



St. Joseph Catholic Church



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Church Contacts

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Bill Ross– Chairperson (Spiritual Life)

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Next meeting is December 3 at 6pm

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

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

Announcements & Bulletin items— Complete form on office door or email bulletin@sjnorris.org by

Wednesday at 12:00 pm

October 27, 2019

All Saints Day: *this is how you become a saint.*

As we mark this All Saints Day, it is tempting to put saints, on a pedestal. We see saints in stained glass, in wood, in marble. They are plaster figures we put on a shelf and decorate with flowers or adorn with halos. We collect them in holy cards and venerate them in icons. But to think of the saints that way reduces them to something merely decorative—and risks making this feast seem unnecessary.

This day is necessary. We need to hear what this feast says to us. It is a summons, a call, a challenge to every one of us. All Saints Day is nothing less than a dare. This feast says to us: dare to be more. *Dare to be a saint.*

Some of us may hear that and laugh. Sainthood is a noble ambition, an ideal, but is this something we can realistically expect to attain? The short answer is: **yes**. Because the great truth about saints, something we so easily forget, is that **they were just like us**. Flesh and blood, strength and weakness. They were people of appetites and longings, ambitions and disappointments, vanities and eccentricities. They were simple sinners just like the rest of us.

Nobody is born a saint. It's something you have to become.

Consider St. Margaret of Cortona. As a teenager, she was the mistress of a young nobleman. She lived with him for nine years, even had a son with him, hoping at some point her lover would marry her. He never did. When he was finally murdered, the shock caused Margaret to re-evaluate her life. She went on to take vows a Franciscan. Her son also joined the order. She was canonized in 1728.

Sometimes those who become saints aren't the ones we expect. They may be the filthy, the rejected, the outcast, the homeless. People like Benedict Joseph Labre. He grew up the son of a prosperous shopkeeper, but felt called to give up everything and follow Christ. He spent his life wandering from church to church in Rome. He rarely bathed, never washed his clothes. Some people were repelled by him. But the purity of his devotion and his love of God moved and inspired those who saw him day after day. When he died at the young age of 35, priests of Rome preserved his filthy clothes as relics and they buried him in one of the churches he loved. Today, he is the patron saint of the homeless.

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In the 1920s, if you had to pick a woman who was the least likely candidate for sainthood, it would probably have been an anarchist and communist from Brooklyn named Dorothy Day. She worked as a journalist and spent many nights drinking with famous writers like Hart Crane and Eugene O'Neill. She had an abortion, and a brief marriage, before finally being drawn to Christ, and the gospel, and converting to Catholicism. Her conversion led her to embark on a radical ministry to the poor, one that is still changing the world. She's now a candidate for sainthood. Late in her life, people called her a living saint. "Don't call me a saint," she once said. "I don't want to be dismissed that easily."

Don't dismiss any of the saints. They are closer to us than we may realize. They have struggled with sin and temptation, they've walked the journey toward holiness, sometimes stumbling, sometimes falling, but always getting back up and moving on, resolving to do better, to be better, to aim higher.

They worked to be what the gospel is calling us to be. To be poor in spirit. To be meek. To be merciful. To make peace. This is how we begin to become what Jesus called "blessed," and what the Church calls saints. It's a tall order. And it is nothing less than a call to greatness. But this feast day reminds us, whether we realize it or not: it can be ours. This kind of greatness is within our grasp.

All Saints Day beckons us to something beautiful. It reminds us of our great potential—the promise that lies within each of us. The promise of holiness. It is the promise that was fulfilled in the countless people we venerate this day—our models, our companions, our inspirations, our guides. All the saints. They give us blessed hope. Because they assure us again and again: no one is born a saint, but every one of us, by the grace of God, can become one. <https://aleteia.org/blogs/deacon-greg-kandra/dare-to-be-something-more-homily-for-all-saints-day/>

Mass on All Saints' Day, a holy day of obligation, is at 7:00 pm on November 1 with Msgn Bill celebrating.. There will be NO Mass on All Souls' Day, Nov. 2.

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St Joseph CCW meets Nov 4 at 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to all parishioners and the community. Jill Ferrie, Community Coalition Against **Human Trafficking**, (CCAHT) will address us regarding human trafficking. This is an area of social justice that the national CCW is actively involved in and it is an area that the St. Joseph CCW is interested in helping with. Please join us to get some vital information on this rising crisis and get some answers on what we can do as a parish to help the victims. Check out CCAHT website and read the flyer for more details.

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Catholic Schools Raffle tickets on sale now

Our Catholic schools make every effort to reduce the financial burden on parishes and families through responsible stewardship and fundraising efforts. However, they still struggle to meet the rising costs of resources, maintenance, and tuition. The Catholic Schools' raffle raises money to help with tuition assistance and other needs to provide students with a quality, Christ-centered education. Each raffle ticket gives you 12 chances to win up to \$27,000! You can order tickets online at dioknox.org/catholic-schools-2019-affle/

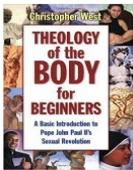
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Senior Moments will meet at Cracker Barrel on Nov 7 at 10:00.

