



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Joseph the Worker

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Women's Group.....Rita Anderson

Sacramental Needs



Baptism: Preparation is required for parents who desire their child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms are available in the office.



Reconciliation: Offered on Saturdays at 3:15 p.m., Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 12 p.m. (Spanish) or upon request.



Pastoral Care of the Sick: Notify the office for homebound or hospitalized to request a visit from Father Julius for either communion or anointing of the sick. In the event of death, Mass can be offered immediately or on a date convenient for the family.



Holy Matrimony: Couples should contact the pastor a minimum of six months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires couples to attend an *Engaged Encounter* or *Picture of Love* Weekend.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. – Tuesday- Friday

Adoration

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. (after Mass)

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (in the Grotto)

Prayer to the Holy Guardian Angels

O holy Angel, my faithful guardian, whom God has given me as a companion from the beginning of my life, I thank you for all the benefits you have bestowed upon me. I beg you to guard me against all dangers, especially against the temptations of the enemy. Defend me, I beseech you and obtain for me the grace to remain faithful to God until the end of my days.

~ Amen.



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STEWARDSHIP

Week 13: September 26 – September 27, 2026

Attendance.....	511
Weekly Need for New Year.....	\$6,451
Proceeds	
Offertory.....	\$7,658
Online Offerings.....	\$ 990
Week +/-.....	+ \$2,197
YTD +/-.....	+ \$10,255
Capital Expenses.....	\$0
Capital Building Fund.....	\$125
Good Shepherd.....	\$112
Feed My Sheep.....	\$274
Family Life Center	
Collections.....	\$61,936
YTD.....	\$3,806,867
Outstanding Pledges.....	\$582,771

Fr. Julius, on behalf of the Parish, is grateful for your faithful stewardship and for your continued fulfillment of your pledges. May God Bless you in all ways for your generosity.

Online Giving: Tired of writing checks? Visit our web site to set up one-time and/or recurring donations. Click "Donate Now" for a dropdown selection of giving opportunities. Call the office if you want to designate a donation for a specific project. All donations are to be made payable to "St. Joseph the Worker, Madisonville, TN."

Are you interested in investing in the future of our parish? A bequest in your Will could provide greater ministries for God's work in our parish. Please call the office for information.

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors with joyful hearts. If you are not registered and wish to join our faith community, please see an usher after Mass or contact the office.

About Us

First Gathering: Sept. 16, 1992;
Blessing of the Building: May 25, 2001;
Consecration of Altar & Church: Jan. 12, 2003.
Canonically Erected Parish: May 1, 2006,
(on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)

Mass Requests: We have openings for daily & weekend Mass requests. Have a Mass said for someone living or deceased. The Holy Mass is the best form of prayer.

According to a Vatican update, priests are now allowed to accept multiple offerings from different donors for a single Mass with a "collective intention" but only when all donors have been explicitly informed and freely consented. Call the office to request a Mass.



Faith Formation & Enrichment

OCIA: Wednesday's, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Bible Study: SALVATION HISTORY

Discover God's Plan from Genesis to the Birth of the Church. Monday evenings, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall Hosted by Deacon Walter Stone.

Friday Adoration: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Please prayerfully consider spending time with the Blessed Sacrament during these hours.

Pray the Rosary: Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the rosary for world peace. Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30am after daily Mass in the Church and on Thursdays at the grotto at 7pm (or in the church if weather requires).

God Says...

Remember these four things:

1. I will make a way for you.
2. I'm fighting your battles.
3. Prayer is the best medicine.
4. Trust My timing



Sanctuary Lamp & Altar Flowers:

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp burns for **Mae Moore for quick healing by the Parish Council.**

We did not have Flower Donations this week. Call the office to donate for the Sanctuary Lamp or for Altar Flowers, in honor or in memory of a loved one.



Have you ordered your brick yet?

We invite you to be part of creating a beautiful and lasting gathering space as we pave the way for spiritual growth and fellowship with our church family. Please stop by the display in the Narthex to pick up an order form, and feel free to call the parish office with any questions.

The Seven Sisters Apostolate in our parish collectively prays every day for Fr. Julius, our pastor. Our current seven sisters are: Irina, Ann, Kellyann, Denise, Sofia, Patty, and Grace. If interested in joining this apostolate, please contact Denise Michaud at dmichaud916@yahoo.com or 423-552-4250. You may also check out the website SevenSistersApostolate.org to learn more about how you can support our parish with prayers.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium!" ~St. John Paul II

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S GROUP

Please help support the Womens Group (Box of Joy) initiative, which brings gifts to children aged 2-14 in underprivileged countries. You can donate new toys, coloring books, crayons, and similar items by placing them in the box located in the parish hall or give a monetary donation to Rita Anderson. Please note that all items must fit inside a single shoe box, with one box per child. Feel free to pick up a box in the Parish Hall. Donation deadline mid-October. Help bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas!

