

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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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 and Thursday:** 9 a.m.  
**Friday:** 9 a.m. (9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration)

## **Parish Pastoral Council:**

John Meersman, Chair  
Anthony Papa, Vice Chair  
Maureen McMyler, Secretary  
George Paynter  
Sue Thais  
Jean Chiaro  
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **Finance Board:**

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## **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,

Since I compose my reflections earlier in the week, this week I was writing on the day of this grave act of extreme disregard for human life, where we were all witness to the massacre of 58 in Las Vegas and the injury of the many hundreds more. Once again, with this stark reminder of the fragility of life, we place our hearts and prayers with the families of all involved, particularly during our intercessions.

Grapevine is central in everyday life during biblical times, which is probably the reason it is a symbol of the obedient Israel, while wild grapes or an empty vine spoke of Israel's disobedience. Thus, in today's First Reading, called "Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard," the prophet describes God's designs and expectations for His Chosen People. Because they fail to bear fruit despite the blessings lavished upon them by a loving and forgiving God, Isaiah equates them with poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God laments: "I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?"

In the Second Reading, St. Paul informs the Philippians about the high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-bearing Christians in praying and giving thanks to God, and by practicing justice, purity, and graciousness in their lives. This is how St. Paul is teaching us a way of life in becoming more like Christ. In fact, all of the readings are asking us to take very seriously the question of bearing fruit for the Lord and not just for ourselves.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells an allegorical parable where the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel. The story emphasizes the failure of the Chosen People of God. Many scripture scholars would align this parable to the gross ingratitude of the "new" Israel – that is us, Christians through baptism.

Therefore, at the beginning of this week, it's good to ask ourselves if we have been good fruit-producers in our private and family life, in the vineyard of the Church, or in the society where we live. Jesus has given us the Church, and through her, everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing. Let us ponder the Sacred Scriptures and the oral tradition, the Sacraments, saints, and religious. We all can produce good fruit through mutual sharing of blessing; through sacrificing time and talents for members of the family; by recognizing and encouraging each other; and through making a daily commitment to generosity and forgiveness. Instead of being like the wicked tenants who try God's patience in today's Gospel, let us surrender our lives more expansively to God.

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

### FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:

Thanks to all parishioners who brought dishes to share and special thanks to Peggy Chase & Joyce Borne for hosting Saturday night and for Fred & Bertie Albright for hosting Sunday morning.

**RCIA:** RCIA meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room during the month of October. For more information, contact Dave McCune at dadcune@aol.com

**SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:** The Scripture Program meets on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the Parish hall. Contact Jean Chiaro for additional information.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE:** Fr. Julius' newly appointed chairperson, Chantal Milne will host a meeting of the Spiritual Life Committee after mass on Sunday, October 15th.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like a mass intention, the parish office now has 2018 available, as well as the rest of this year. Book early in order to get the dates you want.

### APPRECIATIONS:

CCW would like to thank the St. Therese family for their donations, food, hard work, time & support. We had the best rummage & bake sale ever with profits of \$2,590.74. We could not have done it without all your help.

**CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS also go out to our new co-chairs of the Family & Parish Life Ministry, Jennifer Brown (Annette's daughter in aw) and Deidra Hall.**

**RENEW GROUP:** Renew will now be on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Parish Office basement conference room. Contact Patty Wilson for more information.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study has started their fall group on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Contact Maryellen McWilliams for further details.

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 10/01/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 10/02/16	Offertory Collection for September 2017	Offertory Collection for August 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,549.00	\$4,456.00	\$14,399.00	\$14,498.00	\$15,000.00

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN

August 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan July 2017	Loan July 2016
\$1,407.00	\$1,707.00	-\$300.00	\$131,981.23	\$147,530.11

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Mon., Oct. 9:** St. Denis & Companions, St. John Leonardi

**Wed., Oct. 11:** St. John XXIII

**Sat., Oct. 14:** St. Callistus I

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

**October 14-15, 2017**

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: C. Hundley  
S. Bieleski  
J. Borne  
Sunday: J. Anderson  
J. Pubillones  
B. Bonham

#### Lectors:

Saturday: A. Brown  
Sunday: T. Papa

#### Altar Servers:

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

#### Ushers:

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

#### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

#### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Oct. 11, Wed.:** Louis Folcik by Sue Haese

