

**TARGET, WALMART, CHOP HOUSE and HONEY BAKED HAM gift cards are back!! Make it a wonderful Holiday Season while also helping those in need in our community—purchase a gift card!!!**

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Don't 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. LOOK IN THE BULLETIN FOR MORE UPCOMING NEWS & CHANGES...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

Caroline McSween  
Donna Ragle  
Ryan & Rachael Willis  
Jose Garcia  
Connie Ramsey  
Don Lerch

Tom & Summer Githens  
Bonnie & Jim Gombos  
Leonard Nugent  
Sylvia McMahan  
Theresa Ostrom  
Carrieanne Behan

Ramond Flores  
Stephanie Stevens  
Carol Maples  
Megan McMurray Dugan



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**      **December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **Christmas**      **December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Albert the Great Parish**

*(Established July 1, 2007)*

Participant in the Safe Environment Program

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Sacramental Associates:

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Msgr. Pat Garrity (retired)

Fr. Bill McKenzie (retired)

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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-2pm.

Mass Times

Monday - Friday      9am

Saturday Vigil:      5pm

Sunday      9 am & 11am

Confessions:

Saturday 4-4:30pm

Anytime by appointment

Catholic Schools:

Saint Joseph Elementary      689-3424

Knoxville Catholic High      560-0313

**Please pray for Parishioners discerning a Religious Vocation**

Seminarian

**Deacon Mark Schuster**

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Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of your entire parish staff I would like to wish each of you a **Merry and Blest Christmas**, unless it is still Advent, in which case, I wish you a **Blest Advent Season**. We thank you for the opportunity to share our ministries with you and appreciate all the love and support you give us in return.

A special thank you to our parishioners who are working so diligently to make this year's Christmas celebrations beautiful and special! Our choirs have been practicing for weeks; our liturgical minister's joyfully volunteering to work overtime, our art and environment committee creates an atmosphere of beauty and fills our hearts with the Christ child's meaning of Love and Peace.

**Have a Blest Christmas Season!!!**

Fr. Chris

**Christmas Mass Times**

**5pm December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please come enjoy the Children's Choir singing and presenting their Christmas Pageant prior to Mass beginning at 4:30pm!

**10pm December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please come join our Adult Choir singing Christmas Carols prior to Mass at 9:30pm!

**10am December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

Joan Eiffe, *Chair*      617-9595  
 Bob O'Connor, *Buildings & Grounds*      924-0714  
 Jennifer McCleary, *Communications*      689-7011  
 Joan Eiffe, *CWoM: Programs*      617-9595  
 Deacon Mike Eiffe, *CWoM: Visitation Ministry*      938-5825  
 Mike Clarke, *Faith Formation: Study*      922-5939  
 Kelley Griffin, *Faith Formation: Social/Service*      227-1075  
 Steve Walker, *Finance Committee*      548-9464  
 JoAnn Rudy, *Parish Life: Community Building*      567-6762  
 Phil Oakley, *Parish Life: Groups*      335-9063  
 Marcy Meldahl, *Spiritual Life: Liturgical*      242-1430  
 Maria Armento, *Spiritual Life: Devotional*      689-7011

**Finance Committee**

Catherine Barnes      922-6710  
 Tim Brew      548-6117  
 Chad Bergman      402/770-1152  
 Bill Ellithorpe      444-1932  
 Mary Jane Pitts      693-6741  
 Tyler Walker      386-3440  
 Steve Walker, *Finance Officer*      548-9464

## Parish Calendar

**Sat Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Marguerite d'Youville**  
5pm Robert Raab & Molly Hart Families

### Sun Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am People of St. Albert the Great  
NO FF PreK-K Class  
11am Tina Raymondo by Sylvia McMahan

### Mon Dec 24<sup>th</sup> St. Peter Nolasco

**NO 9am MASS**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

5pm John Schaad by Ann Schaad  
NO RCIA  
10pm Smith Family by Fr. Chris

### Tues Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus

**OFFICE CLOSED**

10am Margaret & Kristen Michelson  
Beattie by Fr. Chris

### Wed Dec 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen

**OFFICE CLOSED**

9am Carlyle & Margaret Michelson by  
Fr. Chris  
NO Faith Formation Classes

### Thurs Dec 27<sup>th</sup> St. John the Evangelist

9am Sylvia Schmelz by Chuck Schmelz &  
Claire Kelly  
9:30am Adult Faith Formation

### Fri Dec 28<sup>st</sup> The Holy Innocents

9am Marti McClain by the Schwarzkopf  
Family

### Sat Dec 29<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas Becket

5pm People of St. Albert the Great

### Sun Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Holy Family

9am Robert LaMotte by DeeAnn LaMotte  
NO FF PreK-K Class  
11am Special Intention of the Lettre Family  
10am&12pm Pancake Breakfast!!

