

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Deadline for bulletin submissions:

Wednesday afternoons by 1:30 p.m.

St. Therese Weekly Mass Schedule:

Saturday: Confessions 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. at St. Joseph, Norris

Wednesday & Thursday: 9 a.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. (9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration)

Parish Pastoral Council:

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Mission Statement

St. Therese Parish, joined together by the love of Christ, desiring to further the understanding of prayer and religious commitment, pledge ourselves to continue and improve our mission to Jesus, which is loving and serving the Lord and our neighbor.

Fr. Julius' Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I get to sit in the pew with you following our Gospel reading, listening attentively to our Bishop's taped homily on the **2017 Bishop's Appeal**. In this new year of 2017, many vital ministries within the diocese can benefit from your support, and reverberate amongst the thousands of folks served by the Diocese of Knoxville. My heartfelt appreciation for your generosity. Given our common Christian goal towards eternal happiness, today's liturgy virtually forms an outline for Christ-like living, illuminating the attitudes and actions necessary to reach it. We can be sure that the saints in heaven have put these into practice!

The minor prophet Zephaniah trusts entirely in God and submits to his will. During that era of rampant corruption and injustice in Jerusalem, Zephaniah directs an invitation to all, that the people *seek* the Lord; he urges them to pursue humility and justice, taking "refuge in the name of the Lord." In the Second Reading, Paul advises the early Christian community in Corinth to wisely use their gifts and heaven-sent blessings, received through our Lord, Jesus, for the good of the community.

Our Gospel reading encircles the Beatitudes in the famous centerpiece on the Sermon on the Mount. At first look, perhaps Jesus' choices seem paradoxical, since they turn worldly happiness on its head. Each beatitude declares that a group of people usually regarded as afflicted is actually blessed. Jesus taught these eight things wherever folks walked with him, becoming *fools for Christ* [1 Corinthians 4:10]. For those who consent to join themselves to God's kingdom, like His disciples, are poor in spirit, compassionate, meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, and willing to be insulted and persecuted for their faith. Each of today's inspired writers – Zephaniah, Paul and Matthew – summon us to consider making a *declaration of dependence* on God and then work with His Grace to lead holier and happier lives.

May I therefore encourage all of us to respond to the genuineness of the Beatitudes in our daily lives. Since they are the heavenly norms for which we must strive to conform ourselves, this becomes a call to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to seek compassion, to be men and women pure in heart, to be meek in the face of the Lord, to be obedient to him, and to become peacemakers in our dealings with one another, even when this exposes us to ridicule and persecution. For each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick and the oppressed, the neglected and the discriminated in the society, we are indeed sharing with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now. My earnest prayer for us: May the beatitudes become for each one of us a "Be-attitude." Amen.

Joyous Sunday!

Sacraments

Baptism: By appointment. Please call the church office at least 4 weeks prior to desired baptism date.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Matrimony: A four-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

In the Parish

Thursday, February 2nd:
The Feast of The Presentation
of the Lord



Friday, February 3rd after
Communion in
honor of St.
Blaise, Bishop
and Martyr there

will be a **Blessing of the Throats**. Then again, on **Saturday & Sunday, February 4th & 5th** after Communion there will be another **Blessing of the Throats**.

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

Please make plans to join your church family for **First Weekend Fellowship** after Mass on **Sat., Feb. 4 & Sun., Feb. 5**. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish of food or dessert to share, if you are unable, please join us anyway! We always need hosts for this monthly ministry. A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen to host a weekend date.



SNOW ALERT!

Parishioners are asked to help with snow removal as



it occurs throughout winter if you are physically able. Snow shovels and

ice melt compound are available close to entrances and should be used to prevent slips and falls. Please use caution on all walking surfaces during the winter period and help to keep everyone safe.

PAST RCIA ATTENDEES

You are invited to attend an RCIA reunion on **Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m.** in the **St. Therese Parish Hall**. You will have an opportunity to share your RCIA experiences and ideas for future programs. Your participation is essential for this important program to improve. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. Please contact **David or Linda McCune at 457-5015** for further information.



FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tues., Jan. 31: St. John Bosco
Thu., Feb.: 2 The Presentation of the Lord
Fri., Feb. 3: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

Jan. 28-29, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock
S. Bieleski
Sunday: L. McCune
C. Mikeal
D. Nall

Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman
J. Meersman
Sunday: P. Chiaro

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA
Sunday: J. Boswell
A. Powers

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Haka
J. Mantione
Sunday: M. Gudino
J. Gudino

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Jan. 29: +Jim Thais by Scripture Class

Sat., Feb. 4: +Irene Vitale by Sue Haese

Please contact the office for Mass intention requests.

Stewardship of Treasures

Offertory Collection Last Week 1/22/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 1/24/16	Offertory Collection for Dec. 16	Offertory Collection for Nov. 16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$1,970.00	\$2,057.00	\$12,004.00	\$12,267.00	\$15,000.00

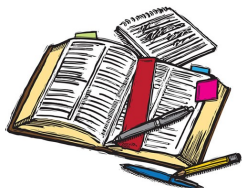
Building Fund / Loan

Nov. 16	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Nov. 2016	Loan Nov. 2015
\$2,134.00	\$1,707.00	+427.00	\$143,625.51	\$157,853.69

Announcements and Information

SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:

This weekly program is open to everyone. We meet in the parish hall at 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Participants will read the upcoming Sunday readings and then have some discussion questions afterward. A sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. For more information, contact Pete or Jean Chiaro at 865-742-5137 or 865-314-1214.



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to donate altar flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Olivia Kuhens or the parish office at 457-4073.



