spirit among the parishioners of St. Therese. The retreat also offered us a unique opportunity to strengthen and deepen the bonds between members of St. Joseph and St. Therese parish councils. Father Bill and Deacon Dan celebrated the Mass Sunday morning outside against the back drop of a beautiful blue sky and fall colors; an end to a fantastic weekend!

Jim Ferguson

CHURCH NEWS

Confessions will be heard every Sunday morning before Mass from 8:00am to 8:45am.

Men's Club Next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 pm.

The annual, **Fruit of the Vine Wine Tasting**, sponsored by the Men's Club and John & Laura Seymour will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 4, at 7:00pm at 140 Butternut, Norris. Adults only please. Bring your favorite bottle of wine for the tasting. Donations will be taken at the door for the St. Joseph angel tree or Catholic Charities of East TN. RSVP 494-2028.

The Men's Club will host a **Chili Supper** on Sunday evening, Dec. 6, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the parish social hall.

Thank you to everyone who participated through donations of food and funds to the food drive for Crazy Quilt last week. With the short notice, we still were able to provide 15 families with Thanksgiving dinner plus some items for the food pantry shelves. Thank you to Jana Brey and little Jacob for driving everything up to Newcomb! We were told that families only receive food from the pantry once every three months because of the shortage of food.

Save the Date: A **Parish Pot Luck Dinner** will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 11, starting at 6:00pm to be followed by a Youth/Children's Play at 7:00.

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, **CCHD** needs your support in today's collection. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph Website

You can read each week's bulletin online, <http://www.rc.net/knoxville/stjoseph/> Suggestions and updates can be emailed to Nancy Heaps at Heaps_1@yahoo.com

New Parishioner/Registration: Please see an usher for registration forms. Please keep your information up to date in the parish office (phone, address, etc.) Moving: please notify the office.

Bulletin Announcements: by Wednesday evening to stjosephnorris1@comcast.net

November 15, 2009 Collection

Regular	\$ 2,934.00
ASA	
Building Fund	200.00
Visitor	
Special Collections	100.33
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TOTAL	\$ 3,234.00

Ministries, November 29, 2009

Readers: Parish Youth
Ushers: Parish Youth
Servers: Matthew Barry, Katie Curtin, Jason Rizk
E.M.H.C.: Bill & Margaret Donaldson
Rosary Leader: John Froning
Altar Care: Nancy Heaps

Our St. Joseph parish will host a community wide **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service** this Sunday evening, Nov. 22, starting at 7:00 pm. This service is sponsored by the Norris Ministerial Association and everyone in the community is welcome. Donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food items will be accepted. These special offerings will benefit the Good Neighbors program.

Due to scheduled activities during Thanksgiving week, please plan on having any announcements for the bulletin for Sunday, Nov. 29, delivered to the parish office no later than Tuesday evening, Nov. 24. Thank you.

Catholic Charities:

Chili's restaurants "Give Back Night" for Catholic Charities is December 3. Present the Chili's Give Back Night coupon at any Chili's in East Tennessee on the first Tuesday of the month, between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m., and Chili's will donate 10 percent of your purchase back to Catholic Charities! Coupons are available at www.ccetn.org.

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers 18 and up for various Knoxville area programs. Flexible schedules are available. If you can help contact Tonia Graf at 251-0494, ext. 115.

Catholic Charities' Office of Immigrant Services provides low-cost immigration legal assistance for those who cannot afford an attorney. Services include status adjustments, petitioning for family members, citizenship and naturalization, and translation services. The program is accredited by the U.S. Bureau of Immigration Appeals. For more information contact Nathaly Perez at 865-971-3550.

Save the stamp when you donate on-line to support Catholic Charities' vital social service programs across East Tennessee. Just go to www.ccetn.org and click on "Donate Now." Autodraft options for scheduled donations are also available.

Would you like to help women make positive decisions about their pregnancies? The Pregnancy Help Center is seeking new volunteers for our ministry to pregnant women and new families. In Knoxville contact Mary Beth Unthank at (865) 212-4942. In Chattanooga contact Catholic Charities at (423) 267-1297.

Divorce and Beyond is a structured 9 week program for Catholic men and woman who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. This group will begin meeting on Sunday January 10, 2010, in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Shea Room. (711 Northshore Drive SW, Knoxville) The sessions will conclude on March 14, 2010. All sessions will be held from 2 PM to 4 PM. Cost is \$15.00. To register or for more information, please call 865-691-2256.

Stewardship Expressions

November 22, 2009
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

"My kingdom does not belong to this world."
John 18:33-37

The response of Jesus to Pilate, the most powerful human authority in Palestine at that time, raises a very important question for those of us who call ourselves Christians and claim to be followers and imitators of Jesus Christ: *Where is our kingdom?* Is it our home? Is it our family? Is it our job or profession? Is it our material wealth or financial security? Is it our hobby or a certain sport? Is it a combination of some or all of these? All of these are good. And to the extent that we have them, God wants us to use and enjoy them for ourselves *and for others*, to the best of our ability. That is how we get to *Jesus' kingdom that is not of this world*. It is when one or more of these things becomes *our kingdom* to which we devote an inordinate portion of our time, energy and resources that we get so attached to *our kingdom in this world* that we are at risk of losing our right to join Jesus in *His kingdom that is not of this world*.

Benedict XVI is asking prayers for all the children of the world, especially those who suffer, and he is urging the international community to be committed in responding to the problems that affect childhood.

His exhortation marked the **20th anniversary of the U.N. convention on the rights of the child**, approved Nov. 20, 1989.

"My thoughts go out to all the children of the world, especially those who live in difficult conditions and suffer because of violence, abuses, illness, war and hunger," the Holy Father said.

"I invite you to join yourselves to my prayer and, at the same time, I appeal to the international community so that efforts will be multiplied to offer an adequate answer to the tragic problems of childhood," he continued. "Let not the generous commitment of all be lacking, so that the rights of children will be recognized and their dignity be increasingly respected."