## Something To Think About

*Don't try and figure out  
what other people want  
to hear from you;  
instead, figure out what you  
have to say that will make a  
difference in their lives!*

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE SATG "December"  
CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Joseph Brugger \$100  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Kim Neighbor \$250

## Parish Financial Information

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

### Collection Report

	12/16	Budget	+/- year	This year	Last year
Regular	10,314	9,150	(17,782)	201,818	205,653
Children	65	50	25	1,225	1,162
Building	2,728	1,800	1,525	44,725	40,746
Charity	179	300	24	7,224	6,163
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,286</b>	<b>11,300</b>	<b>(16,208)</b>	<b>254,992</b>	<b>253,724</b>

(Parish Debt \$1,051,400)



**\$'s Pledged \$426,000**  
**Pledges Paid (as of 11/25/2018) \$324,232**  
**% of pledges paid 76.1%**  
**Parish Portion Received \$162,116**

### "ONE CHURCH FOR ONE ANOTHER"

#### Bishop's Appeal 2018

	Last Year	Current Year
Parish Goal	\$43,600	\$43,600
Pledged	\$44,909	\$41,904
Collected (end Nov.)	\$38,273	\$38,142
% of Pledges Paid	87.8%	87.5%

### Gift Certificates

	Last Week	For Year	Last Year
Sales	5,050	71,525	62,850
Profit	253	3,576	3,142

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

### Mass Attendance

	11/25	12/02	12/09	12/16	Last year
5pm	160	190	185	220	185
9am	240	265	150	210	205
11am	310	300	265	360	325
<b>Total</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>715</b>

### Our Parish Family

(as of 12/18/2018)

	This yr	Last yr
<b>Registered Families</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>617</b>
<b>Members</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>1,648</b>

By Age 0-5	78	6-13	215	14-18	138
19-25	151	26-35	174	36-45	232
46-55	213	56-65	168	Over 65	229
		Average Age	37		

### Week's Mass Readings

Sunday Reading's 1002 in Gather Hymnal  
Dec 23 Mich 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10  
Lk 1:39-45  
Dec 24 2Sam7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Lk 1:67-79  
Dec 25 Is 9:1-6 Tit 2:11-14  
Lk 2:1-14  
Dec 26 Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22  
Dec 27 1Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Dec 28 1Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18  
Dec 29 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35  
Dec 30 1Sm 1:20-22,24-28 1Jn 3:1-2,21-24  
Lk 2:41-52

## Advent Christmas

As we transition from Advent to Christmas, you are encouraged to notice the changes in our liturgy which help us to focus on this season we are celebrating:

- Advent Wreath
- Nativity Scene
- Vestment color Purple
- Vestment color White
- No Gloria
- Gloria Returns
- Advent Petition Response: **"Come, Lord Jesus, Come"**
- Christmas Petition Response: **"Christ our Light, Hear our Prayer"**
- Sung Mass Parts Change
- Change in wine and hosts

**Advent Candle-** during Advent we will be processing in the Advent candles. If you as an individual or a family would like to participate, please sign up on the ministry sheet on the bulletin board.

## Stewardship Thought

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

## Four ThirTeens

For more information contact  
Kelley Griffin [kgriffin98@msn.com](mailto:kgriffin98@msn.com)

## High School Youth Group

For more information contact  
Deacon Mike Eiffe (938-5825,  
[mikeandjoan@comcast.net](mailto:mikeandjoan@comcast.net))

## Faith Formation

### PreK/K

Sundays during 9am&11am Masses

Contact Linnie Sexton 947-5425.

### Grades 1-6

(Confirmation Grade 6)

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Contact Robyn Wilson 388-8311.

### Grades 7-9

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Contact Angie Nelson 742-2553.

### Grades 9-12

Wednesday 12/12

6:30-7:30pm

### Adult

Thursdays after 9am Mass

Contact Deacon Mike Eiffe 938-5825.

### R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic?

Contact Mike Clarke 250-3228

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

Register by contacting the office at 689-7011 or Deacon Mike Eiffe at 938-5825.

## Liturgy

If you would like to learn more about our Liturgical Ministries, please contact our coordinators!

