

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Sat, 1/16 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17
8:15am INT of St. Jude Parishioners
5:30pm † Cedric Armor – David Muckle
7:30pm Special Intention (Mass in Spanish)

Sun, 1/17 Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
8:00am † Rhonda Gabor – Terie Bland
10:30am INT of St. Jude Parishioners
12:15pm † Juan Nieves – Daisy Nieves
5:30pm † Howard Sompayrac – Bob & Jeannine Mullin

Mon, 1/18 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22
8:15am † Al Rhodes – Kizza Family

Tue, 1/19 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28
8:15am INT of Rick Phillips – Elise Phillips

Wed, 1/20 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6
8:15am INT of Dot Murray – Paul & Jean Trudel
7:00pm † Dorothy Murtaugh – Agnes Sercer

Thu, 1/21 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12
8:15am † Paul Diamat – Maryrose Quito

Fri, 1/22 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19
8:15am † Clare Moloughney – Gail Campbell
7:00pm INT of Sanctity of Life

Sat, 1/23 2 Sm 1:1-27; Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21
8:15am INT of Donald J. Wooten – Lonnie Bork
5:30pm † Joe Lombardo – Agnes Sercer
7:30pm Special Intention (Mass in Spanish)

Sun, 1/24 Neh 8:2-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
8:00am † Rhonda Gabor – Deacon Brian, Donna & Karen Gabor
10:30am † Delta Davis – Agnes Sercer
12:15pm † Christopher Quito – Quito Family
5:30pm INT of St. Jude Parishioners

LECTORS: January 23-24

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Sat 5:30pm Al Salatka, Jr.
7:30pm Mass in Spanish
Sun 8:00am John Lunn
10:30am Richard Clark
12:15pm Pat Jabaley
5:30pm Ben Byrne

ALTAR SERVERS: January 23-24

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Sat 5:30pm J Vanderloo, C Long, J Nelson
7:30pm Mass in Spanish
Sun 8:00am N Coronis, J Coronis
10:30am A Fortin, B Bernarding, B Bombassi
12:15pm M Gajewski, J King
5:30pm A Marini, C Hobson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: January 23-24

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Sat 5:30pm V Baltz, J Grau, P Ingram, P Lawson, D & J Smith
7:30pm Mass in Spanish
Sun 8:00am L & L Burke, V Givens, M Greene, R & T Sentell
10:30am W & S Diegel, D Kennedy, M Masterson, M Owen, R Rohling
12:15pm M Bautista, M Coleman, D Picard, P & K Schulz, A Wheeler
5:30pm D Chepul, M Dement, J & F Martin, Z Ridder, T Slaughter

VOCATIONS CHALICE NEXT WEEKEND

Call Mona Bombassi at 843-3676 for more information.

Sat 5:30pm Michael & Stephanie Howard with Morgan, Connor, Kayleigh & Tristan

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE REGARDING:

ADORATION -- Monday through Friday, 6am-9pm, in the Chapel. Sign-up for a weekly hour or drop by any time.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Anyone entering the hospital or in serious ill health may be anointed.

BAPTISM - Parents must attend a baptismal preparation class before having their first child baptized.

CATHOLIC CONNECTION - For adult Catholics who have been Baptized but not Confirmed, or who are Confirmed but inactive or not fully practicing.

CONFIRMATION - Required for students who have completed Pre-Confirmation or attend NDHS. Must be 10th grade or 16 years old at time of Confirmation.

MATRIMONY - Four-month notice required.

PARISH RELIGIOUS ED (PRE) - For 4-year-old preschoolers through 8th graders.

PRE-CONFIRMATION - Required for students who do not attend NDHS.

RCIA/INQUIRY CLASSES - For non-Catholics who would like to learn about the Catholic Faith.

