

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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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:

Stan Bielecki, Chair

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John Meersman

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Sue Thais

Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

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Parish Plant: Dave McCune

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Religious Ed: Amanda Dials, Julie Keller

Social Action: Connie Mikeal

Spiritual Life/Liturgy: Jim Ferguson, Chantal Milne

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,

During our priestly annual study event this past week in Gatlinburg, our parishioners were continually in our prayers. We are all grateful for yours as well, thank you. We reflected on the common grounds for evangelization in the church. We reflected on engaging and equipping especially the laity.

Our liturgy this weekend encourages us to reflect wisely in observing the laws given by a loving and caring God, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and especially as witnessed in the New Testament through his own beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said that of all the gifts given to us by God, freewill cannot be taken away from us even into eternity! Our First Reading from Sirach illustrates this since he exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. *"If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you."* In the Second Reading, Paul encourages the Corinthian Church to grasp the unseen wisdom of God's salvation plan, hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit.

In today's selection from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus urges his disciples to live a life of justice and righteousness which should exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus, as the new lawgiver, sets forth his own interpretation and meaning regarding the Mosaic Law. How radical to see Jesus explain the deeper meaning behind the Mosaic Laws! Caring intensely and passionately about our relationships, Jesus is restoring us with the deepest love; because we are in love with the God who loves his creatures, how dearly we need to obey God's Law.

We keep the Commandments out of love, respect, and gratitude as guiding principles. They express man's fundamental duties to God and neighbor. In the first four Commandments, we are asked to revere God, His Holy Name, His Holy Day, and our father and mother. The next set of Commandments are directed toward our neighbor: respect life; one's personal integrity and good name; the legal system; another's property; and another's spouse so that wrong desires never master us.

One of the toughest tests is in forgiving and forgetting what wrongs others might have done to us. St. Paul says *'let us be angry (righteous anger) but do not sin'* (Eph 4:26). When we keep anger in our spirit, we may be opening ourselves to medical conditions such as hypertension and psychological illnesses like severe anxiety. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before acting on our anger, give ourselves time to detoxify and cool off, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit of God. A slowly prayed Rosary can cultivate calm!

Jesus meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto yours. Amen!

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

St. Therese is hosting a Lenten Mission titled, "Returning to God with All of One's Heart" on March 11, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The mission will be led by Carlos Taja, Assistant Director-Secretariat for Evangelization & Catechesis for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. Using



the Lenten themes of conversion, prayer, forgiveness & confession, the mission will focus on the following topics: losing your heart to sin, returning to God in Christ, and prayer & penance. There will be no charge but donations will be accepted. Since lunch will be provided, please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall for a head count. Contact Pete or Jean Chiaro for more information at 865-314-1214 or email chiarofamily@comcast.net.

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.

OLD PALMS

Please bring old palms from past Palm Sundays and leave them in the designated area of the parish hall before Sunday, February 26, to burn for Ash Wednesday ashes.

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. Your participation is essential for this important program to improve. Please contact David or Linda McCune at 457-5015 for further information.

Stewardship of Treasures on Weekly Offerings

Offertory Collection Last Week 2/5/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 2/7/16	Offertory Collection for Jan. 17	Offertory Collection for Dec. 16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,225.00	\$4,853.00	\$13,562.00	\$12,004.00	\$15,000.00

Building Fund / Loan

Dec. 16	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Dec. 2016	Loan Dec. 2015
\$8,486.00	\$1,707.00	+6,779.00	\$141,022.63	\$156,467.67

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tues., Feb. 14: St. Cyril; St. Methodius; St. Valentine's Day
Fri., Feb. 17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

Feb. 18-19, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
 R. Spurlock
 S. Bieleski
 Sunday: B. Hunt
 O. Kuhens
 L. McCune

Lectors:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 Sunday: B. Lauer

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA
 Sunday: B. Milne
 A. Powers

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Haka
 J. Mantione
 Sunday: A. Yonce
 E. Yonce

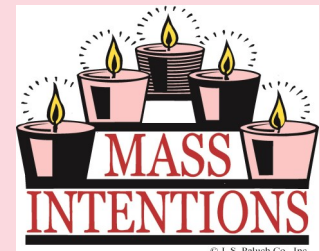
Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
 M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

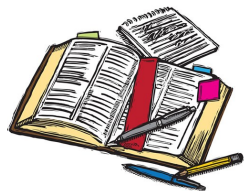
Thurs., Feb. 16: Velma Herbulock by Don & Jan Watkins
Sat., Feb. 18: +Mel Chase by Peggy Chase



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 ques-

tions 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.

SENIOR MOMENTS

*Thur., Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Golden Oak Grill
RSVP by Feb. 10.*

RSVP to Pandya 865-659-6926

Register for Kroger Community Rewards®

Please register and support St. Therese Catholic Church at krogercommunityrewards.com and select St. Therese organization #80264. A portion of your purchases will be returned to St. Therese Parish. Need help to register, please call 1-800-576-4377, option 3.

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. contact Olivia Kuhens anytime. It will take just a minute or two to take your photo.

CCW WINE & CHEESE!

Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall, the CCW will be having their monthly meeting and a wine & cheese party. All women of the parish are invited!



FILL A BOTTLE, SAVE A LIFE!

Choices Resource Center along with our parish Social Action Ministry asks that you take a baby bottle home

and fill it with your loose change during the month of February. Bring it back to the parish hall by February 28th and place it in the box provided. Thank you.



IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Kathleen Edwards, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, 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, 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

Feb. 17: Justin McClean

Feb. 16: Sarah Boswell

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.

◆ 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.



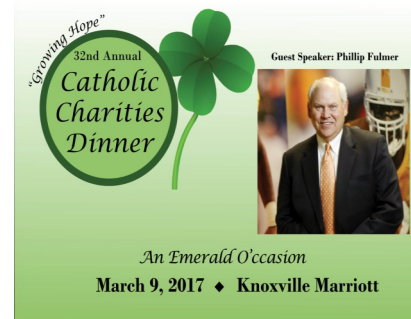
Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help with our Earn While You Learn Program. We are looking for English and Spanish speaking volunteers. Training is provided and schedules are flexible. Our center is located in downtown Knoxville across from the health department. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those we have the privilege of serving, please contact Andrea Russell arussell@cctn.org or 865-212-4942.



Catholic Charities

FULMER TO SPEAK AT THE 32ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERALD O'CCASION DINNER MARCH 9!!!

Mr. Fulmer won 152 games in 17 seasons as the head coach of the University of Tennessee football team. The highlight of his career was leading the Vols to the 1998 BCS national title with a win over Florida State at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona. Tickets to the dinner can be purchased online at cctn.org or by contacting Lisa Ingle at (865)684-1882 or linge@cctn.org



Sacred Heart Divorce Ministry will offer a one day divorce healing seminar on Saturday, February 18th from 8 a.m. to



Catholic Divorce Ministry

4 p.m. in the Shea room at the Sacred Heart Parish Office (Next door to the Paraclete Bookstore). This one day seminar is an overview of the Journey of Hope program that utilizes the book *Divorced, Catholic. Now What?*, The Voices of Hope DVD presentation, and participant discussion to lead participants through the struggles of divorce. There is no charge to attend. Please contact Deacon Walt Otey at 865-388-0690 or wotey@shcknox.org for additional information and to register.