

# 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

Olivia Kuhens, Secretary

Maureen McMyler

John Meersman

George Paynter

Sue Thais

Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **Finance Board:**

Don McCarthy, Chair

Dave McCune

Monica Spurlock

Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **Committee Chairpersons:**

**Communications:** Olivia Kuhens

**Hospitality:** Fran Pisano, Maria Gee

**Music Director:** Mary Tuskan (865) 254-8346

**Parish/Family Life:** Dials Family

**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune

**RCIA:** Dave McCune (865) 457-5015

**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,

It was with great joy that many of you could attend my Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination yesterday! I was humbled and stirred by your kind tributes, prayers, gifts, and cards. Your families and loved ones are remembered closely in my prayers, and I continue to be grateful to serve as a priest of God. Coming up next weekend, I will be traveling home for my annual vacation. Please remember to keep me and other travelers in your prayers.

In today's readings, the liturgy offers the image of the all-loving, patient, compassionate God who is confident that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. We notice the thread from last Sunday's Gospel readings of seeds into today's seeds and weeds. The readings warn us not to be in a hurry to eliminate or cut off such elements from our Church, the society or from our family especially because of unwarranted and hasty judgments.

Our First Readings presents a good model of the Church's merciful and patient God, unlike the formerly disciplining and punishing God presented in the book of Genesis. In the Second Reading, St. Paul writes to both the early Christians in Rome and to us today, reminding us that the Spirit of God goes on empowering us in both our prayers and even in our vulnerabilities. How essential that we be patient with both ourselves and others!

Our Gospel reading contains one of my favorite parables. At first glance, you would think the slaves were right suggesting *let us go and pull down the weeds*; but on second thought, you could grasp the wisdom of the farmer who says, *let the seed and the darnel grow together till the harvest time*. Here we see Jesus presenting a wise and patient God who allows the good and the evil to coexist in the world to bless the evil ones and lead them to conversion before the end of time.

Does this help us with the question of "WHY"? I believe the good and infinite God in his wisdom awaits repentant sinners, giving them the strength to acknowledge their weakness. On a more personal level, we know that both sin and good dwell within our *own* inward being; how fortunate it is that our patient Lord allows for that interior elimination of weeds.

In x-raying this parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus calls us to be patient with those who sometimes fail to meet our own expectations; we ask ourselves if they are maintaining the high ethical standards expected of a Christian. Let us be easy going and show mercy as we patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our families, in our Churches, in our societies, and within ourselves. We can accomplish this by good example and our fervent prayer for conversion.

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

**KITCHEN REMODELING:** As construction on the kitchen progresses and the new fiscal year begins, we continue to look for ways to help cover expenses. The Parish Pastoral Council approved a "Kitchen Campaign" to provide parishioners the opportunity to make a pledge toward remodeling costs. On two weekends (July 29/30 and August 5/6), parishioners will receive a pledge card for that purpose. **Please prayerfully consider what your family can contribute toward this room that serves so many groups for so many events within our faith community.**

### HELP NEEDED

**The Family & Parish Life Committee needs help. We are in need of new coordinators for several events,** such as the Trunk or Treat; the Easter Egg Hunt; and the Parish Picnic. If no parishioner steps up to coordinate these events, they will not occur. Contact Fran Pisano or John Meersman for more information.

**Those who attended the Seder Dinner in April at St. Joseph's and brought home their box of loaned items.** It seems 5 wine carafes were put in the boxes in error and went home with members of St. Therese. Please look in your boxes and call Judy Donovan at 865-494-5921 if you find the misplaced carafes! Thank you for all your help.

**CCD REGISTRATION:** CCD will be having a registration & parent meeting on Wed., Aug. 9th at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Pizza & drinks provided, so bring the kids along. We will be discussing this year's curriculum and event schedule. If you cannot make the meeting, registration forms will be in the back of the church starting the week of August 1st. Thank you.

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 07/16/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 07/17/16	Offertory Collection for June 17	Offertory Collection for May 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,419.00	\$2,612.00	\$12,414.00	\$11,311.00	\$15,000.00

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN

May 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan May 2017	Loan May 2016
\$1,873.00	\$1,707.00	+\$166.00	\$134,555.61	\$150,142.25

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Mon., Jul. 24:** St. Sharbel Makhlu  
**Tue., Jul. 25:** St. James  
**Wed., Jul. 26:** Sts. Joachim & Anne  
**Sat., Jul. 29:** St. Martha

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

July 29-30, 2017

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: S. Bieleski  
P. Chase  
K. Burns  
Sunday: B. Hunt  
O. Kuhens  
L. McCune

### Lectors:

Saturday: M. Haka  
Sunday: J. Paynter  
G. Paynter

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz  
Sunday: J. Palacios  
I. Palacios  
T. Gudino

### Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
R. Spurlock  
Sunday: D. McCune  
P. Chiaro

### Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
Sunday: B. Job

### Music:

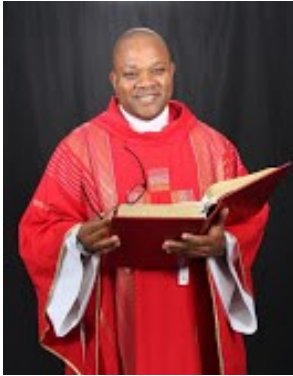
Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Wed., Jul. 26:** +Robert McIntyre by Pat Gambrell  
**Thu., Jul. 27:** Katie Schreiber by Leonard Nugent  
**Fri., Jul. 28:** Velma Herbulock by Don & Janice Watkins

## Announcements and Information

### GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



Thank you for joining me in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of my ordination as a priest. It was wonderful to see so many of my family, friends, parishioners, and neighbors who turned out for my Mass and the reception that followed and for the best wishes and cards of those who were unable to attend in person but still wanted to congratulate me. I look forward to the next 25 years as a priest and await the direction that God has planned for me in the future. Again, my heartfelt thanks to everyone.

### RCIA

**RCIA:** Would you like to join the Catholic faith? Or would you just like to learn more about it? Consider joining the latest RCIA classes starting this fall. Please contact Dave McCune (dadcune@aol.com) for more information about the program.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Please note, that if you requested to have a Mass intention offered and you have not yet given a stipend or are unable to give a stipend, please check with Virginia in the parish office. Fr. Julius will not deny the offering of a Mass to anyone for lack of stipends.

We just need to know in the office what the situation is, as we don't know if the stipend was lost in the mail or not accounted for in the donation basket if not noted on the check for a mass intention.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

### 2nd Collection for the Church in Africa

There will be a 2nd collection for the Church in Africa in support of the Pastoral Solidarity Fund on July 29 & 30. This fund supports essential pastoral projects and includes outreach programs, schools, evangelization & education of clergy and lay ministers.

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Ray Converse, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Mohamed Massaquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Alene Morris, Dora Qualiano, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, Patrice Thompson.

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### **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.*

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### **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.*

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### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**July 23:** Maggie Adkins  
**July 23:** Linda McCune  
**July 24:** Beth Job

*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*



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### THERE'S AN APP for THAT

#### WORKSHOP ON MINISTRY WITH GEN-Z & THEIR FAMILIES

**WHEN:** Sat., Sep. 30, 2017 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. John Neumann Church

The workshop shares research about Gen-Z youth & their families along with effective ways for parishes to engage youth & their families. We will include practical ideas & starting points within these topics as we explore the ministry implications for youth ministry, catechesis, sacramental preparation & parish life.

- Listening to & Walking with Gen-Z Youth
- Engaging their Parents & Families
- Making it Personal through Relationships & Formation
- Empowering the Innovators-Letting their Faith Soar
- Transforming Ministries & Creating New Pathways

The workshop is designed for all parish leaders whose ministries touch the lives of adolescents-including pastors, deacons, & pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation, catechists, Confirmation preparation leaders, & service/social concerns leaders.

**REGISTER:** online at [cmdnet.org](http://cmdnet.org) or go to EVENTS tab on [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)

**COST:** \$54.00 (includes lunch, handouts, & other materials)

**CONTACT:** Deacon Al Forsythe (865)806-1343 or [aforsythe@dioknox.org](mailto:aforsythe@dioknox.org)

**St. Mary's Legacy Clinic** is seeking donations of ReliOn Glucometers and test strips that can be found at Walmart; also, non-sterile, non-latex exam gloves (especially Medium size). We are also seeking donations of inhalers that are unopened, sealed, in original containers with at least 6 months from expiration. Please visit our website at [www.StMaryclinic.org](http://www.StMaryclinic.org) and follow us on Facebook to see updates and announcements from the mobile clinic.

Thank you for your support.

### FREE ORGAN RECITAL

The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul in Chattanooga invites you to a **free Organ Recital at 7 pm on Sunday, August 6**, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This is an opportunity to hear the unique voices of the Basilica's magnificent pipe organ, one of Chattanooga's oldest and best, outside of a liturgical setting, with pieces ranging from ancient chant settings to fiery twentieth century compositions, played by Basilica organists Andrea Tierney and Cody Lawyer. **A historical tour of the church** will be offered before the concert at 6:30 pm. **Reception to follow** in Varallo Parish Hall.

For more information contact Maria Rist, Director of Sacred Music at 865-335-0588.

### DIOCESAN FAMILY RETREAT

Hosted by JMJ Ministry

**WHEN:** Sat., Aug. 19, 2017 from 2-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center, 250 Locke Lane, Benton, Tn.

**COST:** \$15 "early bird" registration fee per family if registered by August 1st.;

\$20 registration fee per family if registered after August 1st.

\*Registration fee includes catered dinner & small donation to use CPoP retreat facilities.

**REGISTRATION:** [evenbrite.com](http://evenbrite.com) enter JMJ, All Dates and click on SEARCH

**CONTACT:** Monica Kimutis [jmkimutis@gmail.com](mailto:jmkimutis@gmail.com)

To find out more about this & other upcoming events for families:

- Go to [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org) click on EVENTS tab,
- Hover over Categories on the left,
- Scroll down and click on FAMILY LIFE
- All of the upcoming FAMILY LIFE events will pop up