

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

1580 St. Thomas Way
Lenoir City, TN 37772



October 10, 2021

28th 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:

Office: 865-986-9885

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Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
(closed 12:00 – 12:30 PM for lunch)
Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PRIESTS

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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
Sacristans:	Michele Pubillones	865-985-2663
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	Oct 11	@ 8:30AM	Jose A. Medina (dec) Esperanza Salazar (dec)
Tue	Oct 12	@ 8:30AM	Andrew Acuff (dec) Margaret Young (dec)
Wed	Oct 13	@ 8:30AM	Andrew Acuff (dec) Jim Polhamus (dec)
Thu	Oct 14	@ 8:30AM	Vernon Andres (dec) Souls in Purgatory
Fri	Oct 15	@ 8:30AM	Charles Lavin (int) Frank Fontonarosca (dec)
Sat	Oct 16	@ 9:00AM	Teresa Gonzalez (dec)
Sat	Oct 16	@ 5:00PM	Werner Prenger (dec) James Thompkins (dec)
Sat	Oct 16	@ 7:00PM	Victor Gonzalez (dec) Carmen Gonzalez (dec) Maria Garcia (dec) Miguel Frutos (dec)
Sun	Oct 17	@ 9:00AM	Health care profession
Sun	Oct 17	@ 11:30AM	St. Thomas Parish

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, Wayne Metheny

ATTENDANCE / ASISTENCIA

Sat	Oct 2	@ 5:00	PM	255
Sat	Oct 2	@ 7:00	PM	377
Sun	Oct 3	@ 9:00	AM	292
Sun	Oct 3	@ 11:30	AM	220
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Total				1,144

MUSIC LITURGY

Readings	1065
The Summons	637
As The Deer	640
I Have Made You Mine	493
This Chalice	382
Lead Me Lord	631

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. Contact Debbie Agee 865-657-9199 or Tom Ringenbach 458-0915 for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then, come follow me." Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

For more information call Jeff Kirk, 865-816-7765.

EMAIL & TEXT SCAMS

Some emails and texts have been going out to parishioners using the names of priests, parish staff and even parishioners in our diocese. They ask for gift cards or ask for private information. These are all scams and are bogus. No priests, parish staff or parishioners will ask for gift cards or would ask for private information through an email. Please **DO NOT** respond to those emails or texts, just because they use the name of priests, parish staff and parishioners. Again, they are scams.



CATHOLIC INQUIRY (RCIA) FALL KICK-OFF

Wednesday, October 20 @ 6:30pm

Are you, a family member, or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry for those who are not baptized or who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to learn more about and possibly enter the Catholic Church. Please join us on **October 20, at 6:30 p.m. in room 118**, downstairs in the Parish Family Life Center to learn more about our program. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are unable to attend the Kick-Off, but are interested in more information, please call Edie Shanahan, 865-308-3406, or ELS947@comcast.net.

NPH NEEDS YOUR HELP

Here at St. Thomas many of us have supported NPH - Spanish for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos - since 2006. NPH has homes for children in nine countries in Latin and South America and Haiti.

We have 8 St. Thomas parishioners going to the NPH home in El Salvador this year and we need your help with filling large luggage for us to take to the home for the children. Items needed are:

Toothbrushes (adult sizes only); Toothpaste; bras sizes 32, 34, 36; Bikini panties girls sizes 10-16; knee high white socks for girls (shoe size 4-7); Boys boxers sizes 10-16; boys white socks for shoes 6-9; Children's story books and novels in Spanish; Puzzles.

Please – No pencils, small scissors, or Crayons

Items must be new and dropped off at church no later than **November 10th**. Thank you for your help. For more information, please call Stu & Jan McFadden 865-458-3911.

FLOWERS BY THE TABERNACLE

The flowers by the Tabernacle this weekend are in loving memory of Werner & Norma Jean Prenger; from Mark & Sally McMahan.



Come pray with your fellow St. Thomas parishioners on Saturday, October 16 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 life-saving 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 Sheldon at 865-742-7557 or Curt Sheldon at 865-458-8510.



