

# 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  
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,

Last Saturday was another momentous Saturday – this time in my Nigerian homeland and one never to be forgotten! Surrounded by the Archbishop, the Most Rev. Augustine Akubeze, the Archbishop and Metropolitan of Benin Archdiocese; my own Diocesan Bishop, the Most Rev. Anthony Adaji; 58 brother priests; religious; and more than 2,800 lay faithful from almost all the parishes I have served in Nigeria, I had the second opportunity to celebrate my Silver Jubilee. Our Thanksgiving Mass lasted more than three hours, and an open-air reception continued for another five hours. During the reception, I was honored to receive recognition for works and achievements, thanks to all men and women of goodwill from St. Therese and St. Joseph parishes. Despite all the festivities, I never lost awareness of those experiencing the storms of life, such as the many workers who have not received salaries in 14 months in my State. Pertinent to this weekend's liturgy, our Lord meets the disciples in the stormy water. This confirms the vital need to remain constant in our faith in God and in His Church; that despite the fragility of humankind, God is still in charge of any situation we may find ourselves.

Our readings evoke a common thread of wonderment; that is, where is God in the tumultuous storms of our life? We see how Elijah encounters God on the mountain of Horeb, not in the deafening roar of a fierce gale or the chaos of an earthquake or fire, but in a tiny whispering voice of gentle silence. For us, by quieting the misleading voices in ourselves, we pray to be flooded in the most unexpected ways, in the true Light of Christ. In the Second Reading, St. Paul sorrowfully laments and mourns over his kindred Jewish people who, having abandoned their faith in Yahweh and His prophets, even spurn their promised Messiah. We see this happening today in the Body of Christ, and ever call on St. Paul's intercession.

The Gospel narrative occurs during an unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee toward the early morning hours. As Jesus approaches the Apostles *walking on the sea*, Saint Matthew reports that the Apostles are terrified! "It is a ghost!" Peter is too overcome by fear to embrace full faith in his Lord. Jesus allays those fears with those tender words: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" With that great calm, much like Elijah's encounter, our Lord reminds us to 'take courage.'

Many, like myself, find it hard to stay afloat sometimes, especially pressurized by the bewilderingly changing times, ill-at-ease in relationships with others, discontented and insecure in ourselves. This is not dissimilar to the storms that the frightened Apostles find themselves awash in.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we are all besieged by our own personal tempests, tossed about in those currents, would it not be wise to withdraw from those sinking waves of fear and doubt, and instead retreat to a quiet place where we can begin to rise up to the Lord? Did we not see Jesus, in this very passage, go up on the mountain by himself to pray? As we make a practice of this, would not the winds die down, much like it miraculously does for the Apostles?

Our faith is energized. After all is said and done, God restores Elijah in power and eventually sweeps him up to Himself. God in Christ saves Peter, saves him even from himself. My joy will know no bounds if we all leave the Church today meditating on these words of assurance: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."  
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



**St. Therese Catholic Church**, as a happy faith community, welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church. Celebrate the gift of life with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshipers, please stop after Mass by the church hall or the parish office to pick up a registration form or call us at **(865) 457-4073**.  
*Fr. Julius*

### KITCHEN CAMPAIGN

The campaign has been postponed until the weekends of **September 9 & 10 and September 16 & 17**, at which time parishioners will be given the opportunity to make a pledge toward remodeling costs. Prayerfully consider what your family can contribute toward this room that serves so many for so many events within our faith community.

### BBQ SAUCE ON SALE

The infamous St. Therese “**Homemade BBQ Sauce**” is being sold to raise funds for the kitchen project. Purchase prices are: Quarts: \$10; Pints \$5; and 1/2 Pints \$3. Please see the sale table in the Parish Hall.

**Quantities are limited.**

### RCIA STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

**RCIA** is a program for non-Catholics; Catholics that want to come back to the Church; those baptized Catholic, had Catholic classes, but were never Confirmed; and practicing Catholics, who want to know more about their faith. Sessions are tailored to each individual so contact Dave McCune or the parish office for more details and to have your name added to the class list.

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 08/06/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 08/07/16	Offertory Collection for July 17	Offertory Collection for June 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,538.00	\$4,089.00	\$13,986.00	\$12,414.00	\$15,000.00

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN

June 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan June 2017	Loan June 2016
\$1,493.00	\$1,707.00	-\$214.00	\$133,342.78	\$148,803.98

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Mon., Aug. 14:** St. Maximilian Kolbe  
**Tue., Aug. 15:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Wed., Aug. 16:** St. Stephen of Hungary  
**Sat., Aug. 19:** St. John Eudes

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

August 19-20, 2017

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
R. Spurlock  
A. Brown  
Sunday: J. Chiaro  
P. Chiaro  
B. Bonham

### Lectors:

Saturday: C. Hundley  
Sunday: J. Pubillones

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz  
Sunday: S. Thais  
J. Thais  
A. Kuhens

