

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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Communications: Olivia Kuhens

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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,

I hope we all had the time to enjoy the beauty of creation last Monday in such a spectacular manner. To me as a theologian, the eclipse was not only about the confluence of the sun with the moon, but of God revealing his love and authority over his creations. What great privilege that we are part of God's creative power. May it have a great conversion power for America!

This Sunday, our three readings make it explicitly clear that God is the source of all authority and that God shares His authority with the elected. It is constantly amazing how frequently the Old and New Testaments reflect and complete each other.

Our First Reading today from the Prophet Isaiah complements our Gospel. The 'master of the palace' is actually a steward of the kingdom, second in command to the king. Isaiah notes how God replaces the unfaithful master, Shebna, with the more humble and faithful Eliakim. Regarded as worthy to run the king's affairs, Eliakim is given the key to the House of David. In the Second Reading, St. Paul lyrically inspires the Romans to praise God. Paul pauses to praise God as an unfathomable source of all authority on earth and in heaven.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples a question: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Their answer will become part of the deposit of Catholic faith. Numerous opinions transpire. Jesus does not follow the tactics and strategies of men, such that the people don't truly know *who* Jesus is. So, the question is addressed to the disciples themselves: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter's answer recognizes Jesus as The Messiah, and much like Eliakim, he is to be profoundly rewarded and given the teaching and ruling authority of his Church.

I personally see this event as a moment of great gift to our Church. Within the larger culture where uncertainty and confusion inform the current morality of right and wrong, truth and falsehood, God gives us an unerring source of infallible truth and guidance direct from heaven. What a grace for mankind! This is why as Catholics we believe all that the Church teaches infallibly through the teaching authority of the Pope, who is the physical representation of St. Peter.

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

CCW POT LUCK ANNUAL DINNER

Will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All ladies of St. Therese are invited, and if possible, bring a dish to share for an evening of fellowship. CCW will provide an ice cream bar.

CCW RUMMAGE SALE

Volunteers are needed to help with the rummage/bake sale. Watch bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

Donations welcome; leave in Parish Hall Library.

Wed., Sept. 27 5:00 p.m.- 9 p.m. Rummage Sale Set Up
 Thu., Sept. 28 9:30 a.m.- finish Rummage Sale Set Up
 Fri., Sept. 29 8:00 a.m.- 4 p.m. Rummage/Bake Sale
 Sat., Sept. 30 8:00 a.m.- 2 p.m. Rummage/Bake Sale
 Sat., Sept. 30 2 p.m.- finish Pack up & Clean Up

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.

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 Parish offers adoration after the 9:00 am Mass on Fridays. **All are welcome.**

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 08/20/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 08/21/16	Offertory Collection for July 17	Offertory Collection for June 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,618.00	\$2,150.00	\$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. 28: St. Augustine
Tue., Aug. 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

September 2-3, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: P. Chase
 C. Converse
 M. Haka
 Sunday: L. McCune
 G. Paynter
 D. Nall

Lectors:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
 Sunday: O. Kuhens

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
 S. Helus
 Sunday: J. Palacios
 I. Palacios
 A. Powers

Ushers:

Saturday: C. Hundley
 C. Tucker
 Sunday: D. McCune
 B. Bonham

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri., Sep. 1: +Gerald Coggin by Sue Haese
Sat., Sep. 2: Virginia Knowles' Intention by Stephanie Gross
Sun., Sep. 3: +Paul & Ann Waters by Jerry & Annette Brown

Announcements and Information

*Called
to* **SERVE**
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$16,532.00

Collections to Date: \$11,235.00

Collections Needed to Reach
Goal: \$1,765.00

FUN FAIR: Saturday, September 16, 10am-2pm

Rain or shine, with a 12 noon auction. Pre-buy tickets 5 for \$1.00 or 4 for \$1.00 the day of the fair. Tickets required for all games, inflatables, and food purchases. The Knights of Columbus will have a food tent outside and there will be a "Sweet Shop" inside the parish hall.

Volunteers needed to set up, run games, serve food, and sell tickets. Sign up sheet in parish hall. **Donations of new or like-new items for the auction may be dropped off in the old music room in the back of the parish hall.** Please label them FUN FAIR.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Thurs., Sept. 7 Breakfast at Shoney's 10:00 a.m.

RSVP by Sept. 1st.

Thurs., Sept. 21 Lunch at Gondolier 11:30 a.m.

RSVP by Sept. 15th

RSVP to Pandý 865-659-6929

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.

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.

MONTHLY WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

We have a host family for Saturday, September 9, but **we still need a host for Sunday, September 10.** If no one signs up for that date, there will not be any fellowship that date. If you are able to host, please sign up or contact the parish office.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Long, Mohamed Mas-saquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Dora Qualiano, Ellen Saganich, 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 29: Fred Albright

August 30: Jean Aloï

August 31: Rocky May

August 31: Debbie Nall

September 1: Anne Broussard

September 2: Virginia Knowles

*Call the parish office to add
your birthday!*



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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 or 423-892-2310.

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Diocesan Offices of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment and Hispanic Ministry have developed an online survey to gather your input to assist them in developing best practices to support newlyweds and young families. Please take a few minutes today and let us know your needs. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/family-life-survey> Password: Knox

RETROUVAILLE

You Can help Your Marriage. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 22-24, 2017. Call 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631 or email: nrv3043@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com