

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,

Grace and peace from Nigeria! As I once told you, the priesthood to me is vocation as for many brothers, so I cannot have a vacation from my vocation! As providence permits, I will continue to share weekly reflections whenever I have the luxury of an email before Wednesday. After the safe flight to meet my family, there was an unexpected surprise for me! In next week's reflection, I hope to share some of the vital details about this surprise!

The liturgy this weekend is, blessedly, Transfiguration, starting with the Prophet Daniel as he unfolds the poetic and fiery images of our Lord's coming. It is good to be attentive to this prophecy as we unravel the Gospel reading on the basis of the Old Testament allusions. Luminous clouds, facial radiance, snow white clothing, even the voice from heaven, all prefigure our Lord's Transfiguration. Our Second reading from St. Peter, which fortifies our Lord's Transfiguration, was intended to reassure these early Christians concerning the spiritual return of our Lord.

Haven't we all recounted this Gospel encounter with God as He proclaims those same words already spoken at Jesus' baptism? *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.* Do we wonder about Jesus' sacred conversation with Moses and Elijah? The first is the one who gave the Law to his people; the other was considered the first of the prophets. Even recall that on Easter day, Jesus refers to the Old Testament: "Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them everything in the Scriptures concerning himself." {Lk 24:27}. Additionally, we observe Peter who does not understand exactly what is happening, yet wants to build three tents during this moment of intense spiritual intimacy with the Master. Jesus instead is always on the move, calling his disciples to follow him.

Our own spiritual experience can help us to understand. When we personally encounter God in the Eucharist, going back to everyday life, shifts. We look to receive directions from Jesus, to listen to His voice direct our being. For us, it is so necessary to create time to be with Christ, in prayer, sitting with God reading His Word until He speaks to our hearts. When we climb that mountain, we too can respond to God in prayer, talking to Him, as to a friend in conversation.

Joyous Transfiguration 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. Until that time, 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.

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 this week. Thank you.*

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 07/30/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 07/31/16	Offertory Collection for July 17	Offertory Collection for June 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,380.00	\$4,448.00	\$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. 7: St. Sixtus II & Companions; St. Cajetan
Tue., Aug. 8: St. Dominic
Wed., Aug. 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Thu., Aug. 10: St. Lawrence
Fri., Aug. 11: St. Clare
Sat., Aug. 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

August 12-13, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: B. Hatmaker
 A. Brown
 D. McCarthy
 Sunday: B. Stephens
 J. Anderson
 J. Pubillones

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
 Sunday: P. Chiaro

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
 S. Helus
 Sunday: C. Milne
 B. Milne
 R. Dials

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Haka
 J. Mantione
 Sunday: E. Clevestine
 J. Clevestine

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri., Aug. 11: +Kuhlman Family by Olivia Kuhens
Sat., Aug. 12: +James & Sarah O'Keefe by Stan & Becky Hatmaker

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.

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 adequately in the donation basket if not noted on the check for a mass intention. Thank you for your help with this matter.

RCIA

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.

RCIA starts in September.

MONTHLY FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

Thanks go out to Stan & Barb Bieleski for hosting Monthly First Weekend Fellowship Saturday, August 5, and Bill & Amanda Dials for hosting on Sunday, August 6.

Hosts are always welcome to sign up on the sheet next to the kitchen. Hosts are reimbursed for the cost of drinks. Hosts are always needed so that our parish can continue this event. Hosts provide drinks and set up before the event and clean up after the event in the parish hall.

KARM THANKS ST. THERESE

Through April, May and June, KARM Stores received 30 donations of goods and time from those connected to Saint Therese Catholic Church. Because of these donations and others, KARM provided 63,337 meals and 27,052 nights in a bed for men, women, and children.

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 8: Cheryl Thomas

August 8: Steven Boswell, Jr.

August 9: Matthew Bentz

August 9: George Krebs

August 11: Anielle Duncan

Call the parish office to add your birthday!



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MINISTRIES DAY

“The diocesan Office of Christian Formation is sponsoring a **Ministries Day on August 19, 2017** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at All Saints Church in Knoxville. This event is open to all who share the Catholic faith...Parents, Student Youth Leaders, Coordinators of Youth Ministry, RCIA Teams, Adult Educators, Liturgy & Ministry Teams, DREs, Catechists & Assistants, etc. Over twenty individual workshops will be offered, including a Spanish tract—there will be something for everyone! **Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Please register before August 9.** After August 9, the cost remains \$20 but lunch is not guaranteed. Sessions are first come, first served. Class sizes are limited, so register early to get your first choice. Workshop descriptions and registration forms are available on the diocesan website.” If interested, there are some registration forms and workshop details in the St. Therese Parish Office.

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**.

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 enter JMJ, All Dates and click on SEARCH

CONTACT: Monica Kimutis jmkimutis@gmail.com

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

- Go to 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

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.