

We have refreshed our list of names for our prayer list as we've begun a new Church Year. If we removed someone that you would like to continue to have on the list, or if you would like to add someone, please feel free to contact us in the office (office@satgknox.org) and we will add them to our list! Thank you.

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!!!

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

Connie Ramsey
Don Lerch
Tom & Summer Githens

Bonnie & Jim Gombos
Leonard Nugent
Sylvia McMahan

Theresa Ostrom
Carrieanne Behan
Ramond Flores



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8th & 9th, 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

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Receptionist & Secretary

Jennifer McCleary office@satgknox.org

Ministries Coordinator & Music Director

Maria Armento maria@satgknox.org

Facilities Manager

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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,

Once again, the spirit and generosity of the season has been shared by the parishioners of Saint Albert the Great Parish. Your response to the MAP (Mountain Arts Program) will make for a very Merry Christmas for many needy families of Appalachia. The gifts and food baskets are always greatly appreciated. Your response for the Pregnancy Center is also overwhelming. We are also able to help many families in need in our own parish and local community thanks to your generous response. May God Bless you for your wonderful support!

A very special thank you to our young people who have so generously given of their time and talent as altar servers. A few months back we had many Masses with no or one server. Now we have a full crew almost every Mass, and as a priest I can't tell you how wonderful it is to have the help. May God Bless you for sharing your wonderful gifts!

With the close of Tennova Regional Hospital (the old Saint Mary's main) we not only lose a beloved hospital, but we lose our Sisters of Mercy who have served us so faithfully for so many years. In addition, it will become increasingly difficult for us to get information when people are in the hospital. If you are going into or know someone at Tennova North who would like to have communion or anointing, please call the office. **DO NOT ASSUME WE KNOW YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL!!**

Hope everyone received their Calendar Raffle information in the mail. 365 chances to win \$100 - \$500 and support your parish as well. We receive \$10 for every calendar purchased by a parishioner. Help our schools, help families needing tuition assistance and help our parish...win, win, win!!! This year we've sold 28...Thank you!

Once again, we have our special holiday gift cards. Besides our Ingles and Food City Gift Cards (which give us a 5% profit), we now have Walmart and Target Gift Cards (which give us a 2% profit) and Chop House Gift Cards (which give us a 15% profit) and Honey Baked Ham Cards (which give us a 20% profit). Remember the profit from all sales goes to help us meet the needs of needy families in our area. Thank you for your support!

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 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Margaret Michelson by Fr. Chris
5pm Fr. Ron Stone

Sun Dec 9th Second Sunday of Advent

9am People of St. Albert the Great
9&11 FF PreK-K Class
10am MAP Program Breakfast/
Deliver Gifts
11am Bill and Irene Groseclose by Mike
and Valerie Duncan

Mon Dec 10th St. John Roberts

9am Benjamin Wheeler by the Clarke
Family
6:30pm Parish Advent Retreat (snacks in
the Narthex followed by retreat at 7pm)
7pm RCIA

Tues Dec 11th St. Damasus I

9am Bob Domaleski by Maryann Faber
7pm Boy Scouts Meeting

Wed Dec 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

9am Carmen Maria Alaya Garcia and
Teresa Torres Torres by Evelyn
Nazario-Velez
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes
7pm Choir Practice

Thurs Dec 13th St. Lucy

9am Hiram Walker by the Walker Family
9:30am & 7pm Adult Faith Formation

Fri Dec 14th St. John of the Cross

9am Lou DeMarotta by Janet Mobley

Sat Dec 15th St. Mary di Rosa

9am Baptism Class in Chapel
5pm Larry West by Richard West
6pm Blood Pressure Checks
6pm Family Cookie Recipe Sharing and
Movie in the Conference Room!!!

Sun Dec 16th Third Sunday of Advent

9am People of St. Albert the Great
9&11 FF PreK-K Class
10&12 Blood Pressure Checks
11am Sylvia McMahan by the Clarke
Family

Something To Think About

*Don't try and figure out what other
people want to hear from you,
rather, figure out what wisdom
you can share with them!*

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

Dec 4th Joseph Brugger \$100
Dec 16th Kim Neighbor \$250

Parish Financial Information

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

Collection Report

	12/02	Budget	+/- year	This year	Last year
Regular	9,161	9,150	(18,911)	182,389	185,968
Children	57	50	42	1,142	1,098
Building	1,733	1,800	179	39,779	37,105
Charity	707	300	293	6,893	5,577
TOTAL	11,658	11,300	(18,397)	230,203	229,748

(Parish Debt \$1,060,475)

Thanksgiving Collection for Haiti \$1,430



\$'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	\$42,004
Collected (end Oct.)	\$36,232	\$37,176
% of Pledges Paid	83.1%	85.3%

Gift Certificates

	Last Week	For Year	Last Year
Sales	3,500	59,650	51,575
Profit	175	2,983	2,579

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

Mass Attendance

	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/02	Last year
5pm	170	150	160	190	175
9am	240	240	240	265	230
11am	300	290	310	300	340
Total	710	680	710	755	745

Our Parish Family

(as of 12/9/2018)

	This yr	Last yr
Registered Families	641	614
Members	1,725	1,648

By Age 0-5	80	6-13	217	14-18	138
19-25	153	26-35	173	36-45	235
46-55	213	56-65	169	Over 65	226
		Average Age	37		

Week's Mass Readings

Sunday Reading's 993 in Gather Hymnal

Dec 9 Bar 5:1-9	Phil 1:4-6,8-11
	Lk 3:1-6
Dec 10 Is 35:1-10	Lk 5:17-26
Dec 11 Is 40:1-11	Mt 18:12-14
Dec 12 Zh 2:14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Dec 13 Is 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Dec 14 Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19
Dec 15 Sr 48:1-4,9-11	Mt 17:9a,10-13
Dec 16 Zp3:14-18a	Phil 4:4-7
	Lk 3:10-18

Advent

As we begin this season of Advent you are encouraged to notice the following changes in our liturgy which help us to focus on this season in which we await the coming of Christ, the Light of the World.

- Advent Wreath
- Vestment color
- No Gloria
- New Sung Mass Parts
- Change in wine and hosts
- New Petition Response:
"Come, Lord Jesus, Come"

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

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Four ThirTeens

For more information contact
Kelley Griffin
(kgriffin98@msn.com)

High School Youth Group

Next event will be Wednesday,
December 12th. For more
information contact Deacon
Mike Eiffe (938-5825 or
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.

Advent Adult Faith Formation Program:

We will be offering the Word on Fire program "Eucharist" during Thursdays in Advent. The program will consider the Eucharistic themes of Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence, and promises to be a great way to help us prepare for the Christmas Season. Classes will be offered twice each Thursday, at 9:30am (Conference Room) and again at 7pm (Activity Center), starting on November 29th and ending on December 20th.

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

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 Honey Baked Ham and \$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!

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 or hitting the DONATE icon on our website www.ladiesofcharityknox.org

Join us Monday, December 10th!!

Parish Advent Retreat

**6:30pm: Light snacks and fellowship in Narthex
(if you only want to attend the retreat, feel free to
arrive at 7pm... 😊)**

**7pm: Listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz Advent Homily
(recording) in main Church**

7:20pm: Break into small groups for discussion

7:40pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8pm: Benediction and Closing

**Share this time with your Parish Family as we are
preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ!**