Loving, Learning and Living Our Faith!

Poverty from A Catholic Perspective



One of the most important contemporary and moral issues of our time is how to effectively address poverty. Catholic Social Teaching can provide us with a solid framework for response. The Adult Faith Formation Committee is hosting a program on this topic. “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. 11, and will continue on Nov. 1 and Nov. 8. Each of the sessions will start at 6:30 PM. They will be presented both live in the Deacon Jose Rivera 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.

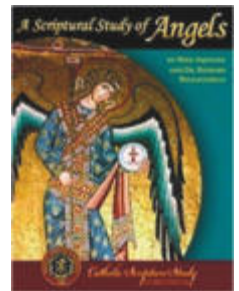
Catholicism 101

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. These first seven sessions entitled *The Search* began on October 3 and 6, but you are still welcome to join. To register use this link: <https://stthomaslc.flocknote.com/signup/65989> or contact Jill St. Yves, jill@stthomaslc.com or 865-986-9885.

Bible Study - A Scriptural Study of Angels

In these lessons, we're going to meet some of the angels and demons featured in the Bible as distinct spiritual persons, with names and identities. We'll treat them like real people we actually would meet in our lives because that's how they're portrayed in the Bible. Who are they? What do they do? And what do their names teach us about who they are? In addition to Scripture, we'll draw from Pope St. John Paul II's 1986 catechetical series on the angels, the *Catechism*, the *Compendium of the Catechism*, and other official documents, as well as the Church Fathers. This 25-session study begins on Tuesday, October 26 at 9:30 AM. Study guide should be ordered ASAP @\$46.95 plus shipping from [A Scriptural Study of Angels \(tanbooks.com\)](http://tanbooks.com). For more information and to register for the course, contact Rafael Pubillones @ rpubillones@bellsouth.net.



FORMED Now: St. Luke and the Eucharist



October 18 is the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist found in the Gospel of St. Luke. This presentation can be found here: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-luke-and-the-eucharist>.

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.

ANNUAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP APPEAL – OCTOBER 16/17

Once again you are invited to participate in our Annual Parish Stewardship renewal. This appeal supports our parish operations. It is through your support that all of our vital ministries are funded. During this time, we are reminded that all of creation is a gift to us from a very loving God. And, in turn, we are called to be responsible and grateful stewards of the gifts that God has entrusted to us.

The weekend, *October 16 and 17* will be our Annual Parish Stewardship Weekend where we will recommit ourselves to support the work of our Church. Please pray and discern what you value most and how your giving reflects your gratitude for God's blessings.

WHITE MASS on Sunday, October 17

A special invitation is extended to all serving in the health care profession to join us in celebrating our annual White Mass on Sunday, October 17 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. As a time honored tradition of the Church, the White Mass represents a special time to invoke the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon those serving in the health care profession, and to reflect upon the Church's teaching not only upon the healing mission of those in the health care profession, but also upon the salvific meaning of human suffering in light of Christ's redemptive suffering. Let us come together, then, to pray as a faith community for those serving in the health care profession who strive to bring Christ's love and healing to the sick and dying.



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 FRUIT SALES 2021

Please help support our local charitable organizations by participating in our annual fruit sale! We have partnered with Florida Indian River Groves to provide you with the freshest fruit available. Your fruit will be harvested the very same day it's shipped to you or your designated recipient, ensuring that you receive fruit that is hours off the tree. **Now that's fresh!** Before Thanksgiving and before Christmas delivery dates are available for selection. **Now's the time** to pick up a box of Navel Oranges that are sure to be bursting with flavor or a box of sugar-sweet, Indian River Red Grapefruit. And don't forget your friends, family, and coworkers. Everyone loves Fresh Fruit from Florida! Please see the link below and use this for ordering or you may call or email me with your request. This year each box of fruit will include a card with instructions on how to get replacements of spoiled fruit at **no cost to you**. Thank you! Your support is greatly appreciated!



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For any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Bowen at 865-719-5129; bbowen@bowensales.com
Chairperson for Knights of Columbus #12633 Fruit Campaign 2021

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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