CHILI COOK OFF

*The Knights are having their Annual Chili Cook Off **this weekend, Jan. 29th** from 4-6 p.m. Parishioners are asked to make their best chili and enter it into the contest. Voting will determine the winner. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Please note the name of your chili on the sign-up sheet.*



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are preparing for the update of the Parish Directory. We would like to have current photos of families or individuals who worship with us—either full time or as visitors. Anyone interested in having their family photo taken or updated—even if you are in the original portion of the directory from 2013—should contact Olivia Kuhens after Mass at any time or via her information in the bulletin. It will take just a minute or two to take your photo.

SENIOR MOMENTS

*Thur., Feb. 2, 10:00 a.m.
Breakfast at Shoney's*

RSVP by Jan. 27.

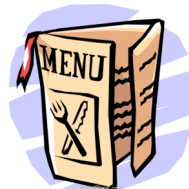
*Thur., Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Golden Oak Grill
RSVP by Feb.*

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*RSVP to Pandy
865-659-6926*

ADFAC

Please support ADFAC by eating out on the 2nd Monday of each month at: Gondolier, Hoskins, Riverview Grill, & Subway in Clinton and Outback, Popeyes, Razzleberry's, Soup Kitchen, Gallo Loco, Burchfield's, Dean's, Mediterranean Café in Oak Ridge.



IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Kathleen Edwards, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Cathy Hundley, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Patrice Thompson.

DEATH IN THE FAMILY:

If you would like St. Therese to share in your grief in the event of a family member's death, please officially notify Father or the parish office. A Mass will be offered for the deceased at a date convenient to the family.

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY:

Andrew Adkins, Bradley Adkins, Adrian Agbanlog, Jesse Baker, Matthew Carroll, Jeffery Hatmaker, Jon-Michael Hatmaker, Brandon Parker, David Trent, and Lee Welty who are on military assignment.

***Names are added and taken off both **In Your Prayers** and **Remember Our Military** lists on a monthly basis. If you would like a name re-added, please call the office to resubmit the name for another month.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 29: Phillip Nall

Jan. 31: Aimee Shelly

Feb. 01: Robert Morin

Feb. 02: Maristel Abenir

Feb. 02: Lydia Hatmaker

Feb. 04: Michael Nall

Feb. 04: Lillian Amato

Call the parish office to add your birthday!



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The Diocese of Knoxville News



St. Joseph School will be hosting their 18th Annual MARDI GRAS fundraising event on Sat., Feb. 25th from 6 to 11 p.m. Come and enjoy a fabulous dinner buffet (provided by Catering by Cox), silent and live auction, music & lighting provided by the award winning Ogle Entertainment, and have fun with opportunities to win over \$6,000 in Door Prizes. Some of the Door Prizes will include a \$2,000 Tuition giveaway (good for St. Joseph School or Catholic High School), a \$1,000 CASH giveaway, and a year's supply of Chop House restaurant gift cards, among other prizes.

We expect this year's event to fill up fast so don't hesitate reserving your tables and/or purchasing your individual tickets (tickets are \$50 per person). For more information about tickets, sponsorships and donations, please contact Howie Sompayrac at 804-8977 or email hsompayrac@sjsknox.org. You can also purchase tickets through the SJS office by calling Tara Herber at 689-3424.

Family Life Pilgrimage

Looking for something special to do with your family this summer? Join Fr. Michael Cummins on a family pilgrimage to St. Augustine and Orlando June 7-11, 2017, sponsored by the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment. Travel with families of "all ages and stages" from around the diocese on a pilgrimage of faith, fellowship, beauty, and fun! Celebrate Mass and pray at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. Enjoy the unique beauty of historic St. Augustine, our nation's oldest city. See the Greek Orthodox Shrine of St. Photios and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Celebrate Mass at the beautiful Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine in Orlando. Enjoy the beach at St. Augustine and the fun that Orlando offers! For more information contact Marian Christiana at mchristiana@dioknox.org or 423-892-2310.

◆ Help for the Homeless

Donations of sleeping bags and sleeping mats are needed

for the homeless! With the cooler evenings and approach of colder weather, please consider the donation of a combination sleeping bag and sleeping mat set (to help insulate against the cold ground) for the homeless. Small tents are welcome as well. Used (but clean) and new sleeping bags/mats are most welcome. Donations will gladly be accepted at the Chancery for distribution. Please contact Paul Simoneau at psimoneau@dioknox.org or 865-584-3307 with question or donations.



◆ Wildfire Fund

An online giving site has been set up to provide monetary assistance to East Tennessee Wildfire Victims. If you wish to give, visit <https://dioknox.org/> and click the icon in the middle of the page. The site will redirect you to the donation page.

◆ Engaged Encounter

Most people spend months planning and many dollars preparing for their wedding. But how much time and effort do we spend preparing for what we hope will last 50 or 60 years—our marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend to plan for a sacramental marriage. It is designed to give couples the opportunity to talk privately, honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together in a guided format. Cost of the weekend is \$239 per couple, which includes a certificate good for a \$60 discount on the couple's marriage license in Tennessee. To receive a \$60.00 discount, you must attend a marriage preparation weekend within 1 year of purchasing the license. Contact local coordinators if interested or for more information. They are Tom and Maggie Slankas at ceeknoxville@gmail.com or 865-483-7896. Registration couple is Jason & Carmen Jeansoone at ceeknoxville@yahoo.com or 865-377-3077. For more information visit <http://www.rc.net/knoxville/cee/index.html>. The next Engaged Encounter weekends for 2017 are Feb. 10-12, April 21-23, July 21-23, and Oct. 27-29. All weekends are held at the Holiday Inn Express in Lenoir City, Tenn.

