

Do not Forget To Purchase Your Grocery Gift Cards! Remember 100% of the profit from the sales is distributed by our Corporal Works of Mercy Committee to help the needy in our community. WE NOW ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS AS PAYMENT FOR GIFT CARDS!!! Kroger has moved their Knoxville Food Stores from the Atlanta Region to the Nashville Region, we are now asking that you go in and update your Rewards Card once again to St. Albert the Great Catholic Church.

Prayers have been requested for the following individuals; please keep them and all the relatives of our members who need our prayers this week:

*Sylvia McMahan	*Kyron Steward	Ralph Krueger
*Rodney Smith	*Jenni Hebert	Ken Ostrom
*Repose of the soul of Bruce Cronin	Jacqueline Bussiere	Harrison Alver
*Steve Mackler	Vivian Chargualaf	
*John Ache	David Velez and Family	
*For the repose of the soul of John Hitt	Mason and Claire Martin	
	Barbie Cooper	
	Linda Welch	

# SATG

Second Sunday of Lent

February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Saint Albert the Great Parish

(Established July 1, 2007)

Participant in the Safe Environment Program

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### Sacramental Associate:

Msgr. Pat Garrity Call office to schedule appointments

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Maria Armento [maria@satgknox.org](mailto:maria@satgknox.org)

### Facilities Manager

Richard Piety 207-9924

### Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm

### Mass Times

Monday – Friday 9am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday 9 am & 11am

### Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30pm

Anytime by appointment

### Catholic Schools:

Saint Joseph School (Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup>) 689-3424

Knoxville Catholic High 560-0313

*Please pray for Parishioners discerning a  
Religious Vocation*

If you need to receive a **gluten free host** during Mass, please approach the celebrating priest prior to the start of Mass and he will help you with the process.

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent challenges us to show our love of the Lord and grow in our faith through **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving**. The scriptures challenge us to see the world differently – to see the world as God wants us to see it. You may want to reflect on the following from the writings of Pope Francis:

### ***DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?***

**FAST FROM HURTING WORDS AND SAY KIND WORDS.**

**FAST FROM SADNESS AND BE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE.**

**FAST FROM ANGER AND BE FILLED WITH PATIENCE.**

**FAST FROM PESSIMISM AND BE FILLED WITH HOPE.**

**FAST FROM WORRIES AND HAVE TRUST IN GOD.**

**FAST FROM COMPLAINTS AND CONTEMPLATE SIMPLICITY.**

**FAST FROM PRESSURES AND BE PRAYERFUL.**

**FAST FROM BITTERNESS AND FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY.**

**FAST FROM SELFISHNESS AND BE COMPASSIONATE.**

**FAST FROM GRUDGES AND BE RECONCILED.**

**FAST FROM WORDS AND BE SILENT SO YOU CAN LISTEN.**

We ask you to continue and support our Corporal Works of Mercy Committee by purchasing grocery gift cards from Ingle's and/or Food City in the church entrance after Mass. (Our parish receives 5% of your total purchase – costs you nothing, costs us nothing – helps those in need!) We now take credit cards for purchases.

Fr. Chris

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Nourished and strengthened by the sacraments, we the parishioners of Saint Albert the Great Parish strive to: --- Be an open and transparent community where all are welcome.*

- Live joyfully the gospel message of hope and salvation given to us by Jesus.*
- Grow in holiness through prayer, study, and worship as a family of faith.*
- Serve the needs of our community and our world.*

### Parish Council

John Saucier, Chair	388-1406
Mike Connell	244-0074
Ross Earl	283-0714
Deacon Mike Eiffe	696-5264
Deacon John Elshaw	360-481-0713
JoAnn Rudy	567-6762
Michael Persicano	689-7011
Kathy Walker	406-3411
Erin Wessel	864-482-1394
Robyn Wilson	388-8311
Maria Armento	689-7011

### Finance Committee

Michael Bookmyer	765-749-9503
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Chuck Schmelz	864-680-3355
Regina Sowko	742-8982
Mike Stanuszek	206-8839
Michael Persicano (Finance Officer)	689-7011

## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Saturday, February 24, 2024*

**5:30pm: Mardi Gras at SJS!!! Buy your tickets online now!!**

*Sunday, February 25, 2024*

**9am: PreK Faith Formation  
10am: Children's Choir Practice**

*Monday, February 26, 2024*

**7pm: RCIA**

*Tuesday, February 27, 2024*

**1-3pm: Crocheting/knitting group in the Activities Center**

*Wednesday, February 28, 2024*

**No Faith Formation Grades 1-12**

*Thursday, February 29, 2024*

**9:30am: Adult Faith Formation**

*Friday, March 1, 2024*  
**Office Closed**

**5:30pm Dinner  
7pm: Stations of the Cross**

## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Saturday, March 2, 2024*

**Fr. Charlie Donahue to say all weekend homilies for Mission**

**9:30am: Confirmation Retreat  
4pm: Rosary in Church  
5pm: Rite of Elect for Confirmation**

*Sunday, March 3, 2024*

**Fr. Charlie Donahue to say all weekend homilies for Mission**

**9am: PreK Faith Formation  
10am: Rosary in the FF Room  
10am: Children's Choir Practice**

*Monday, March 4, 2024*

**9:30am & 7pm (same presentation)  
Lenten Mission lead by Fr. Charlie Donahue: Acts of the Apostles & Us**

*Tuesday, March 5, 2024*

**9:30am & 7pm (same presentation)  
Lenten Mission lead by Fr. Charlie Donahue: Acts of the Apostles & Us**

*Wednesday, March 6, 2024*

**6:15-7:30pm: Faith Formation  
Grades 1-12**

*Thursday, March 7, 2024*

**9:30am: Adult Faith Formation  
7pm: Buildings and Grounds Meeting**

*Friday, March 8, 2024*  
**Office Closed**

**No Dinner  
7pm: Stations of the Cross  
(Children's Stations)**

## Mass Readings & Intentions

**Sat Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Blessed Luke Belludi**

**5pm** Thanksgiving by Carolina Saravia

**Sun Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent**

**Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10**

**9am** People of St. Albert the Great

**11am** Deacon Jim and Cindy Fish by  
Deacon John and Evelyn Elshaw

**Mon Feb 26<sup>th</sup> St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin**

**Dn 9:4b-10**

**Lk 6:36-38**

**9am** SATG priests, deacons & staff by  
Richard and Kathy Parrish

**Tues Feb 27<sup>th</sup> St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Is 1:10, 16-20**

**Mt 23:1-12**

**9am** Ken Ostrom by SATG staff

**Wed Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Blessed Daniel Brottier**

**Jer 18:18-20**

**Mt 20:17-28**

**9am** Madilyn Delaney by the Clarke family

**Thurs Feb 29<sup>th</sup> St. Oswald**

**Jer 17:5-10**

**Lk 16:19-31**

**9am** Larry Stegman by the SATG Staff

**Fri Mar 1<sup>st</sup> St. David of Wales**

**Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a**

**Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**

**9am** Matt Tuskan by the Family

**Sat Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Agnes of Bohemia**

**5pm** Sage Price by the McLeary family

**Sun Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Third Sunday of Lent**

**Ex 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25**

**9am** People of St. Albert the Great

**11am** Harrison Alver by Linda and Kathy

## Lenten Activities

Liturgical changes for this Season:

- Change in Liturgical color
- Silent entrance
- Sung Penitential Rite
- New Response to the Petitions: "Merciful Lord, Hear our Prayer"
- Church decorations to remind us of the simplicity of Lent

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of **FASTING** (no eating between meals - applies to all between ages 18-60) and **ABSTINENCE** (no eating meat - applies to all over age 14). All Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence.