ROSARY - Prayed daily in the Chapel after the 8:15am Mass. In Spanish on Wed in the Church after the 8:15am Mass.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JUDE



Monday, January 18, MLK, Jr., Birthday Observed

Parish Office Closed

- 1:00pm Blood Assurance (Bloodmobile)
- 3:30pm Legion of Mary (Youth) Library
- 6:00pm Yoga Class Harwd A

Tuesday, January 19

- 10:30am Bridge Group Library
- 2:00pm Olan Mills Portraits PLC

Wednesday, January 20

- 9:30am All Things Catholic Dupree
- 9:30am Intercessors of the Lamb Harwd B
- 11:00am St. Therese Prayer Group Library
- 1:30pm Pro-Life Cross Installation Field**
- 2:00pm Olan Mills Portraits PLC
- 4:30pm Stereo Scripture Practice Church
- 6:00pm Yoga Class Harwd A
- 6:30pm PRE School
- 6:30pm St. Monica Novena Chapel
- 7:00pm RCIA Library
- 7:30pm Schola Cantorum Practice Church

Thursday, January 21

- 10:00am Library Workers Library
- 2:00pm Olan Mills Portraits PLC
- 5:00pm Line Dancing Siener
- 6:00pm School Committee Harwd B
- 6:30pm Feldhaus Choir Practice Church
- 7:00pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Dupree
- 7:00pm Rosary Makers Library

Friday, January 22, Day of Penance & Prayer

- 9:00am Legion of Mary (Adult) Library
- 2:00pm Olan Mills Portraits PLC
- 7:00pm Special Pro-Life Mass Church**

Saturday, January 23

- 9:00am Church Cleaners Church
- 9:00am Schoenstatt Meeting Harwd A
- 9:30am Olan Mills Portraits Library

Sunday, January 24

- 9:00am Parish Breakfast Siener
- 10:40am Children's Liturgy Library
- 11:00am Schola Cantorum Practice Library
- 1:00pm Korean Prayer Group Conf Rm
- 1:30pm Free Throw Contest Gym
- 2:00pm Secular Discalced Carmelites Library
- 3:00pm Feldhaus Choir Practice Church
- 4:15pm Pre-Confirmation Harwd
- 6:30am Confirmation Harwd

SPIRITUAL LIFE

To add a family member to one of these lists, please call the parish office. Remember to notify us regarding removal of the name, as well.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Ave Bareham, Mary Blevins, Lucy Bowie, Robert Carden, Catherine Daniel, Virginia M. Davis, Beth Foster, Vicki Girouard, Garry Hall, Jennifer Hancock, Mike Hunter, Howard Jabaley, Don Jett, Elaine Lixey, George Logan, Al Mancuso, Michael Manners, John Mantooth, Carolyn Marthin, Al Martin, Sam Martin, Trinity Meade, Kay Migues, Lloyd Moon, Tommy Moon, Carol Moore, Dorothy Murray, Ron Neith, Daisy Nieves, Donna Penney, Milton Posada, Faby Prince, Victor Root Sr., Tyler Sears, Sr. Annette Seiter, Daniel Sharkey, Jimmy Soper, Richard Towner, Doug Vaselaar, Mary Weichey, Ross Woodard

FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Elizabeth Bame, Adam Barborcka, Thomas Bazemore, Jonathan Bender, Bryan Bolt, Benjamin Branham, Richard Bryant, Patrick Michael Burke II, Adriana Campos, Matthew Carboni, Dan Coombes, Richard Dahlstrom, Patrick Davidson, Christina DiFlauro, Vitalis Dubininkas, Joe Epperson, Eric Flerchinger, Matthew Gabor, James Gajewski, Nathaniel Garza, Glen Golden, Shannon Golden, Michael Hernandez, David Howard, Wesley Howard, Elliott Ingram, A. J. Jackson, Ashley S. Jackson, Foster Kordisch, Timothy Krause, Brandon Littlejohn, Daniel McGonagil, Stephen McGrath, Thomas McGrath, Everett Miner, Johnny Miner, Jorge Alfredo Morales, Vance Noonan, Philip O'Connell, Louie Parks, Greg Robertson, Rick Todd, Simone E. Walker, Casey White, Dustin Wisdom, Justin Wisdom, Mark G. Wisdom

