

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

1580 St. Thomas Way
Lenoir City, TN 37772



September 26, 2021

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you, Mary placed her trust;
with you, Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us also,
show yourself as a father
and guide us in the path of life.

We seek your fatherly protection during this time of pandemic
upon the Diocese of Knoxville and all our Sisters and Brothers
that surround us in East Tennessee.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

We ask this through the intercession of the Holy Family that you
were given to love, protect and guide during your time on earth.

ORACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ

Salve, Guardián del Redentor,
Esposo de la Santísima Virgen María.
A ti Dios confió a su único Hijo;
en ti María puso su confianza;
contigo, Cristo se hizo hombre.

Bendito José, también muéstrate,
como un padre para nosotros,
y guíanos por el camino de la vida.

Buscamos tu protección paternal,
durante este tiempo de pandemia,
para la Diócesis de Knoxville,
y para todos nuestros Hermanos y Hermanas alrededor nuestro,
en el Este de Tennessee.

Obtén para nosotros gracia, misericordia y valor,
y defiéndenos de todo mal.

Te lo pedimos por la intercesión de la Sagrada Familia,
que te fue dada para amar, proteger y guiar durante tu tiempo
en la tierra. Amen.

MASSES

Saturday	5:00PM	7:00PM (Spanish)
Sunday	9:00AM	11:30AM
Daily	8:30AM	Monday – Friday
	9:00AM	Saturdays

SACRAMENTS

Anointing: Please notify the parish office if you know
anyone is seriously ill or in the hospital. (We will not be
notified by the hospital due to patient confidentiality).

Baptism: Arranged by appointment.

Confirmation: Requires 1 year study and one retreat.

Marriage: Requires a minimum 6 month notice.

Penance: Tuesdays at 6:00-7:00pm, Saturdays from 9:45
-10:30am or by request.

PARISH OFFICE

Telephone Numbers:

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Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
(closed 12:00 – 12:30 PM for lunch)
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Council of Catholic Women:	Jan Scobey	407-701-8274
EMHC:	Michele Pubillones	865-985-2663
Friendship Kitchen:	Curt Sheldon	865-458-8510
Homebound:	Tim Geoghegan	321-482-1413
Knights of Columbus:	Jim Gold	484-885-0097
Lectors:	Michele Pubillones	865-985-2663
RCIA:	Edie Shanahan	865-308-3406
Respect Life:	Kay Sheldon	865-742-7557
Rosaries:	Pam Geoghegan	321-482-9668
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Stephen Ministers:	Debbie Agee Tom Ringenbach	865-657-9199 865-458-0915
St. Vincent de Paul:	Help Line Information - Jeff Kirk	865-274-8697 865-816-7765
Ushers:	Evelyn Edwards	865-250-6130

IMPORTANT INFORMATION**Flowers:** If you would like to donate altar flowers for a special occasion please call the parish office.**Ministry to those in home or care facilities:** Please help us be attentive to those who are ill, homebound or in the hospital. Either the patient or a family member must notify the parish. Communion can be brought to the home or health-care facility by calling Tim Geoghegan at 321-482-1413.**Online prayer requests:** Marianne Hartman 865-458-0936 mtnesttv@gmail.com**Parish registration:** registration forms are available in the parish office or you may register online.**Pregnancy help center hotline:** If you are facing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy, or need healing after an abortion, please call Catholic Charities Pregnancy Help Center "hotline" at toll free 877-990-4673.**Emergency Line:** 865-227-2894

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Sept 27	@ 8:30AM	Ted & Nancy Stark (int)
Tue	Sept 28	@ 8:30AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wed	Sept 29	@ 8:30AM	James Thompkins (dec)
Thur	Sept 30	@ 8:30AM	James Skoch (dec)
Fri	Oct 01	@ 8:30AM	Sita Garcia (dec) Frank Edwards (dec)
Sat	Oct 02	@ 9:00AM	Martha Brown (dec)
Sat	Oct 02	@ 5:00PM	St. Thomas Parish
Sat	Oct 02	@ 7:00PM	Gerardo Garcia (dec) Julio Ledesma (dec) Maria C. Figueroa (dec) Cornelio Tinoco (dec)
Sun	Oct 03	@ 9:00AM	Law Enforcement, Firefighters, & First Responders
Sun	Oct 03	@ 11:30AM	Dr. Rene F. Ruiz (dec) Bobby Gawgeski (dec)

BULLETIN SICK LIST

Willow Lefebvre, Mamie Ringenbach, Mike Ferrara, Theresa Ferrara, Joseph Ferrara, Peter Ferrara, Frank Ferrara, Maryann Lerro, Anne Bernardi, Josephine Ferrara, Toni Ingenito, Chris Blom, Dwayne Blom, Sherry Popovich, Alex Pabich, John Thelen, Joanne Richter, Jean Eicholtz, Angelina Corona, Mary Ann Brown, Colin Kamperman, Ursula Foreman

