



# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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## Church Contacts

### Pastor:

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Office Hours: Tue–Wed–Thurs–8:30-12:30

### Parish Council

Bill Ross– Chairperson (Spiritual Life)

Elizabeth Hamby- Vice Chair (Parish & Family Life)

Lynnette Currie– Secretary (Social Action)

Dennis Curtin- (Administration)

Mike Ferkany (Faith Formation)

Al Lesar (Communication)

### Committee Chairperson

Altar Servers Patti Ferkany - 426-2627

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### Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am

Tues & Thurs 9:00 am

Liturgy of Hours 8:45 am Tues & Thurs

Adoration 6-7 pm Thurs

### Mass Intentions

March 17th : Virginia (Jean) Stanton Mother of Barbara Ross

March 19th : Beatrice Edington

### Sacraments

**Baptism** - By appointment at least 8 weeks prior.

Contact Karen Meiring at 406-9973

**Reconciliation**-1st Thurs, 6-7 pm; before Mass Sundays, and by appointment

**Marriage** - 6 month preparation period as required by the diocese. See Fr. Armstrong

March 15, 2020



In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.



We are called Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we should reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

**Ladies Days Out:** Join the Knoxville Diocese of Catholic Women at their 2020 Convention at St. Patrick Church and Best Western Plus Morristown Convention Center in Morristown on April 23-25. Fun, laughs, spirituality – make new friends and lasting memories. Contact Susan Collins, 423-470-2560, [scol-lins51@hotmail.com](mailto:scol-lins51@hotmail.com); or Kathy DeAngelis, 423-277-6296, [krdeangelis@yahoo.com](mailto:krdeangelis@yahoo.com) for info about hotel arrangements and convention. Convention registration forms are available online at <http://www.kdcccw.org>.

Dear St Joseph Parish Family,

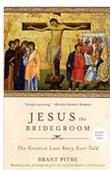
Bobby and I would like to thank you all for your prayers, thoughts, cards, texts, masses and love.

This is Bobby's fourth battle with cancer. We continue our journey with immunotherapy treatments that we will see in 12 weeks if they are working. We ask that you continue to pray for us and all those who are sick. It is comforting to know we have so much support.

God bless you all,

Bobby and Karen Thompson

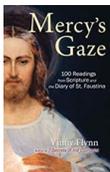
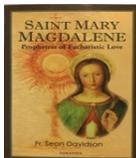
**LIBRARY FEATURES FOR THIS HOLY SEASON**



*Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told* by

Brant Pitre

*Saint Mary Magdalene: Prophetess of Eucharistic Love* by Fr. Sean Davidson



*Mercy's Gaze: 100 Readings from Scripture and the Diary of St.*

Faustina

By Vinny Flynn

**St Joseph Small Faith Community Scripture Studies**

2nd & 4th Sunday After Mass *Catholicism the Pivotal Players* For questions, Sally Jackson 494-7340

1st and 3rd Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm, *First Corinthians* Contact Judy Curtin 494-0372 or [dtcurtin05@comcast.net](mailto:dtcurtin05@comcast.net) starts

Every Other Thursday Morning *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible* For questions, Bob Kapolka 865-414-6343

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month *Catholicism the Pivotal Players* 7:00 pm, Contact Beverly Froning 865-607-3627.

**If any parishioner is interested in joining an ongoing Scripture Study, please contact the group facilitator for details.**

**St. Joseph Ministries**

March 22, 2020

<b>Readers</b>	<b>Dav DelVecchio, Doug Perry, Deacon Dan</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Nikki Kapolka, Bob Kapolka</b>
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Alexandra Radcliffe, Michael Curchy, Mike McGee</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	<b>Kelly Dake, Bill Donaldson, Ken Barry, Judy Curtin. Deacon Dan</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>Maureen Bounds</b>

**Birthdays**

Michael Curtin, McKenna Watts, Charles Kuhens

**Anniversaries**

Dennis & Jean Miller

Fred & Mary Hicks

**Please pray for our parishioners**

Donald Stringfellow, Mary Hicks, Angelo Miceli, Penny Hosford, Denise Dziura, Bill Jolly, Mark Grim, Mary Stolte, Joe Sprouls, Mary Jane Minch, Dave Marantette, Bobby Thompson, Ron Johnson, for all that have received Prayer Shawls-Comfort Blankets and those in our Book of Petitions

**Save the Date**

On April 1st at 6pm **Father Richard** will be presenting an in-depth view on **Jesus the Bridegroom**. You do not want to miss this. Please see flyer for additional information.