AND FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

John Feeney, brother of Dolores Brown & Barbara Tiano

If you are in need of prayer:

- Requests entered into *the book in the chapel* are prayed for each weekday by the Rosary Group.
- To access the *DCCW Email Prayer Chain*, contact Christine Reeves at creeves4@hotmail.com or 622-6525.
- For emergency requests only, please call a *Prayer Help Line* volunteer: Vicki Baltz (842-6094), Sharon Moss (875-2230), or Theresa Slaughter (842-7890).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Can you spend one hour each week with Jesus? **Monday through Friday, 6am-9pm, in the Chapel.** Contact Sharon Moss at 875-2230 to be placed on the schedule.

SPIRITUAL LIFE



PRO-LIFE NEWS

- **Pro-Life Cross Installation** – St. Jude School students will carry crosses for installation on the slope of the athletic field in front of the church on **Wednesday, January 20, at 1:30pm** to commemorate the sad decision of the U.S. Supreme Court regarding abortion. The crosses will be installed for a one-week period. Please consider joining the students to pray the rosary on that day.
- **Day of Penance & Prayer** – **Friday, January 22**, is a Day of Penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and a Day of Prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. **A special evening Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on that day.**
- **Pro-Life Cross Removal** – St. Jude School students will remove the crosses installed on the slope of the athletic field on **Wednesday, January 27, at 1:30pm**. Please consider joining the students to pray the rosary on that day.

YOUTH MINISTRY

To contact St. Jude Youth Ministry, email Alicia at bradshawa5@gmail.com or call 870-8002.



March for Life

PLEASE PRAY for those from our parish (more than 30 youth and adults) who are traveling to Washington, D.C., this week for the March for Life.

PARISH LIFE

FREE THROW CONTEST

St. Jude Knights of Columbus (Council 8576) will sponsor the local level of competition for the 2010 Free Throw Championship on **Sunday, January 24, at 1:30pm in the school gym**. All boys and girls, ages 10-14, are invited to participate. Winners in each age division will advance to the Chattanooga District level competition. Any questions, contact David Champion at 843-3803.



BOOKS AND LEMONADE

February Book: *Starting Out in the Evening* by Brian Morton. The St. Jude

Book Group will meet on **Monday, February 1, at 10am in the Parish Library** for fun and fellowship. New readers are always welcome!

PARISH BREAKFAST

- The St. Jude Knights of Columbus (Council 8576) invite you to their first monthly breakfast on **Sunday, January 24, in Siener Hall following the 8am and 10:30am Masses**. Menu includes egg casserole, bacon, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, cereal, yogurt, muffins, drinks, and great fellowship! Free of charge, but donations will be accepted.
- Beginning this month, the Knights will serve **breakfast in Siener Hall on the fourth Sunday** of each month. **Coffee & Donuts has now resumed on the second Sunday** of the month in the PLC.



COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE

The Knights of Columbus are selling **Adventure Coupon books for \$30 each**. These books contain dining and entertainment discount coupons for more than 80 local restaurants and attractions. Call Ed Klim at 842-1140 or pick one up in the parish office.

WHY CATHOLIC?

RENEW NEWS

- A RENEW Deanery Workshop will be held **Friday, January 22, at Holy Spirit Church, 6:30-9pm**. Fr. Abraham from RENEW International will speak about the church's social-justice teachings. Although this is the kick-off for our next RENEW six-week session, everyone is welcome. There is no charge, and refreshments will be served.
- **RENEW groups should begin around the time of Ash Wednesday (February 17)**. Facilitators are asked to contact their group members to relay starting time/place. RENEW small groups meet in neighborhood homes and in church meeting rooms. If you are interested in learning more, contact Barbara DeGaetano (842-8589 or bdeg@msn.com).

