

The Parish office will be closed Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st for the Christmas Holiday.

TARGET, WALMART, gift cards are back!! Make it a wonderful Holiday Season while also helping those in need in our community—purchase a gift card!!!

Enroll your Kroger Rewards Card now! See below for directions.

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
Carolyn DiMasi



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29th & 30th, 2018

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

Pastor:

Fr. Chris Michelson frchris@satgknox.org

Sacramental Associates:

Msgr. Bill Gahagan (retired)

Msgr. Pat Garrity (retired)

Fr. Bill McKenzie (retired)

Deacons:

Patrick Murphy-Racey pat@pnrphoto.com

Bob Smearing smearingr@gmail.com

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Mike Eiffe mikeandjoan@comcast.net

Receptionist & Secretary

Jennifer McCleary office@satgknox.org

Ministries Coordinator & Music Director

Maria Armento 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

Saint Meinrad School of Theology

200 Hill Drive

Saint Meinrad, IN 47577

markschuster@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners,

Each year the weekend following Christmas we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**. A time for us to focus on our families and the call for each of us to work on becoming a "Holy Family". There is a lot of **brokenness** in the world and Christ comes to us in this **brokenness** calling us to overcome those things that "break us" and to mend them with a message of Love and Peace. I invite us all to make this a season to mend broken relationships in our families.

Tuesday, January 1st is the feast of the **Solemnity of Mary** a Holy day of obligation, and New Year's Day. Our Holy Day Masses will be Monday vigil at 5pm and on Tuesday at 10am. What better way can there be to welcome in a New Year than in prayer and asking for Mary to help each of us to know and share a Mothers love with each other.

I wish to thank all our parish ministers who did such a fantastic job making our Christmas celebrations so powerful. The music, the environment, the cheerfulness and dedication of all our ministers giving so freely of themselves gives great testimony and example to all the Peace and Love to be shared during this season.

As we begin this new year, I want to thank you once again for your generosity. In October I pointed out that we were over \$20,000 behind budget, and only twice in the 1st four months of our budget year did we make our budget. Since November 1st we have reached budget every week, and while we are still behind for the year, we are slowly getting back on the right track. May God Bless you for your generosity!!!

Please continue to support our Corporal Works of Mercy Committee by purchasing your gift cards from Walmart, Target, Ingles and Food City. All proceeds go to help the needy in our community.

Have a Blest Christmas Season!!!

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

Joan Eiffe, *Chair*

Bob O'Connor, *Buildings & Grounds*

Jennifer McCleary, *Communications*

Joan Eiffe, *CWoM: Programs*

Deacon Mike Eiffe, *CWoM: Visitation Ministry*

Mike Clarke, *Faith Formation: Study*

Kelley Griffin, *Faith Formation: Social/Service*

Steve Walker, *Finance Committee*

JoAnn Rudy, *Parish Life: Community Building*

Phil Oakley, *Parish Life: Groups*

Marcy Meldahl, *Spiritual Life: Liturgical*

Maria Armento, *Spiritual Life: Devotional*

617-9595

924-0714

689-7011

617-9595

938-5825

922-5939

227-1075

548-9464

567-6762

335-9063

242-1430

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 29th St. Thomas Becket

5pm People of St. Albert the Great

Sun Dec 30th 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!!

Mon Dec 31st St. Sylvester I

OFFICE CLOSED

9am Darlene Zia

7pm NO RCIA

5pm Carolyn DiMasi by the McCleary Family

Tues Jan 1st Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

OFFICE CLOSED

10am Deacon Joe and Veronica Armento

Wed Jan 2nd Saints Basil the Great &

Gregory Nazianzen

9am Carol Ritchie by Fr. Chris

6:30pm NO Faith Formation Classes

Thurs Jan 3rd The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9am Marjorie Lettre by the Lettre Family

9:30am Adult Faith Formation

Fri Jan 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9am Natalie Guran by the Moylan Family

Sat Jan 5th St. John Neuman

9am Baptism Class-Chapel

5pm Loretta Colella by Frank Collela

Sun Jan 6th The Epiphany of the Lord

9am Robert Smearing by Bob & Lee Smearing

10&12 FF PreK-K Class

11am People of St. Albert the Great

Something To Think About

It is less about becoming a better person, and more about being better, as a person!

2019 Calendar Sales

Calendars Purchases: **66**

Profit for parish: **\$660**

Would you support Catholic Schools for 10 cents a day? Then buy a Catholic Schools Calendar for \$36.50 and you get 365 chances to win \$100 - \$500. And it not only supports our Catholic Schools, but our parish gets \$10 for each calendar sold. Available at the gift certificate table or office.

Parish Financial Information

(All figures based on a July 1st thru June 30th year)

Collection Report

	12/23	Budget	+/- year	This year	Last year
Regular	9,331	9,150	(17,601)	211,149	213,891
Children	45	50	95	1,345	1,203
Building	2,325	1,800	2,050	47,050	43,634
Charity	710	300	434	7,934	6,667
TOTAL	12,411	11,300	(15,022)	267,478	265,395

½ Christmas Parish \$4,151

½ Christmas Diocese \$4,151

(Parish Debt \$1,051,400)



\$'s Pledged	\$426,000
Pledges Paid (as of 12/20/2018)	\$330,352
% of pledges paid	77.6%
Parish Portion Received	\$165,176

"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	3,950	75,475	68,450
Profit	158	3,778	3,423

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

Mass Attendance

	12/16	12/23	Last Year	12/25	Last Year
5pm	220	210	195	620	590
9am	210	205	175	380	360
11am	360	330	210	140	150
Total	790	745	580	1,140	1,100

Our Parish Family

(as of 12/18/2018)

	This yr	Last yr
Registered Families	640	617
Members	1,720	1,648

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 1007 in Gather Hymnal	
Dec 30 1Sm 1:20-22,24-28	1Jn 3:1-2,21-24
Lk 2:41-52	
Dec 31 1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18
Jan 1 Nm 6:22-27	Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Jan 2 1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
Jan 3 1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Jn 1:29-34
Jan 4 1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42
Jan 5/6 Is 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a,5-6
Mt 2:1-12	

Christmas

As we go through our different liturgical season's we are encouraged to notice the changes in our liturgy and liturgical setting which help us to focus on each season.

- Manger Scene & Light
- Vestment color
- Gloria returns for Christmas
- New Sung Mass Parts
- Change in wine and hosts
- New Petition Response, "Christ our light, Hear our Prayer."

Stewardship Thought

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Four ThirTeens

For more information contact Kelley Griffin kgriffin98@msn.com

High School Youth Group

For more information contact Deacon Mike Eiffe (938-5825, 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 & Environment</i>)	406-3411

Parish Announcement

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, December 31st
& Tuesday January 1st 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
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

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 4th and finish with Mass on January 6th 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. Questions? Contact Eric Pereira at epereira@dioknox.org. See you there!

Our next **Catholic Teens United** gathering is Sunday, **January 13th, 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 26th and 27th! 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

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



To all Liturgical Ministries: Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Art and Environment, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Music Ministry—THANK YOU!!!



Thanks to all who helped make this Christmas such a joy-filled, wonderful celebration!!



To all our Priests and Deacons: Fr. Chris, Fr. Bill, Msgr. Bill, Msgr. Pat, Deacons Mike, Pat, Mike, Bob, and Mark- THANK YOU!!