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 Thanks to those who viewed the first 2 sessions of "The Mass" after Mass. Bishop Barron's presentations help us understand parts of the Mass and how by participating fully, we can have a true encounter & relationship with Christ. The series continues after Mass Nov. 17. All parishioners are invited to participate.

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FALL LIBRARY FEATURES

highlighting Pope St. John Paul II's **Theology of the Body**

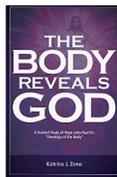
Theology of the Body for Beginners
 by Christopher West



Men & Women are From Eden
 by Mary Healy



The Body Reveals God
 by Katrina J. Zeno



St Joseph Small Faith Community Scripture Studies

2nd & 4th Sunday After Mass *Catholicism the Pivotal Players* For questions, Sally Jackson 494-7340 starts 10/27

Tuesday After Mass at 9:45 am *Catholicism the Pivotal Players* For questions, George Miceli starts 10/29

1st and 3rd Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm, *First Corinthians* Contact Judy Curtin 494-0372 or dtcurtin05@comcast.net starts 10/16

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month *Catholicism the Pivotal Players* 7:00 pm, on **Oct 24** Contact Beverly Froning 865-607-3627.

St. Joseph Ministries

November 3, 2019

Readers	Margaret Donaldson, Eric Rauch, Deacon Dan
Ushers	Bob & Nikki Kapolka
Servers	Allie Perry, Michael Curchy, Shaila Vogt
EMHC	Addie Lackovic, Cheri & Tony Ridenour, Mike McGee, Deacon
Rosary	Ginny Miceli

Birthdays

Jon Mohrman, Ghazi Rizk, Chuck Stearle, Allie Dake, Bruce Knudsen, Allie Radcliffe, Karen Thompson, Susan Baker

Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, see Louann or Sally

Please pray for our parishioners

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

~ STEWARDSHIP ~

Last Week (10/20/19)	\$2,060.00
Last Year (10/ 21/18)	\$3231.20
Total for Sept (5 Sundays)	\$11,579.61
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.

COAT DRIVE



The **Norris Clothing Closet** is in need of **coats, blankets and towels**. We will be starting to give out these items at the end of October. I can pick them up at the church at your convenience. For more information, call Mary Ann Toennisson at 865-274-7304.

"Are you resolved to avoid that occasion of sin, to give up the object which leads you astray—not to read that book which excites your imagination [with unholy thoughts]; to withdraw your friendship from that person who is irreligious, and whose presence disturbs the peace of your soul? Will you go at once and be kind to that companion who annoyed you?" The more time you spend with Me, the more grace I will give you to avoid the occasion of sin. Blessed Sacrament Pamphlet, P.O. Box 640358, Kenner, LA **Saint Joseph Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.** All are welcome.

CRS Ethical Trade sale begins Nov 3 after Mass. Choose beautiful gifts that change lives around the world! Every purchase at our Fair Trade Sale helps our brothers and sisters to create better lives for their families and improve their communities. Think Christmas gifts! Both items plus catalog sales.

Boxes of Joy for children in Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador or Dominic Republic are due back no later than October 27. Please enclose a greeting with your box. CCW will supply \$9.00/per box for the shipping. Thank you very much for your participation!

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A special thanks to all who attended St. Anna Marie's presentation on Theology of the Body. We agree she gifted us with her knowledge and captivating presentation.

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Next **Prayer Shawl** meeting is Saturday, November 2 from 10-noon. All crafters are welcome or come and we will teach you.

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Mass Intentions

Oct. 29 Walter Ferguson by Chuck & Dottie Stearle
Oct 31 Emily Baldwin

A second collection will be taken up on Nov 3 for the Archdiocese for Military Services. This Archdiocese serves our military personnel around the globe facing many challenges, including a severe shortage of Catholic priest-chaplains, a flock spread out among military installations across the world, and constant transition. **The Archdiocese of Military Services receives no funding from the military or the government and must rely solely on private donors.** Catholic service members and their families, and veterans cared for in a Dept of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, deserve the same faith opportunities as Catholics here at home; their faith should not be part of the sacrifices they make.

Ready, Set, Go

Coming soon—volunteers needed to clean church...

Spiritual Life Inspiration

"A most powerful weapon!"

"Our age in its pride laughs at and rejects Our Lady's Rosary. Yet a countless legion of the most saintly men of every age and of every condition have not only held it most dear and have most piously recited it, but have also used it at all times as a most powerful weapon to overcome the devil, to preserve the purity of their lives, to acquire virtue more zealously. In a word, to promote peace among men." Pope Pious XI

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

Second Collections Nov 3; Archdiocese for the Military Services

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

Eucharistic Ministry - Please contact Lynnette Currie - 865-494-2260 or Lynnette_Currie@parentcraft.us or the office if a family member is in the hospital or nursing home and wishes a EMHC to visit.

