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

*Rodney Smith

*Repose of the soul of Bruce

Cronin

*Steve Mackler

*John Ache

*For the repose of the soul of John Hitt

*Kyron Steward *Jenni Hebert Jacqueline Bussiere Vivian Chargualaf David Velez and Family

Mason and Claire Martin Barbie Cooper Linda Welch Ralph Krueger Ken Ostrom Harrison Alvey



Third Sunday of Lent

March 2nd & 3rd, 2024

Saint Albert the Great Parish

(Established July 1, 2007)
Participant in the Safe Environment Program
7200 Brickey Lane
Knoxville, TN 37918
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Parish Website: www.satgknox.org

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Sacramental Associate:

Msgr. Pat Garrity Call office to schedule appointments

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Maria Armento maria@satgknox.org

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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 - 8th) **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,

Robyn Wilson

Maria Armento

We welcome Fr. Charlie Donahue to Saint Albert the Great Parish this weekend. Fr. Charlie will be preaching all Masses this weekend and introducing his Lenten Mission which will take place this Monday and Tuesday. Fr. Charlie is offering each session twice each day (9:30am and 7pm) to give the opportunity for more parishioners to participate in the retreat entitled, "Acts of the Apostles and Us." Fr. Charlie is a Paulist priest and Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish. We thank him for challenging us on our spiritual journey this Lent. I also want to thank our Spiritual Life Committee for arranging this opportunity for us.

This Saturday our Confirmation class is having a day retreat as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday March 17th at 12:30pm. This weekend they will participate in the 5pm Mass as they "Enroll" their names in preparation of receiving this sacrament. I am especially excited that I will have the privilege of conferring this Sacrament this year. Normally reserved to be administered by our Bishop, Archbishop Fabe has delegated pastors to confer the sacrament in their own parishes. I usually can only do this at the Easter Vigil, so I am very blest to have this opportunity. This is a great time to also be reminded to pray that we soon have a new Bishop appointed to lead our diocese.

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.

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 Finance Committee Michael Bookmyer 765-749-9503 John Saucier, Chair 388-1406 Mike Connell 244-0074 **Brian Holmes** 901-412-8250 Ross Earl 283-0714 223-4606 Amanda McCoy Deacon Mike Eiffe 696-5264 864-680-3355 Chuck Schmelz Deacon John Elshaw 360-481-0713 Regina Sowko 742-8982 JoAnn Rudy 567-6762 Mike Stanuszek 206-8839 Michael Persicano 689-7011 Michael Persicano (Finance Officer) 689-7011 Kathy Walker 406-3411 Erin Wessel 864-482-1394

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PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 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 10, 2024

9am: PreK Faith Formation No Children's Choir Practice

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)

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9am: Baptism Class in the Faith Formation Room off the Narthex

Monday, March 11, 2024

7pm: RCIA

7pm: Spiritual Life Committee in the

Faith Formation Room

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

No Faith Formation Grades 1-12

4-7pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament- come spend a few moments with Jesus! (NEW TIME)

Thursday, March 14, 2024

9:30am: Adult Faith Formation

Friday, March 15, 2024 **Office Closed**

No Dinner

7pm: Stations of the Cross

Mass Readings & Intentions

Sat Mar 2nd St. Agnes of Bohemia

Sage Price by the McLeary family

Sun Mar 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

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

People of St. Albert the Great 11am Harrison Alvey by Lynda and Kathy

Mon Mar 4th St. Casimir

2 Kgs 5:1-15b Lk 4:24-30 Doman Blaine by Fr. Chris

9am

Tues Mar 5th St. John Joseph of the Cross Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35

9am Timothy Watroba and Family by Richard and Kathy Parrish

Wed Mar 6th St. Mary Ann of Jesus of

Paredes

9am

Dt 4:1. 5-9 Mt 5:17-19 **Our RCIA Candidates**

Thurs Mar 7th Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23

9am **Our Confirmation Class**

Fri Mar 8th St. John of God

Mk 12:28-34 Hos 14:2-10 9am Ralph Krueger by SAtG staff

Sat Mar 9th St. Frances of Rome

Joan Haines by the Clarke family

Sun Mar 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21 People of St. Albert the Great 11am Harold Howard by SAtG staff

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

Parish Reconciliation Service - Monday March 18th at 7pm.

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>	Current Year
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 1st thru June 30th year)

	2/25	Budget	<u>+/- year</u>	This year	Last year
Regular	8,938	9,700	7,199	346,699	325,855
Children	24			985	903
Building	3,733	3,650	4,650	132,400	124,633
Charity	389	375	<u>339</u>		
TOTAL	13,084	13,725	13,173	493,548	464,929
				Y-O-Y	6.2%

Gift Card Sales

	Last Week	For Year	Last Year
Sales	2,075	89,875	86,050
Profit	104	4,494	4,302

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

Mass Attendance

	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25	Last Year
5pm	145	180	175	165	120
9am	300	240	275	265	285
11am	<u>240</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>275</u>
Total	685	670	680	705	680
On-line Views	71	87	74	64	74

Our Parish Family

(as of 2/28/2024)

Registered Families 703 # of Parishioners 1,874

Stewardship Thought

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue in **Stewardship**.

Something To Think About

I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.

Parish Announcements

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

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Retreat!! Fr. Charlie Donahue will give all homilies the weekend of March 2/3 and then mission talks Monday (4th) and Tuesday (5th) at 9:30am and 7pm (the same talk). Please join us!!

New option in EasyTithe!! EasyTithe is our online giving platform that many of our parishioners use. We believe that financial transparency builds trust and is a mark of stewardship, so we want to take a moment to remind you that there is a small cost for the convenience of using EasyTithe. You can now help cover the cost of processing when you give. Please know that this is 100% optional, but we wanted to provide this option in making your gift go as far as possible to impact the mission of Saint Albert the Great Parish. For those of you with recurring gifts, you can login to your account and edit your recurring gift. When you do, you will see a box you can check to start covering fees.

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

St. Joseph School (Pre-k - 8th)



Is your child's school missing something?



FAITH TRUTH FAMILY
Now enrolling Prek (4) - 8th Grade
Contact: azengel@sjsknox.org
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.

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

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

-conference.

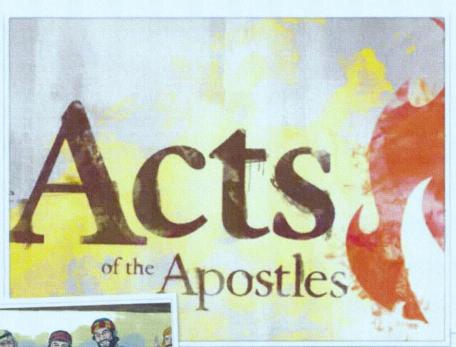
Join us for our Lenten Mission...... March 4th & 5th

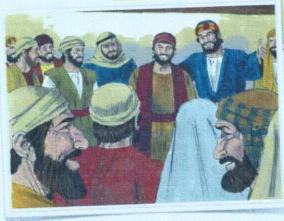
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Fr. Charlie Donahue, CSP



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