We are glad to announce that Dolores King will speak on Mary our Mother, Saints & Prayer at our next meeting. Please bring a friend and join us on Saturday, October 24 in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Family Life Center Update

CASH-ON-HAND: \$3,806,867 as of 9/29/26

Promising News: The Diocesan Finance Council is discussing our application for the construction of our long-awaited Family Life Center this week!

The Steering Committee has completed the application form along with a business case proposal and exhibits that show the need for the FLC and our strategy to pay for any loan that may be needed for the construction. Father is humbled by the super generosity of our Parish Family and our Friends. The fluid nature of the checks and bank transfers that arrive in the office is nothing short of a miracle. All gifts, whether a hundred or a million dollars, add to the total that will make the FLC a reality.

Our initial financial goal was to have 50% of the building cost in the bank for construction to begin. However, we have adjusted our goal to be to request the smallest loan. Our ability to feel confident in making this adjustment is the fluidity and the amount of donations that arrive in the office.

Once we receive approval, the construction will take about 12 months. During that time, we will continue to raise funds to close the gap between cash-on-hand and the cost of a loan. We continue to be grateful for all the generosity given to this Parish project. All contributions, whether financial, time and talent, or prayers are appreciated and needed.

THANK YOU!



Prayer Intentions

For God's Healing: Will Adams, Madeline Albach, Ralph Arata, Erin Bayne, Karen Burris, Howard Clarke, Mary Cornejo, Ron Cross, Russell Flynn, Barbara Hill, Jackie Hull, Charles Jones, Bruce Mackenzie, Phil & Donna Misko, Karen Ruggiero, Roger Schneider, Shirley Sisic, Patty Swatzell, Jim & Donna Williams, Dennis Wilson, Rose Urban.

For Our Military: Nicholas Dickson, Matthew Fioravanti, Jacob Hill, Quinn Mackenzie, Sara Ruggiero, Chris St. Pierre, Seth Turpeinen, Conor McCracken, James Fusaro.

For Vocations: Lord, we pray for an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, including those called to serve as religious sisters and brothers. May all who are called respond with generous hearts to build up Your Church.

Call the office to add someone to our prayer intentions.

Happy Birthday: Ariana Almanza, Maria Almanza, Leandro, Ryan Boulerisse, Erick Fernandez, Monica Bixby, Kenya Jimenez, David Montero, Ginnie Aloia, Lily Escobar, Fatima Gomez, Nathalia Herrera, Daniel Kurek, Yahir Luna, Delores Adkins, Joyce Jenkins, Mark Raimondi, Yoselin Sanchez, Janet, Schultz, Dariusz Borowy, Gwen Lakomiak, Mary McMillan, James Aleska, Alma Gonzalez, Wayne Pfister.

Happy Anniversary: James & Donna Williams, Cristian & Clementina Mora, Jose & Josefina Aguilera, James & Karicia, Paul & Maureen Douglas, Kenneth & Donna Hay.

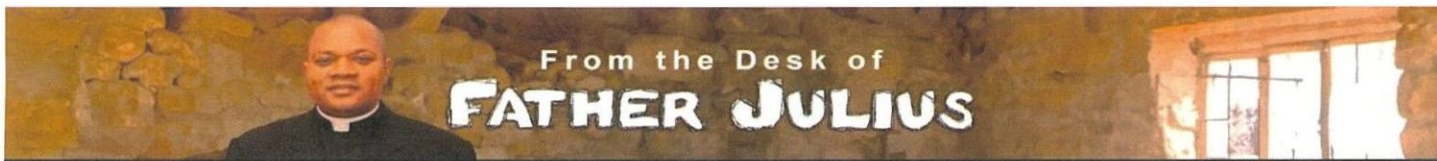
Sanctuary Candles: Donations are at least \$25 per candle, which burns for one week. The continuous flame symbolizes Christ's unending love and His constant presence and reminds the faithful their call to loving adoration in return.



2nd Diocesan Collection

Collection for Diocesan Deacon Formation

Program. Please generously support the October 11 collection. Your donation will fund the ongoing formation of more than 100 deacons serving our diocese and the instruction of 13 men who began their five-year formation in 2022 and, God willing, will be ordained in 2027. Deacons serve the Bishop, priests, parishes, and communities by teaching, organizing charitable resources, and bringing the Gospel to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Grace and Peace!

The liturgy this Sunday presents us with the powerful image of a vineyard to describe God's relationship with His people. God has lovingly planted, protected, and cared for His vineyard, but He expects it to produce good fruit. The important pastoral message is this: God does not ask us merely to admire His vineyard; He asks us to get to work in it, to cultivate it and to produce fruit.

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah gives us the beautiful Song of the Vineyard. God has done everything necessary for His vineyard. He planted it on fertile ground, protected it, and patiently expected it to produce good grapes. Instead, it produced wild grapes. Isaiah is speaking about the people of Israel, who, despite all the blessings and care they had received from God, failed to bear the fruits of justice, faithfulness, and righteousness. In the Second Reading, St. Paul shifts our attention from the vineyard itself to the Christian life. He encourages us not to be consumed by anxiety, but to bring everything to God through prayer, petition, and thanksgiving.