PARISH LIFE



PARISH CHILI DINNER

You are invited to join the Stewardship Committee for a Chili Dinner on **Sunday, January 31, after the 12:15pm Mass in the PLC.** Bring what you do best: chili, corn bread, soft drinks, dessert, or just bring your appetite for

good food and fellowship! Please let Monica Griffin (842-7930 or monicamtzgriffin@gmail.com) know if you will attend and what you can do to help.

WELLNESS TIDBIT

January is Blood Donor Month. A blood donation is a gift of life that a healthy individual can give to others in the community. In one hour, a person can donate blood that can be separated into four individual components that can help save multiple lives. Blood donors say that giving blood makes them feel good about themselves. Be sure to indicate that you are giving for St. Jude Church.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you would like to schedule a time for your family photo, or need to reschedule, you may call Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263, Mon-Fri, 9am-9pm, EST.

COMMUNITY



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT AND COMMITMENT OF MARRIAGE

Bishop Stika will celebrate several bilingual Masses throughout our diocese this year in honor of the sacrament of marriage. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows during Mass and continue to celebrate with family and friends at a luncheon following. **Masses begin at 11am.**

- **Saturday, February 6, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Chattanooga**
- **Saturday, July 24, at St. Dominic Church in Kingsport**

Please respond if you plan to attend the luncheon and indicate how long you have been married. RSVP by Monday before the event to kbyrne@dioknox.org (865-584-3307); mchristiana@dioknox.org (802-5525).



CHRISTIAN TAI CHI CLASS

An 8-week series will begin on **Monday, January 25, at St. Stephen Church** in the large hall. Classes in yang style tai chi and qi gong breathing begin at 7pm.

Participants are asked to wear loose fitting clothing and lightweight rubber-soled shoes. Call Mary to register or for more info at 892-1261.

CHARISMATIC MASS SCHEDULE

The New Year's first Charismatic Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 24, at Holy Spirit Church** by Fr. Dan Whitman, pastor of Holy Trinity in Jefferson City. Praise and worship begin at 5pm. Call Dee Leigh at 842-2305 for more info.

CENSUS TAKERS NEEDED

The Census Bureau is hiring for the 2010 Census. **These temporary, part-time jobs offer good pay (\$13/hour, plus mileage), flexible evening and weekend hours, and the chance to work near home.** Call 1-866-861-2010 to schedule a basic skills test. Visit www.2010censusjobs.gov to learn more and try a practice test.



DIVORCE & BEYOND BEGINS

Divorce & Beyond is a structured 9-week program for Catholic men and woman who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. **In Chattanooga, this group will begin meeting at 7pm on Monday, January 25, in the Parish Life Center at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (501 S. Moore Road).** Program cost is \$15, and the sessions will conclude on March 29. To register, contact Marian Christiana at 892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org.

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a "Prayer for Christian Unity Service" on **Tuesday, January 19, at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church, 900 Clingan Ridge Drive, Cleveland, TN at 6:30pm.** All are encouraged and welcomed to attend. Ask your friends from other denominations to join in the prayers at St. Therese.



Pray For Peace

COMMUNITY

A SAD ANNIVERSARY...

On January 22, 1973, the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision legalized abortion in the United States through all nine months of pregnancy. Tens of millions of children have been killed as a result. The plaintiff in the case, however, has changed her mind. Norma McCorvey, the former "Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade, now opposes abortion and works for the reversal of this tragic decision. **Her conversion gives us hope that as millions of Americans pray, march, and speak up this weekend for the unborn, the conscience of the nation will again be stirred, and the blessings of liberty, equality, and prosperity will be granted soon to the children living in their mothers' wombs.**

...AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

Many organizations and churches are observing the January 22 anniversary of Roe v. Wade by remembering the unborn through donations of time, prayer, or other resources. Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Help Center is committed to providing unconditional support to anyone facing or who has faced an unplanned pregnancy, regardless of religious affiliation. **To learn how you can help or to make a donation, call the Pregnancy Help Center at 265-2122.**

ADOPTIVE HOME NEEDED

Catholic Charities Adoption Services is seeking a loving adoptive home for a 4-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy. Their great-grandmother is no longer physically able to care for them. For more info, contact Sandi Davidson at 865-251-0488 or sandi@cctn.org.

