

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

1580 St. Thomas Way
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January 23, 2022

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a



"El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido
para llevar a los pobres la buena nueva". - Lc 4, 18

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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

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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

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Council of Catholic Women:	Mary Beth Bruss	865-408-9611
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:	Tom Ringenbach	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	Jan 24	@ 8:30AM	Communion Service
Tue	Jan 25	@ 8:30AM	D. Schuman (dec)
Wed	Jan 26	@ 8:30AM	Bill & Marilyn McDonald (int)
Thu	Jan 27	@ 8:30AM	Rosemarie Hunt (dec)
Fri	Jan 28	@ 8:30AM	John Sardone (dec)
Sat	Jan 29	@ 9:00AM	Elisha Gonzalez (dec)
Sat	Jan 29	@ 5:00PM	Joe Coriaci (dec)
Sat	Jan 29	@ 7:00PM	Hermelinda Anguiano (dec) Jose Cortes (dec) Agustina Vega (dec) Epigmenio Palmerin (dec)
Sun	Jan 30	@ 9:00AM	St. Thomas Parish
Sun	Jan 30	@ 11:30AM	Judy Anderson (dec) Richard Sikorski (dec)

COMMUNION SERVICE

There will not be daily Mass on Monday, January 24, a Communion Service will be offered in place of.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, contact:

Tom Ringenbach 865-458-0915

to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Have you ever felt the spirit of the Lord? Do you find joy in helping others? Do you like working with very dedicated people? Then you might like to serve in the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul!

ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests are sent out a few times a week. If you haven't received one lately please call Marianne Hartman at 865-458-0936. If you would like to have your intention prayed for, receive the prayer requests and remember them in your prayers please send your request, name and email address to mtnesttv@gmail.com.

EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK

Would you like to see more Christ-centered, family television and radio? EWTN, the largest Catholic media network in the world, is available on cable, DirecTV, Dish Network, and SiriusXM, and on all your devices. If you have questions on how to access EWTN’s multifaceted programming, please visit www.ewtn.com or contact Rafael Pubillones at rpubillones@bellsouth.net.

RCIA CATHOLIC INQUIRY SESSIONS

Are you, a family member, or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Our Inquiry sessions are held on Mondays (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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL for MINISTRIES

Building up the Church in East Tennessee

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES IS UNDERWAY

The Bishop's Appeal for Ministries begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Stika asking for a generous commitment to this year's Appeal. Your gift not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Knoxville, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. Each Appeal gift enables the diocese to build up the kingdom of God throughout East Tennessee. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has

blessed us abundantly with all we have. He is always giving to us. His grace is always there for us. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our Diocese and to the Church throughout the world. The gifts that we give enable ministries, education and services that touch thousands of lives. Our parish goal is **\$97,100**. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. Please answer Bishop Stika's request and make a commitment to the annual appeal. All pledges can be paid in ten installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

SVDP RETREAT

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a one day retreat on **Saturday, January 29, 2022**. It will focus on the two main objectives of the Society - "Spirituality" and "Helping those in need with Compassion". It will be **from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm** in the Deacon Jose Rivera Room. It is open to the current members of the Society, their spouses and any other parishioner interested in learning more about our ministry. If you would like to attend, please call our President, Jeff Kirk, at 865-816-7765



THANK YOU FROM NPH

THANK YOU and THANK YOU AGAIN for supporting the NPH El Salvador farm project! We are excited to report we exceeded our goal. Our Parish is truly caring and generous. Thank you to all who contributed and prayed for our success in this campaign. To date, our total contributions are \$26,425. This project helps NPH El Salvador produce fresh organic meat and vegetables for everyone at the home, providing nutritious and well-balanced meals. The farm will re-invest its savings to increase farm production and produce more fresh food for our NPH family. Thank you!!!

If you haven't supported the project yet, but you are interested, please know donations are accepted through January 31st. You can mail your gift to NPH USA 134 North LaSalle Street, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 606023. Please make sure to write in your check's memo the following: P-SAL-21006. If you prefer to make an online donation, please feel free to do so at the following web address: www.nphusa.org/nutritiones/
We appreciate each and every one of you! ~ Deborah Smith, Jan & Stu McFadden

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, Alice Mansmith, an experienced facilitator of widow support groups, will share her helpful tips for self care and keeping a positive mental attitude during our own unique grief journeys. We will meet in the Deacon Jose Rivera Room on **Tuesday, January 25 from 1:00p - 2:30p**. 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. For more information contact Angela Wichlinski, 865-567-6002.



Loving, Learning and Living Our Faith!

January Book Club Selection: *Life is Messy*

The St. Thomas Book Club will be discussing this book at its next gathering, which will be on Friday, January 28 at 9:30am in **Room 118**. Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. Paperback copies of the book are available on the narthex rack at the back of church. Contact Donna Maloney at donnamaloney20@yahoo.com for more information.



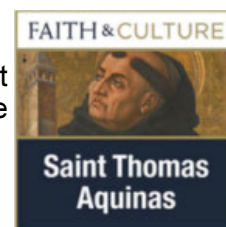
February Clergy Conversation: Liturgy of the Hours



Do you want to take your prayer life as well as your spiritual life to a new level? Do you know what prayer has a direct relationship to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, our liturgical calendar, and is second only to the Mass? Do you know what prayer is one of the more effective tools the Church has given us to achieve holiness? Answer: **The Liturgy of the Hours**. Join **Deacon Candidate Rafael Pubillones** at the next installment of Clergy Conversations on Wednesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m., where he'll talk about this beautiful gift the Church has given us whose roots are in the Old Testament! **To register, sign up at <https://stthomaslc.flocknote.com/signup/34215>**. You do not need to register if you have previously registered for a Clergy Conversation program.