In the Gospel, Our Lord develops Isaiah's vineyard image in the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. The landowner represents God; the vineyard represents His people; the servants represent the prophets; and the son represents Jesus Himself. The parable was originally directed toward the religious leaders of Jesus' time. But the message does not end there. As Christians, we, too, must ask ourselves whether we are faithful tenants of the vineyard God has entrusted to us. That is why, at the beginning of this week, it is worth asking: Are our lives bearing good fruit? Are we producing fruit in our private lives, in our families, in the vineyard of the Church, and in the society in which we live?

Jesus has given us His Church, and through the Church, He has given us everything necessary to become fruitful Christians: Sacred Scripture and Tradition, the Sacraments, the witness of the saints, the ministry of priests and religious, and the grace to grow in holiness. We bear good fruit when we encourage one another in faith, when we make a daily commitment to prayer, when we practice charity, when we forgive, when we serve others, and when we seek to sanctify the ordinary circumstances of our lives.

Our parish, our families, our marriages, our priesthood, our work, and our personal faith are all portions of God's vineyard entrusted to us. Over these past two Sundays, Jesus has continued to use the image of the vineyard to speak to us about our relationship with God. He provides the soil, the vine, the press, and the tower. He provides everything we need. We are blessed indeed! But He also expects something from us: our labor, our faithfulness and gratitude, and good fruit.

Perhaps the most important question for each of us this week is: "If God were to come today looking for the fruit of His vineyard, what would He find in me?"

A blessed Sunday!

This Week's Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon., Oct 5: *Gal 1: 6-12, Lk 10: 25-37*

9:00 am – No Mass

Tue., Oct 6: *Gal 1: 13-24, Lk 10: 38-42*

9:00 am Mass – Matteo & Stephanie Galante (Birthdays) by The Galante's Family

Wed., Oct 7: *Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14, Lk 11: 1-4*

9:00 am Mass – † Daniel & Ruth Vogelbacher by Don & Claudia Brazeau

Thu. Oct 8: *Gal 3: 1-5, Lk 11: 5-13*

9:00 am Mass – † Lee Raymond by The Galante's Family

Fri., Oct 9: *Gal 3: 7-14, Lk 11: 15-26*

9:00 am Mass – Raymond Stark (45th Birthday) by Chris & Chris Cotler

Sat., Oct 10: *Gal 3: 22-29, Lk 11: 27-28*

4:00 pm Mass – † Ann Canada by her Chicago Friends
Rose & Frank Urban (Healing for Rose and their intentions)
by Vicki Urban

Sun., Oct 11: *Is 25: 6-10a, Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20, Mt 22: 1-14*

8:00 am Mass – Rose Urban (Healing) Patty & David Brown

10:00 am Mass – † John Reiner (1 yr. Anniversary of his passing) by Parish Family

12:30 pm Mass – People of the Parish

NOTICE TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE

The Diocese of Knoxville has become aware of ministerial activity associated with and supportive of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) being organized within the territory of the Diocese by Rev. David Mary Engo and other members of the laity.

Effective immediately, the Bishop of Knoxville has withdrawn all faculties, permissions, and authorizations previously granted to Fr. David Mary for ministry within the Diocese of Knoxville. He is not authorized to exercise public priestly ministry anywhere within the Diocese of Knoxville. Furthermore, the Bishop of Knoxville has not authorized, condoned, or approved the establishment within the Diocese of any priory, mission, chapel, foundation, or other apostolate intended to advance the purposes or ministry of the Society of Saint Pius X.

The faithful are therefore strongly urged not to attend Masses, sacramental celebrations, retreats, conferences, or other religious activities organized or conducted by Fr. David Mary or in connection with this unauthorized ministry, and not to provide material or organizational support for his ministry or the establishment or maintenance of an SSPX apostolate within the Diocese.

On July 2, 2026, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith declared that sacred ministers belonging to the SSPX are in schism and are subject to the excommunication established by can. 1364 §1. The Dicastery further reaffirmed that lay faithful who formally adhere to the SSPX according to the criteria established by the Holy See incur the same "*latae sententiae*" automatic excommunication. The Dicastery expressly exhorted all the faithful to remain steadfast in communion with the Roman Pontiff, the bishops in communion with him, and the whole Church, and to abstain from participating in celebrations and activities promoted by the SSPX.

Those who have become involved in these activities and have questions concerning their canonical situation are encouraged to contact their proper pastor or the Diocese so that they may receive appropriate pastoral and canonical assistance to remain in, or where necessary return to, full communion with the Catholic Church.

The Diocese remains committed to providing reverent and faithful pastoral care to all the faithful and to preserving communion with the Roman Pontiff and the universal Church.