NEW PARISHIONER/CHANGES

- New parishioner
 Moving out of parish
 Information has changed.

Name _____
Address _____
City, Zip _____
Phone _____

Detach and drop in collection basket or mail to parish office.

NEWS FROM CHATTANOOGANS FOR LIFE
"It's time again to make plans for our annual trip to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. Please pray that this is your year to participate with us. **The March is on Friday, January 22.** Our trip will leave in the early morning hours of Thursday, January 21, so we can attend the large Mass at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday evening. On Friday the March starts at noon down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol and onto the steps of the Supreme Court to listen to the *Silent No More* men and women give their testimonies. The arrangements are being finalized now. We will stay at the newly opened Residence Inn in Arlington, VA, one block from the Metro stop. The Residence Inn has a full kitchen, complimentary breakfast, king beds with a sleeper sofa for \$110/night for a 2-night stay. Reservations are limited. Please contact Esther Golightly at 865-310-0690 (egolightly@charter.net)."

BAPTISM AND LIFE

"Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what 'life' really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await 'eternal life' - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what 'life' means: 'this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent' (Jn 17:3). **Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life.** If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we 'live.' " - Pope Benedict XVI, 11-30-07. [Provided by Priests for Life]

PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

"For I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36. A great way to "visit" those who are incarcerated without physically going behind bars is to exchange letters with a prisoner. Many inmates suffer from loneliness and boredom. **Would you be willing to write an occasional letter to a Catholic inmate or to an inmate who is interested in the Catholic faith?** If so, please contact Deacon Tom (brendaandtom@comcast.net or 596-1905/209-5485).

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FINANCIAL REPORT

Saint Jude Catholic Church

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Total Budget: \$2,913,501.00

Week 28 of 52

Weekly Needs (based on budget)	\$ 56,000.00
Weekly Income (Jan. 4-11, 2010)	<u>45,796.31</u>
	-10,203.69
Year to Date Needs	\$ 1,568,000.00
Year to Date Income	<u>1,479,606.85</u>
	- 88,393.15

The gift you have received, give as a gift. Matthew 10:8

Wherever your treasure lies, there your heart will be. Luke 12:34

A ROMAN AFFAIR

by *Andy Forsythe*

Every time I tell someone I am a convert, they always want to know what brought me into the Church. The quick answer that G.K. Chesterton gave was “to get my sins forgiven!” My quick answer is “because the Holy Spirit led me here.” However, we know that our Faith is not that simple and life is not that simple. Therefore, it is a good thing that we have a God who is complex. My journey into full communion with the Catholic Church began with a Latin class in high school and the desire to know more about Christianity. The rest of the story is complex.

Unlike the experience of some former Protestants, I grew up as a Nazarene in an environment that was not polluted with anti-Catholic sentiment. I wanted to take Latin in high school. It was being offered and I thought it would be good for me. Learning Latin is as much about learning Roman culture as it is the language itself. If you learn the Roman language, you learn the Roman religion. Our Latin teacher, a Methodist, spoke of the early Church in the catacombs and the martyrs who lived and died in the Eternal City. She spoke of seeing the tomb of St. Peter and of the martyrdom of St. Paul. I also sang in chorus in high school, and we sang a good bit of Latin music. I liked it enough to be appreciative that the Catholics still sang it. Later I would find that these stories were the work of prevenient grace in my life.

In my sophomore year of college at Trevecca Nazarene University, I attended a course called “Catechism” at Nashville First Church of the Nazarene; it was taught by the pastor. The first night of the class he gave a session on Church history. He drew a vertical line on the board. He said, “This is truth flowing from God like a river; this is the Roman Catholic Church.” He drew a branch from the center and said, “This is the Anglican Church.” He drew a branch from that branch and said, “This is the Methodist Church.” Once more he drew a line from the Methodist branch and said, “Here we are, the Church of the Nazarene.” I would have saved myself a lot of grief and time had I just entered into full communion with Rome at that point. The pastor drew truth in a picture, but God wanted to season me and write it on my heart.