## Lenten Activities

**Stations of the Cross** - every Friday at 7pm led by Parish Ministry Groups.

**Lenten Dinners (3X)** - Fish Fry on three Fridays of Lent (2/16, 3/1, 3/22) at 5:30pm.

**Lenten Mission** - Join us March 4/5<sup>th</sup> for sessions at 9:30am and 7pm (same talk).

**Parish Reconciliation Service** - Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Financial Information

**(Parish Debt \$29,993)**

At our current rate of payments our parish loan will be paid off this **MAY!**

### 2023 Bishop's Appeal "for MINISTRIES"

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Current Year</u>
Parish Goal	\$43,600	\$43,600
Collected (end Nov)	\$51,966	\$52,656
% of Goal Paid	119.2%	121.0%

#### Collection Report

(All figures based on a July 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup> year)

	<u>2/18</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/- year</u>	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Regular	11,069	9,700	7,961	337,761	315,259
Children	28			961	833
Building	1,905	3,650	4,567	128,667	121,163
Charity	250	375	325	13,075	13,658
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,252</b>	<b>13,725</b>	<b>13,814</b>	<b>480,464</b>	<b>450,913</b>
				<b>Y-O-Y</b>	<b>6.6%</b>

#### Gift Card Sales

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>For Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Sales	1,950	87,800	84,375
Profit	98	4,390	4,219

All profit from the grocery gift card sales go to reach out to those in need in our community!

#### Mass Attendance

	<u>1/28</u>	<u>2/4</u>	<u>2/11</u>	<u>2/18</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
5pm	150	145	180	175	160
9am	315	300	240	275	240
11am	275	240	250	230	245
<b>Total</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>645</b>
On-line Views	266	70	83	66	82

#### Our Parish Family

(as of 2/21/2024)

Registered Families	701
# of Parishioners	1,867

## Stewardship Thought

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often **Stewards** are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

## Something To Think About

**True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.**

## Parish Announcements

If your child would like to read for the Children's Stations of the Cross on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> please contact Kim Neighbor (865-405-8441)/ [dkneighbor@gmail.com](mailto:dkneighbor@gmail.com). We hope to see you there for our Stations!

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Retreat!! Fr. Charlie Donahue will be offering a Parish Lenten Mission!!! "Lent is a time to remember our Salvation History. Our world is complex, but it was also ever thus! In our Mission "The Acts of the Apostles and Us" we will pray with the texts of Acts and meet the persons and personalities that made up the earliest Church. We'll see parallels to our day and hopefully see ourselves in at least some of the stories. In preparation I would recommend you read the Acts of the Apostles. It is not long and it is tremendously rich in the life lessons for the Church in any Age." Fr. Charlie will give all homilies the weekend of March 2/3 and then mission talks Monday (4<sup>th</sup>) and Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30am and 7pm (the same talk). Please join us!!

A new group is forming to make afghans for the homebound of our parish. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 – 3:00p.m. in the Parish Activities Center. Contact Candy Stanton for more information: (651-706-4084) or [crstanton35@gmail.com](mailto:crstanton35@gmail.com).

Join us for our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm!

## St. Joseph School (Pre-k – 8<sup>th</sup>)



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founded - 1963

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Contact: [azengel@sjsknox.org](mailto:azengel@sjsknox.org)

[www.sjsknox.org](http://www.sjsknox.org) 865-689-3424

## Prayer to receive a new bishop

*Praise to you, Lord our God,  
Our Eternal Shepherd and Guide,  
We know that all authority  
comes from You. With confidence in  
Your providence, we entreat You  
To provide the Diocese of Knoxville  
A new shepherd after Your own heart.  
In Your love for us,  
send us a shepherd who will lead us  
in being Christ's heart of mercy,  
voice of hope, and hands of justice.  
Help him to fill our minds and hearts  
with the truth of the Gospel,  
the power of the sacraments,  
and the desire to build up  
Your Holy Church.  
We pray through Christ our Lord,  
AMEN*

## Diocesan & Community Events

Knoxville Catholic High School is currently accepting applications for the following teaching positions for the 2024-2025 school year – Geometry/Math, English, Religion, Broadcasting, Biology and Spanish. Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Dr. Sedonna Prater, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, at [sedonna.prater@knoxvillecatholic.com](mailto:sedonna.prater@knoxvillecatholic.com).