### Ushers:

Saturday: D. McCarthy  
J. Ferguson  
Sunday: M. Gudino  
J. Gudino

### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Fri., Aug. 18:** Fr. Ray Powell by Lawson Family  
**Sat., Aug. 19:** +Mel Chase by Elaine Maxwell

*If you would like a mass intention please contact the parish office.*

## Announcements and Information

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

After the Mass, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." (St. Teresa of Calcutta, *Rosary Meditations from Mother Teresa of Calcutta*, p3) Saint Therese offers adoration after the 9:00 am Mass on Fridays. **All are welcome.**

### DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SUPPORT

A 2nd collection will be held on the weekend of August 20th for Catholic School Need Based Scholarships. Your support helps to make a Catholic school education a reality for children most in need. With your help, additional children will experience the spiritual and academic advantages of a Catholic School Education. Thank you.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this weekend were provided by Stan & Becky Hatmaker in memory of Becky's parents +James & Sarah O'Keefe.

If you wish to donate altar flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, contact Olivia Kuhens or the parish office at 865-457-4073.

### SENIOR MOMENTS

Thurs., August 17 **Lunch at Golden Oak Grill at 11:30 a.m. RSVP by August 11th**

Thurs., September 7 **Breakfast at Shoney's at 10:00 a.m. RSVP by September 1st.**

**RSVP to Pandy at 865-659-6926**

### MONTHLY WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

Unless someone signs up to host the monthly weekend fellowship for September 2 & 3, there will not be any fellowship that weekend. If you are able to host, please sign up or contact the parish office.

### **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.

### **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. Thank you.*

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**August 13: Mark Stephens**

**August 14: Robert Lauer**

**August 14: Laura Lauer**

**August 14: Sarah Job**

**August 14: Anthony Asbell**

**August 15: Brian Hunt**

**August 15: Athena Shelly**

*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*



*Bishop Richard Stika*



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

### DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS, YOUTH MINISTRY RECOGNITION AWARDS & EVENING EXTRAVAGANZA

At the conclusion of the annual Diocesan Youth Mass, Bishop Stika will present the highest recognition awards available from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) for a diocese to confer. After the Youth Ministry Recognition Award presentation Bishop Stika will commission this year's Diocesan Youth Ministry Advisory Board (DYMAC).

A celebration will follow with dinner, dance and games for high school youth.

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

**3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Mass at 4:00 p.m.**

**\$25 includes t-shirt**

**The Barn at Cedar Ridge**

10104 Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City, Tn. 37771

Contact: Beth Parsons (865)228-0477 bparsons@dioknox.org Go to dioknox.org, click on **EVENTS** tab, hover over **Categories** on the left, scroll down and click on **YOUTH**.

### ST. MARY'S LEGACY CLINIC

Is a registered charity able to receive donations through the AmazonSmile Program. You can do some great online shopping at Amazon.com and most of the time the prices are lower than what you would pay for the same product in the store. By visiting this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-2331706> you will see a page that tells you "Your shopping will support St. Mary's Legacy Clinic, Inc." Simply click on the "start shopping" icon and after you complete a purchase Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible items to the St. Mary's Legacy Clinic. Please remember to use this link **every time** you shop on Amazon, especially for all your back to school items! For important updates and announcements, please follow us on our new Facebook page. Thank you for your continued support of this great ministry.

### HUSBAND FRIENDLY "DATE NIGHT"

**\* FREE \***

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring a "Date Night" for couples of all ages and stages of marriage. It can be difficult to find the time to nourish your relationship. These "Date Nights" can help. Join other married couples for a presentation and then leave as an individual couple with discussion questions to guide your conversation over dinner, during a walk, while visiting at a park or wherever you choose. Inexpensive childcare is available too!

The first Free Husband-Friendly "Date Night" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9th from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church (633 St. John Court, Knoxville 37934) in Seton Hall. The topic for this "Date" will be "Cultivating Catholic Culture: Building on a Foundation of Grace" presented by Howard & Susan Hendershott.

Additional "Date Nights" will be held on the following Saturdays: Oct. 14, Nov. 4, & Dec. 2. To register for these "Date Nights" and/or to register for childcare, please contact Marian Christiana (Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment) at [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) or 423-892-2310.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Pregnancy Help Center is looking for English and Spanish speaking volunteers to help with a wonderful program called Earn While You Learn. Mothers and fathers are educated on pregnancy & parenting skills while earning the things they will need for their babies. Training is provided and schedules are very flexible. If you would like to really have an impact and changes people's lives, then please contact:

Knoxville—Andrea Russell 865-212-4942 [arusell@ccetn.org](mailto:arusell@ccetn.org)

Chattanooga—Sheri Fava 423-826-0673 [sfava@ccetn.org](mailto:sfava@ccetn.org)

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