<b>~ STEWARDSHIP ~</b>	
Last Week (3/8/20)	\$2,955.25
Last Year (3/9/19)	\$2,451.00
Total for January	\$12,515.72
Monthly Fiscal Year Budget	\$10,844.58

**Mission Statement**

St. Joseph Catholic Community strives to strengthen the Kingdom of God thru our worship, service to others, spiritual growth and evangelization. We are a family-oriented, welcoming community, with Christ as our focus. We participate with and support the greater community in works that encourage strong families and community development. Our growing family includes all age groups, caring for each other's needs.



Every Friday during Lent at 6pm, St Joseph will have a Soup Supper followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm. The Stations on March 13th will be conducted by the CCD.



"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners.... For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way you will console My Heart."  
Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul, #367  
Saint Joseph Catholic Church offers adoration on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

### Lenten Schedule

- April 5, 2020:** Palm Sunday, 9am Mass
- April 7, 2020:** Chrism Mass, 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- April 9, 2020:** Holy Thursday, 7pm Mass, washing of feet followed by Eucharist Adoration 8pm- 11pm
- April 10, 2020:** Good Friday, \*\*Norris Ecumenical Service, Noon, St. Francis Episcopal Church Stations of the Cross, 3pm  
7pm Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross
- April 11, 2020:** Easter Vigil, 8:30pm at St. Joseph
- April 12, 2020:** Easter Sunday, 9am followed by Easter Egg hunt

**DEATH IN THE FAMILY:** If you would like St. Joseph to share in your grief in the event of a family member's death, please officially notify the parish office. A Mass will be offered for the deceased at a date convenient to the family.



The next Prayer Shawl/Comfort Blanket gathering will be on March 28th at 10am. All are welcome. The Ministry offers Prayer Squares. Prayer Shawls and Comfort Blankets for babies, youth and adults. Items are available for all those wanting to experience the Lord's healing, love, peace, comfort and guidance.



The next Senior Moments gathering will be on 3/19/20 at Austin's on Merchants Drive in Knoxville at 11:30am. To make reservation or for questions please contact Charley McDonald at 457-3818

### Spiritual Life Inspiration

Third Sunday of Lent

**"St. Joseph, Be My Guide"**

"Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, my father and my model through life, that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. O Glorious Saint Joseph, through the love you bear for Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions." Feast Day: March 19.

My Saint Jude Prayer Book, Dominican Friars

**Mass Intentions** - For Mass intentions, contact Sally Jackson or Louann Lawrence in the office. 865-494-7746

**Parishioner Registration** - New to the Parish? Welcome! Please register. Ask an usher for a registration form.

**Eucharistic Ministry Visits** - contact Lynnette Currie - 865-494-2260 or the office to schedule eucharistic visits to home or hospital.

**Sacristan (Altar Care)** - Thanks Addie Lackovic for serving as Sacristan during Feb. John Froning will serve during Mar. Contact Margaret Donaldson 603-1487 to help with altar care.