Knights of Columbus Council 645 partners with Ladies of Charity to assist those in need through a bicycle program. Their goal is to put bicycles into the hands of the needy. In most cases, this is their only means of transportation. They also help them repair and keep their bicycles running. If you have a bicycle that you would like to donate, you can drop it off at Ladies of Charity, 120 West Baxter Ave. If you would like to help in this ministry, they do a bicycle repair workshop every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Ladies of Charity. For info, please contact [KofC645@gmail.com](mailto:KofC645@gmail.com)

Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Kingsport is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual East Tennessee Men's Conference, Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to 3:30pm. For more information visit <https://www.saintdominickpt.org/mens-conference>.



**Join us for our Lenten Mission.....**

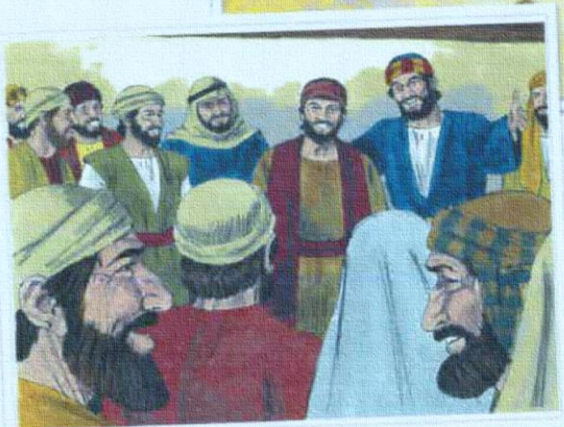
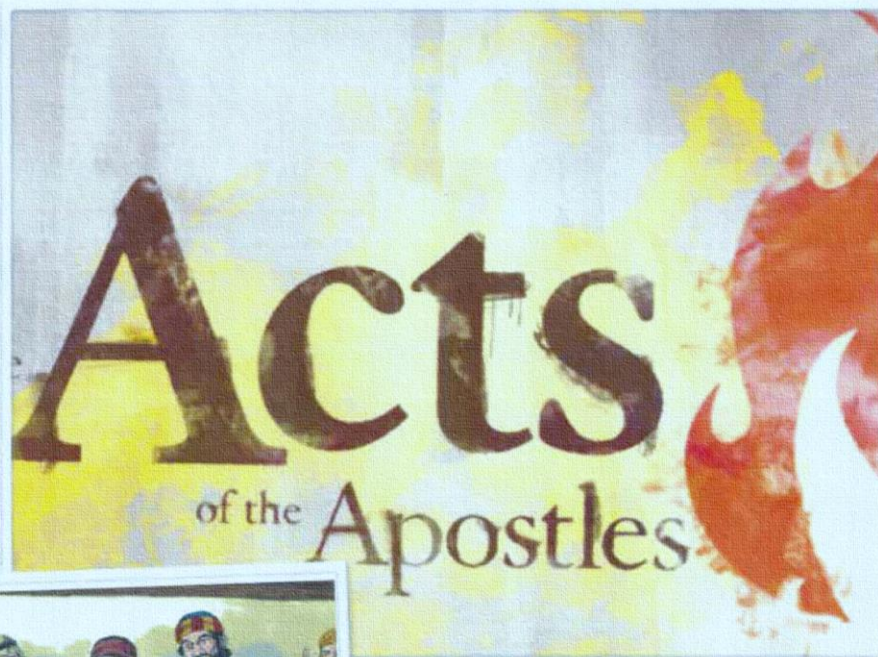
**March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am & 7pm (same presentation)**

**Fr. Charlie Donahue, CSP**



# **The Acts of the Apostles and Us**



**THE  
ACTS  
OF THE APOSTLES**

...of the Holy Spirit  
...Theophilus, I wrote  
...did and taught  
...the day when  
...giving

they went to the  
they were stayin  
James, and And  
Bartholomew a  
Alphaeus, and  
das son of J  
...ly dev