**Oct. 12, Thu.:** John & Alice Barnes

**Oct. 13, Fri.:** Jennifer Parker

**Oct. 14, Sat.:** Velma Herbuloock by Don & Janice Watkins

## Announcements and Information

### SENIOR MOMENTS:

*Our next luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Los Caballeros. Please RSVP to Pandy at 865-659-6929 by October 13th.*

### PARISH DIRECTORIES:

*Our new books have arrived. All families who had their photos taken in May will receive a free book. Please contact the Parish Office for your copy.*

### ORDER ADDITIONAL PARISH DIRECTORIES:

*Contact Olivia or the parish office if you would like to order any additional directories (\$10 each). They will be available soon.*

### KROGER REWARDS:

*Parishioners who shopped at Kroger between June-August contributed \$111.04 total donation to St. Therese Parish. Thank you.*

### MINISTRY WEEKEND:

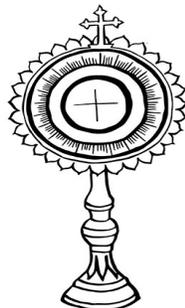
*This year's weekend will be Nov. 4-5. Representatives of the major committees & organizations will be available after Masses to answer questions about parish activities & volunteer opportunities. Plan to enjoy refreshments & consider volunteering for one or more ministries for only a 1 year commitment.*

**SOCIAL ACTION** is collecting baby items, such as diapers, wipes, baby wash, clothing, blankets, etc. for the month of October. Place the items in the box provided in the parish hall.

**CCW GUEST SPEAKER** will talk on Domestic Violence on October 17th at 6:30 p.m. All men and women are invited.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Our Lord came to the aid of each great tribulation with a special devotion. The present and future tribulations of the Church and of nations are greater than at any other period and...more dangerous than those of previous times. Hence, the devotion which God sends to (help) His Church and...the nations at the present time is the devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. It is the highest of all devotions." (Pope Leo XIII, <http://www.azquotes.com/quote/590322>). St. Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.*



### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, 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, 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:**

**October 8:** Danielle Wrasman

**October 9:** Lara Gudino

**October 11:** Connie Mikeal

**October 13:** Ron Schramm

**October 13:** Chris Converse

**October 14:** Monica Spurlock

*If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please contact the parish office.*



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## The Diocese of Knoxville News

### 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.



### JOURNEY OF HOPE

A free Journey of Hope divorce support seminar is coming to your area! This Saturday workshop is a one day divorce healing seminar from 8 a.m.-3p.m. Deacon Walt Otey will present an overview of the Journey of Hope program based on the book "Divorced. Catholic. Now What?" Attendees will view DVD presentation The Voices of Hope, and participate in discussion to lead them through the struggles of divorce. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend. Books will be available for sale. Purchase not required for seminar. Host parishes, dates & reservation contacts are: St. Jude in Chattanooga on Sat., Sept. 30, contact Kyra Ross-Niemann at [kyraross@yahoo.com](mailto:kyraross@yahoo.com); St. Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir city on Sat., Oct. 7, contact Pam & Tim Geoghegan at [nearlib@gmail.com](mailto:nearlib@gmail.com) or [timmyg620@gmail.com](mailto:timmyg620@gmail.com), St. Dominic in Kingsport on Sat., Oct. 28, contact Paul Vachon at [paul@ammatn.com](mailto:paul@ammatn.com) & St. Alphonsus in Crossville on Sat., Nov. 11, contact Sara Carey at [sara@stalonline.org](mailto:sara@stalonline.org),

### 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!

Attend one or all. 6:30—8:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church.

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.

### 27th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST IN CROSSVILLE

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, come join us October 20-21 at the Knights of Columbus grounds (2892 Hwy. 70 East, Crossville) for the 27th annual Oktoberfest! Authentic German food (pork or chicken schnitzel, knackwurst, bratwurst or weisswurst; spaetzli, sauerkraut, red cabbage, dessert), imported or domestic beer, continuous live music, dancing & more! Hours: 11:30am-9:30pm Friday; 11am-9:30pm Saturday. Admission \$6 in advance, \$7.50 at the gate. [www.CrossvilleOktoberfest.com](http://www.CrossvilleOktoberfest.com) for more information.



### ALL SAINTS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Now that I am a caregiver, what do I do? If you are or think you may be a caregiver, please join our Caregivers Support and Educational Group on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the All Saints parish office. Please contact Tony Verafro at 865-405-6493 or [ducktown1946@yahoo.com](mailto:ducktown1946@yahoo.com) for further details!