

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Diocese of Knoxville

**Mass intentions
for Feb. 26, 2023**

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Sam Barker
By: Barker family

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Dean Batchelder
By: Shirley Batchelder

Wednesday, noon —
Vocations
By: Knights of Columbus

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† Bill Koelbel
By: Joan Koelbel

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Michael Gonzales
By: Knights of Columbus

Saintly Wisdom

“In suffering, the soul
practices and acquires virtue,
and becomes pure, wiser,
and more cautious.”
— *St. John of the Cross* —

**Thanks for
your
support
and
generosity**

In-person Offertory
Feb. 19, 2023

Regular, \$4,165.92
Backpack Buddies, \$93
Eastern Europe, \$25
Black & Indian missions,
\$50



**COMMAND THESE
STONES**

This demand for proof is a constantly recurring theme in Jesus’ life. And we make the same demand on God and Christ and his Church. “If you exist God,” we say, “then you will just have to show yourself.” Jesus left to us the responsibility to preach his message and to carry on his mission. St. Francis of Assisi challenges us to preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words. Are we like the devil who tempts Jesus by demanding a sign? Or, are we a living sign that Jesus is our Redeemer?

Commentary from Deacon Jerry Martinez, director of stewardship in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Weekly readings

First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Monday
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday
Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday
Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday
Esther C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

**Second Sunday
of Lent**
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Lay ministers for March 4/5

Altar servers
Sat. —
Sun. — Joshua Gouge, Issac Bienaime
Commentators
Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — Tom Manning
Readers
Sat. — Bob Gamache
Sun. — Cathy Champon, Cheryl White
Ushers
Sat. — J.J. Regan, George Bratton
Sun. — Jimmy Townsend, Richard Barker

Parish News

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday. All members are welcome and invited to attend.

Bereavement — Jack Leetch, brother of Mary Jane Leetch, died last weekend. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Thank You — Pat Dobes would like to “thank everyone for your prayers, cards and food during my recent surgery. I could feel the prayers. They made the recovery so much faster. The food nourished our bodies and the cards, my spirit. Thank you again.”

Stations of the Cross (and Soup Supper) — Come pray the Way of the Cross at 6 p.m. Fridays during Lent in the church. Also, share in the free soup supper at 5 p.m. on Fridays (preceding the Stations of the Cross) in the parish hall. If possible, please sign up for the supper in the vestibule to help with the head count.



Friday Prayer Time — The church is open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays for prayer time, with the Stations of the Cross prayed at 11:30 a.m. throughout Lent.



Social Action

40 Cans for Lent and Baby Item Drives — The annual 40 Cans for Lent food drive and baby items collection are underway. Food collected (non-perishable please) will go to Assistance and Resource Ministries (ARM). Baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets, formula, etc., and any money) will be given to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee/ Pregnancy Center. Cash/check donations may be put in an envelope marked either “ARM” or “CC of ET.” Checks should be made out to “Knights of Columbus Council 10743,” with either “ARM” or “CC of ET” noted on the memo line.



Youth Activities

Youth Group Family Potluck and Game Night — A Youth Group family potluck and game night will be from 4-7 p.m. next Sunday (March 5) in the parish basement. Please bring something to share, both food and your favorite game. (Extra games will be available.) Parents and siblings are welcome to join to know each other better. Questions? Contact Vicki Johnson at (859) 802-9710 or vickipandemonium@gmail.com .

Men’s Retreat

Catholic Men’s Conference — A Catholic Men’s Conference is scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at St. Dominic Church in Kingsport. The theme is “Building True Friendship.” Registration, which is \$30, covers breakfast and lunch. The one-day event includes fellowship, dynamic speakers, music, prayer and opportunities for sacramental confession and Eucharist. Speakers will be Ben O’Neill from Napa Institute, Jonathan Cardinal from Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), Danny Snyder from Fraternus and Bishop Richard Stika. To register, please go to saintdominickpt.org/mens-conference