

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:

Stan Bielecki, Chair

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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,

On this third Sunday of our Lenten season, our liturgical call is centered around *living water* as noted throughout the course of Salvation history. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the pivotal sources of the *living water* of Divine Grace.

In our First Reading, God directs Moses to provide water to the rancorous people of ancient Israel. Here we see a people who are beginning to doubt God's promises, the Mosaic call to freedom. Confronted with the fear of death as they wander the desert in great thirst, they grow increasingly distraught. With Moses striking the rock, water mercifully comes forward, marking God's love and mercy. In Saint Paul's Letter, his depiction concerning the love of God being *poured out into our hearts*, becomes that very sustenance of our redemption.

Considering Saint John's Gospel, we encounter the Samaritan woman with our Lord Jesus at the well. Given an opportunity to receive the *living water*, which is the spirit of God, Jesus awakens in the woman a newfound thirst for wholeness and integrity, a dryness which He had come to satisfy. Revealing himself as that prodigious source of *Living Water*, the impact on the woman is profound!

As Christians, therefore, we need to allow Jesus unlimited entry into our personal lives. Jesus wishes to come into our "private" life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or to condemn us, but to free us, to change us, and to offer us what we really need: the *living water of the Holy Spirit*. Most importantly during this period of Lent, we need to be missionaries for Jesus like the Samaritan woman. We are like springs of water that go out and nourish others, especially in those "unexpected" places for "unwanted" people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

Happy Lenten season!

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

Announcements and Information

STATIONS of the CROSS

Please attend *Stations of the Cross* every Friday at 6:30 p.m. during Lent. Each week will be led by a different committee or ministry group from St. Therese Parish.

FISH FRY FRIDAY

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their next Lenten Fish Fry at 5 p.m. on March 24. Donations accepted.

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations for Easter flowers to beautify our church can be made in the parish hall. Please use an envelope provided on the table and place it in the box. The last day to



donate in honor or in memory of a loved one is Palm Sunday, April 9.

PANTRY COLLECTION

During March, we are asking for paper products, such as napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, detergent, and trash bags. A box is in the parish hall.

Food donations are still always welcome.

תיקון עולם *Repairing the World*
CHARITY צדקה
SOCIAL ACTION
IT'S NOT JUST WHAT WE DO. IT'S WHO WE ARE.
Acts of Loving Kindness גמילות חסדים
helping others tzedakah
gemilut chassadim TIKKUN OLAM

BABY BOTTLES

Please return all baby bottles immediately so that they can be turned in to Choices to aid newborns in our area. Thank you for your generosity.

SENIOR MOMENTS



Thu., Apr. 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch at Golden Oak Grill

RSVP by Mar. 31

Thu., Apr. 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch at Gondolier

RSVP by April 14

to Pandý 865-659-6926

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

John & Alice Barnes, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Kathleen Edwards, George Elliott, Pat Gambrell, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Hundley, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Patricia 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

Mar. 23: Mike Haka





Bishop Richard Stika



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CORNERSTONE FOR CATHEDRAL

Consider joining Bishop Stika, Cardinal Rigali, and Fr. David Boettner for a special ceremony as the cornerstone for the new Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is unveiled on Sat., March 15 at 11 a.m. The ceremony will include readings from Sacred Scripture, prayers, and music. Tours of the cathedral will be available until 2 p.m. following the unveiling. Please wear comfortable shoes & clothing as it is a working construction site. Construction will continue through 2017 with the dedication of the new mother church of the diocese scheduled for March 3, 2018.



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

CATHOLIC CRUISE PANAMA CANAL

Sail away on a 19 night Panama Canal cruise with Fr. John McGeean October 17-November 4, 2017 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Vancouver, Canada. Ports of Call: San Francisco, California; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Puerto Chiapas (Tapachula), Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puerto Corinto, Nicaragua; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Panama Canal Full Transit; Exit Panama Canal at Cristobal; Enter Panama Canal at Balboa; Cartagena, Colombia; Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Prices begin at \$5494.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$600 will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com



Pastoral Juvenil Concert

Come and join us for this amazing concert for youth and young adults sponsored by Cristo Rey ministry in collaboration with the Pastoral Juvenil Hispana Diocesan ministry. The concert will take place in the gymnasium of the Sacred Heart Cathedral on April 29th from noon until 9 p.m. You can expect to hear great music from

Jon Carlo, El Coro El Sembrador, El Ministerio de Alabanza-Jesus el Rey Divino. The young Catholic preacher, Rafael Diaz, will also be joining us from Los Angeles to share his testimony. This concert will be in Spanish and is an event open to the whole family. Youth must come accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Food will be available for sale. For more information, call Cristo Rey at 865-384-0175 or Brittany of the Pastoral Juvenil office at 865-776-9635. You can also visit dioknox.org. Don't miss this evening of praise and worship and fun!