ATTENDANCE / ASISTENCIA

Sat	Sept 18	@ 5:00	PM	194
Sat	Sept 18	@ 7:00	PM	280
Sun	Sept 19	@ 9:00	AM	336
<u>Sun</u>	<u>Sept 19</u>	<u>@ 11:30</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>190</u>
Total				1,000

MUSIC LITURGY

Readings	1061
Hosea	189
Come, Worship the Lord	706
Loving and Forgiving	325
O Lord, I Am Not Worthy	400
Seed, Scattered and Sown	365
How Great Thou Art	492

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The day-in, day-out routine of caring for him is finally getting you down. And he isn't getting any better. You're exhausted. You need someone to care for you. A Stephen Minister can be this person. He or she won't push advice on you. Instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you, helping you sort through your feelings and discover the resources you need to make it through. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, contact Debbie Agee 865-657-9199 or Tom Ringenbach 458-0915.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27, the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

Thanks for your donations of food, diapers and baby wipes this weekend! God Bless you for your generosity!

Happy Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul!
September 27

RCIA: CATHOLIC INQUIRY SESSIONS

Are you, a family member, or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Our Inquiry sessions are held every Monday except for holidays, at 6:30pm, in Room 118 downstairs in the Parish Family Life Center. You are welcome to join us at any time to begin your journey!

Please contact Edie Shanahan, (865)308-3406 or ELS947@comcast.net for more information and/or to register for these sessions.

FLOWERS BY THE TABERNACLE

The flowers by the Tabernacle this weekend are in honor of Tony and Marianne Hartman's 62nd anniversary.



Come pray with your fellow St. Thomas parishioners on Saturday, October 2 at the Planned Parenthood abortion business at 710 North Cherry Street, Knoxville. St. Thomas parishioners will be there from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Approximately 4000 abortions are performed every year in Knoxville. Each abortion represents one life lost and other lives forever wounded. Our witness is prayerful and peaceful. Your contribution of time, prayer, and fasting will have an immeasurable lifesaving effect in our community. Come spend an hour or two on these dates. Please wear a face covering and maintain social distancing. Directions to the site are available in the Narthex. For questions please call Kay Sheldon at 865-742-7557 or Curt Sheldon at 865-458-8510.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Bring your pet for a blessing on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi; **Saturday, October 2 at 12:00PM** on the field on the side of the church. All pets must be on leashes, please.



CONGRATULATIONS!

On Sunday, September 26th at 4:00 pm, Bishop Stika will install the new group of deacon candidates, including our own Rafael Pubillones and Roberto Cortes as acolytes. In the absence of a Deacon, the acolyte may also prepare the altar and purify the sacred vessels. We ask for your prayers as they prepare for this next step in their ministry.



WIDOWS' SUPPORT GROUP

Whether you've been recently widowed or it's been awhile, you have a place with us. We are a special group of ladies who truly understand the journey you're on, and provide encouragement and companionship. This month, we're doing something new. We are going on a fun outing! Please join us on Tues. 9/28 at 10:15 a.m. in the church parking lot. We will get into carpools, drive to Bravo in Knoxville for lunch, enjoy a tour of The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, shop at The Paraclete and plan to arrive back at church by 3:45 pm. Each month we address matters of interest to our members. We also plan outings such as church activities, outside gatherings, patio lunches, volunteer opportunities, etc. To attend this outing or for more information contact Angela Wichlinski, 865-567-6002, angelawichlinski@gmail.com.

HELP US HELP YOU TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

If you haven't yet had time to complete the survey from the Adult Faith Formation, there's still time to do so. Your input is greatly appreciated as we look forward to putting together programming for 2022 and beyond, based on what you are seeking. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete. We strive to offer programming to strengthen your relationship to God, learn more about our beautiful Catholic faith, and bring peace in a world full of uncertainty. You can find a link on the parish website or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHFVZJQ>. You can also pick up a paper copy in the back of the Church and return to the basket by the surveys. Your participation will be greatly appreciated, and all answers are anonymous. Any questions, contact Shawna Hunt at smhunt7377@gmail.com.



Loving, Learning and Living Our Faith!

Dignity of Life and Poverty from A Catholic Perspective



Two of the most important contemporary and moral issues of our time are the dignity of life as well as how to effectively address poverty. Catholic Social Teaching can provide us with a solid framework for response. The Adult Faith Formation Committee will be hosting two programs on these topics starting soon.

“Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity of the Human Person and *Evangelium Vitae*” will put the pro-life discussion in context, and will also explore Pope St. John Paul II’s teachings. You will also have an opportunity to learn about the Pro-Life activities in our parish and diocese, and how you can become involved. This three-session program begins on Monday, Sept. 27.

“Catholic Social Teaching: Poverty and the Preferential Option for the Poor” will look at the Church’s perspective as well as learn about what it is actually like to live in poverty and explore possible responses. Presented in cooperation with the parish St. Vincent de Paul conference, you will learn more about their activities in serving our neighbors and how to become involved. This three-session program begins on Monday, Oct. 18.