Sacristan (Altar Care) - Thanks **Dottie** for serving as Sacristan during Oct.. **Addie Lackovic** will be serving during Nov. If you are interested in this important ministry, please contact Margaret Donaldson 603-1487

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:
bulletin@sjnorris.org Please submit by **Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.**

You can view an updated calendar by going to **sjnorris.org** and clicking on Calendar
If you are on Facebook, check out the St Joseph page.

On the lighter side



Diocese 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) or (865) 963-4727. Thank you for being so giving of your time and talents for our neighbors in need!

Pregnancy Help Center seeking volunteers

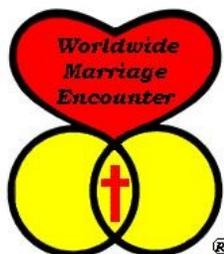
Do you have a few hours each week or each month to help a mother and baby? The Pregnancy Help Center is looking for English and Spanish-speaking volunteers to assist with office help, sorting and stocking our baby stores, and our Earn While You Learn program. We educate parents on pregnancy, parenting, and life skills all while they earn supplies they need for their babies. Both women and men volunteers are needed. Your time and talents are truly needed as our Pregnancy Help Centers are rapidly growing to meet the needs of those we have the privilege of serving. For more information, please contact: **LaFollette** – April Berry (423) 437-3416 aber-ry@ccetn.org **Newcomb** – Christin Young (423) 784-7322 cy-oung@ccetn.org

St. Mary's Legacy Clinic is hosting a volunteer orientation on Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Divine Mercy Church in Knoxville. We are looking for volunteers that are interested in helping as drivers, medical providers, nurses, other health care professionals, administrative activities, and event planning. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please contact 865-212-5570 to sign up or for more information.

November 1 Holy Day Mass Online for the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the November 1 Holy Day Mass in celebration of **All Saints Day**? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available at www.HeartoftheNation.org all day. (For those who can attend at church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

Married Couples: "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Learn how to be humble in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **November 8-10 or February 28-March 1**. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwwme.org or by calling **678-242-WWME**.



My name is Karla Kurtz and I've recently taken over the **Book Corner** in the **Norris Area Food Pantry**. We have a large number of readers (children and adults) within the folks who visit the Norris Area Food Pantry each month. I have been culling from the collection of books those which haven't sparked any interest and taking requests and trying to determine the most popular authors and genres. If you can help us by donating any of the requested books and magazines, it would be greatly appreciated. If you're at a used book sale and see some great items, please consider picking them up and donating them. If you have unused credit at McKay's Used Book Store and would like to donate that, it would be greatly appreciated. After two months of being displayed, if books haven't been taken they will be traded into McKay's. If you have books not on the list below, we're happy to have those too and can trade them in to McKay's for items on our most requested list.

CHILDREN: hard board baby books, early reader classics (e.g., Curious George, Velveteen Rabbit, and Goodnight Moon), chapter books (e.g., Box Car Children, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Junie B., and Babysitters), teen classics (e.g., Tom Sawyer, Treasure Island, and David Copperfield), teen newer classics (e.g., Outsiders, Bridge to Teribertha, The Giver, Percy Jackson, The Hobbit, Anne of Green Gables, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Great Gatsby, and The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe).

ADULTS: Westerns (e.g., Dana Fuller Ross, William Johnstone, Nevada Bar, Ralph Compton, Matt Braun, and Louis L'Amour) Historical romance (e.g., Diana Gabaldon, Nora Roberts, Mary Balough, Cat Sebastian, Lisa Kleypas, Lenora Bell, and Loretta Chase) Hardback cookbooks, Novels and Series (e.g., James Patterson, Tom Clancy, John Grisham, Dean Koontz, Bill Bass, Patricia Cornwell, Stephen King, Danielle Steel, Nicholas Sparks, and Jan Karon), Graphic novels and comic books, Crafts (e.g., scrapbooking and quilting),

Magazines (e.g., cooking, handy-man, home repair, auto repair, gardening, and hunting)

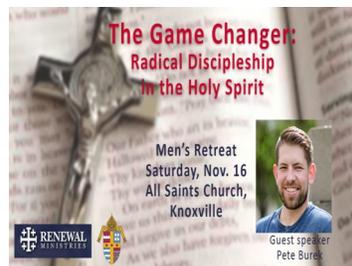
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September 2019 St. Joseph, Norris
Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal: \$16,900.00 Total Committed: \$12,795.00 Collections **to Date:** **\$8,285.00** Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$8,615.00

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Gentlemen: The annual Diocesan Men's Retreat will be held at All Saints Parish on November 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The theme is *Radical Discipleship in the Holy Spirit*, with guest speaker Pete Burak from Renewal Ministries. Please email

Sister Anna Marie at the Office of Christian Formation for more information and to register srannamarie@dioknox.org

