

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 and Thursday: 9 a.m.

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

Parish Pastoral Council:

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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,

As I look back over these last years I have been with you, I see the high level of inspiration, desire for God, and dedication of our parishioners. At these times, I am moved to identify with St. Paul in today's *Letter to the Thessalonians*, where he tenderly gives 'thanks to God always for all of you, calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance!'

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah addresses Cyrus, a Persian gentile appointed to become liberator of Israel. We see God profoundly speaking in His truth and candor to us as well as directing Cyrus' steps. For us, this is quite a source of hope and affirmation. In our Second Reading, the first of our five-week study of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, we note the passage where St. Paul praises those Thessalonian converts. In this setting, Paul is the first to ever mention the practice of the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity as aided by the Holy Spirit in this letter of thanksgiving. We can well imagine the fervor of that early Church community!

In our Gospel reading of rendering unto Caesar, just prior to Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, the Pharisees look for ways to ensnare Jesus. But you can see from Jesus' sage response that they entrap themselves. Is it simplistic to think that Jesus' statement is Holy Scripture's account of the separation of Church and State when he says, "Repay what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"? I don't think so! It instead calls us to carefully examine what is authentically occurring. Perhaps the Pharisees are wondering, "Does Jesus agree with taxes?" In which case, he alienates himself from the poor who are suffering under the Roman tax. If Jesus disagrees with the tax, then He will be seen as someone who fosters revolt. For humans, there is no easy way out. But the wise and insightful teacher, Jesus effortlessly demonstrates with their own coin that they should be equally aware of their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord.

Consequently, our Gospel reminds all of us that government's demands in our lives should never cause us to disregard the profound moral truth that each of us is marked by God and therefore belong to God, not to government. The Catechism (2242) says that Catholics must follow God first, "refusing obedience to civil authorities when their demands are contrary to those of an upright conscience."

Finally, come to think of it, who is Caesar?! Caesar also belongs to God. Therefore, in essence, Jesus is saying *give all to God. Render unto Caesar*, a book written in 2008 by Archbishop Charles Chaput, is a timely call to American Catholics to serve the highest ideals of our nation by first living our Catholic faith deeply and authentically.

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

TRUNK OR TREAT: *Our parish will offer a Trunk or Treat 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. This is open to the public, so invite your friends and family to join us in the church parking lot. Volunteers AND CANDY needed. Please sign up in the parish hall.*



MINISTRY WEEKEND: *Stop by after Mass on Nov. 4-5 for refreshments and Ministry Weekend. Representatives of the major committees and organizations will be available to answer questions about activities and volunteer opportunities. Consider volunteering for one or more ministries for only a one-year commitment.*

ALTAR SERVERS: *There will be an altar server meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in the parish hall for all current altar servers and anyone interested in becoming an altar server. All current altar servers are required to attend. Pizza and drinks will be served.*

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to those who sell Food City cards every weekend after Mass and a special appreciation to ALL who purchased cards last weekend. Your contributions totaled \$1,100 last weekend alone!
- Thanks to all those who satisfied their sweet tooth this weekend and supported the CCW bake sale.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a Mass intention, the parish office has 2018 dates available as well as the rest of this year. Call now to get the dates you want.

Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays. It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.

— Pope Francis

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 10/15/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 10/16/16	Offertory Collection for September 2017	Offertory Collection for August 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,179.00	\$3,452.00	\$14,399.00	\$14,498.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$ 156.00

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. 23: St. John of Capistrano
Tue., Oct. 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret
Sat., Oct. 28: Sts. Simon and Jude

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: Oct. 28-29, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: C. Converse
M. Haka
B. Hatmaker
Sunday: C. Mikeal
D. Nall
G. Paynter

Lectors:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: O. Kuhens

Altar Servers:

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

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock
Sunday: P. Chiaro
C. Tucker

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Oct. 22: +Tony Skeen by Chantal Milne
Fri., Oct. 27: +Jack & Kay Futscher by John and Jean Meersman
Sat., Oct. 28: Spurlock and Scheer Families by Ron and Monica Spurlock

Announcements and Information

SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:

The Scripture Program meets at 7 p.m. Thursday nights in the parish hall. Contact Jean Chiaro or the parish office for additional information.

QUIET, PLEASE: *As you enter the parish hall for Mass, please be considerate of those already in church who may be praying by keeping the noise level low.*

NEW DIRECTORIES: *Contact the parish office if you would like to order any additional directories (\$10 each).*

SENIOR MOMENTS: *We will be having breakfast at Shoney's at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. RSVP with Pandey at 865-659-6926.*

MASS TIMES

- **All Saints' Day** (Wednesday, Nov. 1) – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass at St. Therese
- **All Souls Day** (Thursday, Nov. 2) – 9 a.m. Mass at St. Therese
- **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, Nov. 23) – 9 a.m. Mass at St. Therese with small reception to follow with coffee and doughnuts provided by the CCW.

FIRST FELLOWSHIP: *A host family is still needed for First Weekend Fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 5. Please contact the parish office of sign up in the back of church.*

2ND COLLECTION:

There will be a 2nd collection for Diocesan Deacon Formation on Oct. 28-29. Our diocese is blessed with 73 permanent deacons serving in 35 parishes, with another 29 men currently in formation. Deacons bring the Gospel and the gift of themselves to the soup kitchens, food banks, prisons, hospitals and wherever else a need exists, as well as to the parish in which they are assigned. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

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 Church offers adoration and benediction at 9:30 am 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, Patricia 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 23: Brandon Bray
October 25: Sandra Morgan
October 27: Brody Keller
October 28: Ethan Yonce
October 28: Al Adkins

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



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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 for further details!

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. Dominic in Kingsport on Sat., Oct. 28, contact Paul Vachon at paul@ammatn.com & St. Alphonsus in Crossville on Sat., Nov. 11, contact Sara Carey at sara@stalonline.org,

MASS & REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS WITH BISHOP STIKA

The Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment has planned something special for all couples married in the Catholic Church and their families.

Three churches will host a Mass & luncheon honoring married couples. Couples will have an opportunity to reaffirm their vows and receive a blessing. Commemorative certificates will be distributed at the luncheon and a photo of each couple with Bishop Stika will be taken and mailed to your home. Masses are:

Sat., Nov. 11, 2017 at 11 a.m. Register by Nov. 2nd. Holy Spirit Church, 10768 Dayton Pike, Soddy Daisy TN 37379

Sat., Feb. 10, 2018 at 11 a.m. Register by Feb. 1st. Immaculate Conception Church 414 W. Vine Avenue, Knoxville, Tn. 37902

To register and for more information, contact: Marian Christiana mchristiana@dioknox.org or 423-892-2310.

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: 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.