Maria Armento ( <i>Music</i> )	689-7011
Vic Chargualaf ( <i>Readers</i> )	679-6006
Fred Coats ( <i>Greeters</i> )	377-3522
Marcy Meldahl ( <i>EMC</i> )	242-1430
Phillip May ( <i>Ushers</i> )	938-5972
Richard Turner ( <i>Altar Servers</i> )	654-6704
Kathy Walker ( <i>Art &amp; Environment</i> )	406-3411

## Parish Announcement

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday.

**Walmart and Target Gift Cards will now be available for the holidays!!!**

If you shop at these stores please purchase your gift cards here and help the Corporal Works of Mercy Committee in their ministry to the poor. **Don't forget, your Walmart Gift Cards can also be used at Sam's Club!!!**

**\$50 Chop House Gift Cards** available now at the gift card table just in time for your holiday dinners and gift giving. Please remember, 100% of the profit from the sales is distributed by our Corporal Works of Mercy Committee to help the needy in our community.

**Visitation Ministry:** If you or somebody you know is homebound, we have a group of dedicated volunteers who would love to visit. Please contact Deacon Mike (938-5825) to make arrangements.

## St. Joseph School

Mr. Andy Zengel, Principal

[www.sjsknox.org](http://www.sjsknox.org)

865/689-3424

If you would like to set up a campus tour at SJS or want more information, please contact **Howie Sompayrac** at **SJS** by calling **804-8977** or email [hsompayrac@sjsknox.org](mailto:hsompayrac@sjsknox.org)

## Knoxville Catholic High School

For a campus tour, contact:

**Joni Punch, Admissions, 560-0502**

## Diocesan Announcement

We invite all young adults to the Bread of Life Retreat! There will be great music, talks, community, and plenty of time for prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It will start at 7pm on January 4<sup>th</sup> and finish with Mass on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The retreat will take place at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center (250 Locke Lane, Benton, TN 37307). The cost is \$65. Register at:

[breadofliferetreat.eventbrite.com](http://breadofliferetreat.eventbrite.com).

Questions? Contact Eric Pereira at [epereira@dioknox.org](mailto:epereira@dioknox.org). See you there!

Our next **Catholic Teens United** gathering is Sunday, **January 13<sup>th</sup>**, from **2-4pm** at **Immaculate Conception**. Sandi Davidson from Catholic Charities Pregnancy Help Center will be speaking. The talk is called "The Right Choice" and will be on respecting your bodies, why we are pro-life, and the argument against abortion. Tell your friends and come see what it's all about!

**World Youth Day Stateside** experience January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>! This event is for young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. For more information or to register contact Erica Pereira at 215-390-0963 or [epereir@dioknox.org](mailto:epereir@dioknox.org)

## Ladies of Charity

Need a Christmas Gift Idea? **Choose "Feed a Family"** For that hard-to-buy-for person (or in honor of someone), consider purchasing a "Feed a Family" card for \$20 which will provide a three-day meal for a family of four. Or, purchase a card in an amount you specify. Both cards are tax deductible. An acknowledgment is sent to the gift recipient and the donor. Cards may be purchased from the office at Ladies of Charity, 120 W Baxter Ave, emailing Amy at [assist.loc.knox@gmail.com](mailto:assist.loc.knox@gmail.com) or hitting the DONATE icon on our website [www.ladiesofcharityknox.org](http://www.ladiesofcharityknox.org)



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Mrs. Elissa Edwards in memory of Ron Edwards  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard and Mary Louise Fadnek in memory of deceased members of the Ferrari, Fadnek, Ambrose, and Bonomolo Families.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Sue Hanson in memory of Viola Hause and Charles Hanson  
Mr. & Mrs. Don and Margie McKelvey, Jr. in memory of Ed & Margaret Grega, Donald McKelvey, and in honor of Betty McKelvey  
Mr. & Mrs. Carroll & Michelle McMahan in memory of the McMahan & Ingolia Families.  
Ms. Sylvia McMahan in memory of Hugh McMahan and Tina Raymondo  
Margaret Michelson & Kristen Michelson Beattie by Carlyle & Fr. Chris Michelson  
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Mr. & Mrs. Paul G. & Donna M. Stokes in memory of Tom & Maxine Irwin  
Mr. & Mrs. Dick & Eileen Tourville in memory of Brewer and Tourville Families  
Mrs. Evelyn Velez in memory of Raul Velez  
Dianne Whitaker in memory of the Bogan & Whitaker Family

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**New Year's (Solemnity of Mary) Mass Schedule:**  
**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 5pm**  
**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: 10am**