**Second Collections** March 22nd; **Catholic Relief Services**

### HOW TO CONTACT US

**St. Joseph Website** You can read each week's bulletin online, <http://www.sjnorris.org>

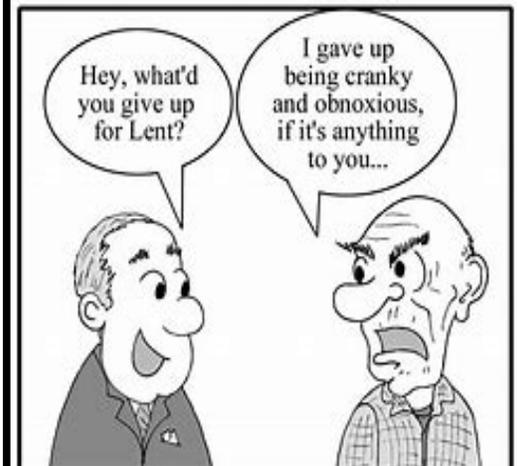
**Calendar Events** please fill out the form that is on the Parish Office door. You can slip it under the door of the Parish Office.

**Bulletin Announcements:** Complete form on office door or email [bulletin@sjnorris.org](mailto:bulletin@sjnorris.org) by Wednesday at 12:00 pm

You can view an updated calendar by going to [sjnorris.org](http://sjnorris.org) and clicking on Calendar  
If you are on Facebook, check out the St Joseph page.



### On the lighter side



[www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com](http://www.catholiccartoonblog.blogspot.com)

# Diocese and Community Happenings

## Catholic Charities' Events and Advocacy Committee

Are you someone who likes to help with events? Are you passionate about making a difference in our community? If you answered "Yes" to one (or both) of these questions, then Catholic Charities of East Tennessee needs you! CCETN is looking to grow our Events and Advocacy Committee (EAC). For details, please contact Jessica Allen at ([jmallen@ccetn.org](mailto:jmallen@ccetn.org) or (865) 963-4727. Thank you for being so giving of your time and talents for our neighbors in need!

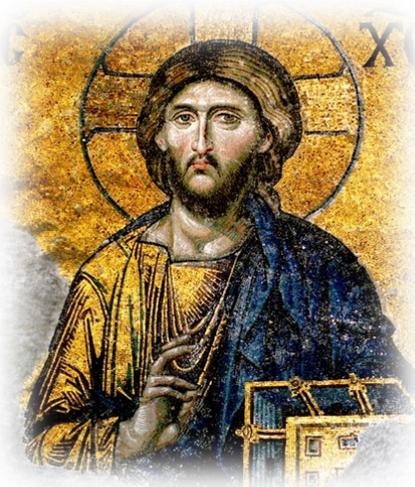
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**Married Couples:** God is going to shower us with the gift of super-gratuitous abundant love with the birth of His Son. Shower your spouse with the same abundant love by putting a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on your calendar. The next dates are April 17-19. You can get more information or apply online at [GATN-wwme.org](http://GATN-wwme.org) or by calling **678-242-WWME**.

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## "The Divine Liturgy: Heaven on Earth"

The Byzantine Liturgy has often been described as "Heaven on Earth." The Divine Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great hail from the fourth century in the ancient East. These liturgies have been the backbone and source of Eastern spirituality for millions of Christians through the centuries. These liturgies are unique expressions of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic faith. Come see how the Heavenly Eucharistic Banquet (Mass) is celebrated in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches.



**When:** Fr. Richard Armstrong will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great on Sunday, March 29 at 4pm at St. Therese Church. Attendance at the Divine Liturgy fulfills the Sunday Obligation for Catholics. All parishioners from St. Therese and St. Joseph are invited to attend. A potluck supper will follow. Please bring a dish to share.

## See Spiritual Life Bulletin Board for more info.

Avila, Spain

**PILGRIMAGE to SPAIN** June 1-9  
In the footsteps of St. Teresa of Avila 2020

Barcelona

Toledo

Sister Anna Marie McGuan, RSM  
Director of Christian Formation

The Diocese of Knoxville

Make your reservation

To reserve, fill-out the reverse-side form and send it to us.  
A \$450 / person deposit is required to make your reservation.

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The Diocese of Knoxville  
invites you on a pilgrimage to the

**EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**  
AND HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL EUROPE

with His Eminence  
**Cardinal Justin Rigali**

September 17-27,  
2020