FORMED "Pick of the Week" – St. Thomas Aquinas

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser-known works of St. Thomas Aquinas. This presentation can be found at: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/saint-thomas-aquinas-with-randall-smith>.



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

NEW OPPORTUNITY - A CHURCH TOUR!

The Welcome Committee is going to start giving tours of the church campus later this month. All parishioners are welcome. The goal is to help familiarize parishioners with the nooks and crannies of the church campus while at the same time meet some fellow parishioners. Topics and areas to be covered include: a brief history of the church, the church proper, the Parish Family Life Center (PFLC), as well as exterior features - statue of our patron saint, Our Lady of Guadalupe grotto in the parking lot island, the Columbarium, as well as the Stations of the Saints behind the church. The first tour will be on **Wednesday, January 26th at 9:30 a.m.** starting off in the church narthex. Interested souls must sign up in advance by contacting eileenconnolly6@gmail.com.

Mark your Calendar**March 5, 2022****7:30 am – 3:00 pm****St. Thomas' Men's Retreat**

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Location will be

Parish Family Life Center**Deacon Dave Egan Retreat Leader****“MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE”**

The price will include continental breakfast, lunch, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Total cost will be \$20 per person payable by February 27. For reservations or information call Stu McFadden at 865-458-3911 or email sjmcfadden1999@gmail.com. Send check (made out to the K of C 12633) to Stu McFadden, 530 Dudala Circle, Loudon, TN 37774, or sign up after Masses when available.

K of C PASTA DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its Annual Pasta Dinner on **Friday, January 28, 2022** in the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family Life Center. The menu will include dinner salad, pasta with tomato sauce, meatballs, Italian bread, iced tea, cake and coffee. Beer, wine, bottled water, and soda will be available at a small extra cost. There will be continuous service **from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Tickets are available before and after all January weekend Masses. You may also call Joe Filosi, Pasta Dinner Chairman, for tickets at 423-884-6979. Price is \$12.00 per person and \$30.00 per family.

**KNOXVILLE MARCH FOR LIFE**

Knoxville Right to Life will hold its annual March for Life to prayerfully remember the children killed by abortion since the 1973 Roe vs Wade decision to legalize abortion in the United States on **Sunday, January 23**. The march will start at 2 PM at or near the Convention Center in downtown Knoxville. The march will proceed to the abortion facility at 16th Street and Clinch Avenue. Participants will then return to their cars. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Sheldon at 865-742-7557 or kaydsheldon@gmail.com.

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

You've been hearing about a Synod happening in the church. What is a synod? Simply put, a synod is a meeting or assembly of church leaders. In October, Pope Francis began a three-year synodal journey of consultations and discernment, culminating with an assembly in October 2023 in Rome. **Have you taken the survey our diocese has created online?** (<https://synodsurvey.org/>) We want to know what you are thinking, and we are ready to listen. We are seeking feedback from all of East TN, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. This is an anonymous survey which will give us valuable information for discussion. As a follow up to the survey, our parish is having Town Hall meetings (listed below) for further discussion. Thank you in advance for your comments, thoughts, and prayers.

Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (English)

Wednesday, February 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Spanish)

HORARIO PARA LAS CONFESIONES

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

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 de Lunes a Viernes y los sábados a las 9:00 AM

HORARIO DE OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Lunes a jueves, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

(cerrado 12:00–12:30 PM)

Viernes 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

El tercer miércoles del mes, cerramos de las 12:00 PM hasta las 2:00 PM.

¡EL PAPA FRANCISCO QUIERE SABER QUÉ PIENSAS!

Es posible que hayan oído hablar de un Sínodo que se lleva a cabo en la Iglesia. ¿Qué es un sínodo? En pocas palabras, un sínodo es una reunión o asamblea de líderes de la Iglesia. En octubre, el Papa Francisco inició un camino sinodal de consultas y discernimiento de tres años, que culminará con una asamblea en octubre de 2023 en Roma. ¡Se nos ofrece una oportunidad única de participar en esto! Queremos saber lo que están pensando y estamos listos para escuchar. Los temas clave de este Sínodo son la escucha y el discernimiento. Esperamos lograr ambos en el proceso. Para comenzar, la Diócesis de Knoxville ha creado una encuesta en línea (vea el enlace abajo), que esperamos todos los feligreses, amigos y familiares se tomen el tiempo de completar. Estamos buscando comentarios de todo el Este de TN, católicos y no católicos por igual. Esta es una encuesta anónima que nos dará información valiosa para la discusión. Como seguimiento a la encuesta, nuestra parroquia ofrecerá una serie de reuniones en inglés y español para una mayor discusión, el miércoles 26 de enero a las 6:30 pm en inglés y el **miércoles 2 de febrero a las 6:30 pm en español**, ambas en el Centro Parroquial. Gracias de antemano por sus comentarios, pensamientos y oraciones.



Enlace a la encuesta: <https://synodsurvey.org/> (asegúrese de cambiar el lenguaje, arriba en la parte derecha de la página web)

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