My junior and senior years would find me working as a musician in two different churches and traveling with a select *a Cappella* choir from school, the Madrigalians. I sang in an Episcopalian choir and for three more years in a Lutheran choir. In all of those places, I sang Catholic music and was greatly influenced by liturgically oriented worship. In the Nazarene world, I only saw liturgy every once in a while and the liturgical calendar was loosely followed.

The third year I was with the Madrigalians, we planned a trip to Europe for the spring. We also began to sing concerts at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville, which became our choir’s standard venue. It was not a coincidence that I found myself enrolled in the “Christian Tradition” course that was required of all students at Trevecca in that same spring. Before I went to Europe I decided that upon my return I would choose whether to remain a practicing Nazarene or become a Catholic. In my mind, there was no consideration for any denomination in between. In Europe, we were able to sing for Mass at St. Peter’s. I saw the Church in its universal state for the first time. But the architecture and the music were not the only things that brought me along. Added to the mix were a couple of statements made by my friend Chad, a Nazarene-turned-Catholic.

While in Rome, we also visited the catacombs of St. Callistus and sang there one day. We were told the story of St. Tarcisus, a young man who was martyred while trying to protect the Eucharist. He was taking it to prisoners who were members of the persecuted Church. My friend Chad said, "I wouldn't die for only a piece of bread. It must have been something more than just bread." When we visited St. Stephen's Dom in Vienna, the choir members were fascinated with the ceiling and artwork in the nave and were snapping photos and pointing out the beautiful statues and paintings in the Church. Meanwhile, Mass was being celebrated in a side chapel. Chad walked up to me and said, "These guys think they are looking at something beautiful, but I have laid my eyes on the most beautiful thing here and it's in that side chapel." "What's that?" I said. "The Eucharist," he replied. That statement was another love letter from God on my journey into His Church.

After I came home from Europe, I was watching EWTN one afternoon. A new program came on based on John 6, the Bread of Life discourse. "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life." At that moment, I believed that Jesus Christ was present - body, blood, soul, and divinity - in the Eucharist.

I started RCIA in the fall at the Cathedral of the Incarnation and was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. I finished my bachelors work at TNU in Music Business and found that my calling in life is to be an educator in service to the Church - in particular, to teach Theology. I am beginning to see light at the end of the education tunnel in this regard. I earned a Masters in Theological Studies from Spring Hill College and taught for a year and a half at Notre Dame High School as a member of the Religion faculty. Currently, I am enrolled part-time at the University of Manchester, doing preliminary coursework for a Ph.D. in Historical Sacramental Theology. I have also recently been hired as the part-time Music and Choir Director at St. John Neumann in Farragut. I commute there on Wednesdays and Sundays. I am hoping to move toward Knoxville as soon as I can find more employment during the week.

My view of things has now taken on a totally new perspective. I have presented myself as a candidate for the seminary with the Diocese of Nashville. I remain open to a vocation to the priesthood though God has not made it clear that is what He wants for me. This is a good place to be because I have given my due diligence in pursuing the bride of Christ in this way. She has spoken with her wishes and I await further direction. It has been quite the relationship with her; she has drawn me into her courts and has wooed me from the beginning. It's a romance, in the fullest etymology of the word. I guess you could call my story "A Roman Affair."

P R A Y F O R V O C A T I O N S

If you would like to nominate a young man or woman who is single and 15 years old or older and who you believe has the qualities needed in a future priest, sister, or brother, please pick up a ballot in the vestibule. Ballots may be returned to the parish office or placed in the collection basket. Remember, promoting vocations is the responsibility of everyone. One person CAN make a difference!



Blessed Mother Teresa