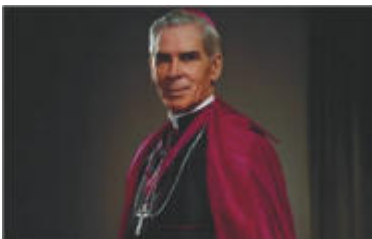
All of the programs will start at 6:30 PM. They will be presented both live in the Deacon Jose Room as well as virtually via Zoom. Please register at <https://stthomaslc.flocknote.com/signup/67204> to attend or to receive a recording of the program if you are unable to attend. If you have questions, please contact Warren Hunt at (865) 657-3593 or warrenhunt0820@gmail.com.

Catholicism 101

Build a Solid Catholic Foundation – No Experience Necessary!

Never had time to deepen your knowledge of Catholicism? Is God nudging you to deepen your faith? People ask questions about the faith you wish you could answer? Catholicism 101 is what you are looking for! Over a 3-year period, we will offer foundational programs that are enjoyable and easy on your busy schedule. All sessions will be offered on a Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30 a.m. as well as between Sunday Masses, 10:15-11:15 a.m. The first seven sessions entitled **The Search** will begin in October. To register use this link: <https://stthomaslc.flocknote.com/signup/65989> or contact Jill St. Yves, jill@stthomaslc.com or 865-986-9555.

FORMED “Pick of the Week” – Angels: Bishop Fulton Sheen



In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, “Life is Worth Living,” Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, “Angels,” Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world. This presentation can be found at: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/angels-bishop-fulton-sheen>. We encourage you to visit the FORMED website at <https://formed.org/>. Select the “Browse” feature and you can see the latest programming.

If you have questions on any Adult Faith Formation program or want to sign-up, contact Jill St. Yves in the parish office at jill@stthomaslc.com or (865) 986-9885.

KOC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone from St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church who gave so generously to the Kind Charities/ Tootsie Roll Drive . We raised over \$2,500 and are so grateful to all of you for that. All of the money collected will be donated to Charities that support the effort of aiding those with learning disabilities.

As always, we appreciate your continued prayers and support and may our Lord bless you for serving Him so faithfully.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Knights of Columbus are offering the popular Christmas Wreath fundraiser for 2021. They make great gifts to friends and family since they can be shipped to anywhere in the continental United States. Knights will be in the Narthex after all Masses to answer any questions and take your orders. Monies raised help support our selected local community charities. Remember to get a wreath for yourself! Thank you for supporting Fr. John Savoca Council #12633 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKES AND MORE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021



Please join us on Sunday, October 3, 2021, after the 9:00AM mass, to welcome the new parishioners at our monthly breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Over the last 18 months, St. Thomas registered many new parishioners, and this is our first opportunity to officially welcome them to our community of faith. Remember the Pancake Breakfast proceeds go to support three seminarians in the Knoxville diocese. Thank you in advance for joining us.

RED MASS

Sunday, October 3 at 9:00 am

A special invitation is extended to all serving in the legal and law profession to join us in celebrating our annual Red Mass on Sunday, October 3 at **9:00 a.m.** As a time honored tradition of the Catholic Church, the Red Mass is celebrated to pray for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice.

Background: The Red Mass represents a special time to reflect upon the God-given responsibility of all in the legal profession. The first recorded Red Mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Paris in 1245. In certain localities of France, the Red Mass was celebrated in honor of Saint Ives, the Patron Saint of Lawyers. From there, it spread to most European countries. The tradition began in England in 1310 during the reign of Edward II. St. Thomas More, an English lawyer, statesman and councilor to Henry VIII, who was martyred in 1532, was declared by St. John Paul II to be the "Heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians." The first Red Mass in the United States was held in 1877 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Detroit, Michigan and has been celebrated annually since 1912. In New York City, a Red Mass was first held in 1928 at the Church of St. Andrew, near the courthouses of Foley Square, celebrated by Cardinal Patrick Joseph Hayes, who strongly advocated and buttressed the legal community's part in evangelization.

HORARIO PARA LAS MISAS

Sábado 5:00 PM **7:00 PM (Español)** **Domingo** 9:00 AM 11:30 AM
Misa del día 8:30 AM Lunes – Viernes y Sábados a las 9:00 AM

HORARIO PARA LAS CONFESIONES

Martes 6:00-7:00 PM
 Sábado 9:45 – 10:30 AM

HORARIO DE OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Lunes a jueves, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (**cerrado 12:00–12:30 PM**) y viernes 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LÍNEA DIRECTA PARA EL CENTRO DE ASISTENCIA PARA EMBARAZOS

Si se enfrenta con un embarazo difícil o no planeado, o necesita sanación después de un aborto, llame a la "línea directa" de Caridades Católicas, Centro de Ayuda para Embarazos gratuitamente al 877-990-4673.

CHARLAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Las charlas pre-bautismales se ofrecen el primer viernes de cada mes y se requieren dos charlas. Es importante anotarse por lo menos con dos meses de anticipación. Para más información, llame por favor a Brenda González al (865) 271-7828 o María Ríos al (865) 621-2608.

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