

# 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  
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**Music Director:** Mary Tuskan 865-254-8346  
**Parish/Family Life:** Jennifer Brown,  
Deidra Hall  
**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune  
**RCIA:** Dave McCune 865-457-5015  
**Religious Ed:** Amanda Dials, Julie Keller  
**Social Action:** Connie Mikeal  
**Spiritual Life/Liturgy:** 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,

The liturgy of this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is inviting each of us to look at God's call to repentance in our lives. He wants us to leave behind any impediment that would get in the way of that call. Our three readings attest to the profound truth that He is a God summoning us to conversion.

Our First Reading tells us how the 'reluctant prophet' Jonah is given another chance from the Lord to preach repentance in Nineveh. The pagan culture of Nineveh promptly yields to Jonah upon hearing God's warnings, much to his astonishment! Psalm 25 is so beseeching of God, that He guide us in His truth and teach us his paths. How vital is that grace!

In our Second Reading to the early Christians in Corinthian, we listen to St. Paul's great sense of urgency, warning the Christian community against being too rooted in the things of this life. Our time is short and "*the world in its present form is passing away...*"

Similarly, in Mark's Gospel, the theme of contrition continues. Opening with Jesus in Galilee after John has been arrested, Jesus picks right up with John's teachings to *repent and believe in the Gospel*. "Metanoia" (in Greek, a profound *repentance*) means a radical change in one's thinking, of setting new priorities. Do we not see the early disciples immediately abandon their boats and family to follow Jesus? Jesus summons us to reject our trespasses, to even detest those sins and their consequences. With the call of his first disciples – Andrew, Peter, James, and John – Jesus reveals that he wants ordinary people like you and me, not the self-righteous rabbis and chief priests of his time.

As I said last Sunday, through baptism, every Christian is called by God, both individually and collectively, to continue Jesus' mission of spreading the Good News of God's Kingdom. Since we are all called to a specific vocation – whether it be that of priest, missionary, religious, married, single – each unique vocation endows us with the capacity to become the very dwelling place for God. As a strong faith community, St. Therese fosters each member in their given mission. "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will and being just what God wants us to be."

Jovous Weekend!

## 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

**“One Church for One Another”** *The Bishop’s Appeal 2018 begins with a mailing that many of you have received or will soon receive. This is from Bishop Stika asking for a generous pledge to this year’s Appeal. Your gifts not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Knoxville, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has blessed us abundantly with all we have. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and Diocese. Our parish goal is \$13,000.00 with your support we can reach and exceed this goal. Thank you in advance for your support.*

### WHAT DOES YOUR PARISH MEAN TO YOU?

*Has your child/children been baptized here? Received First Holy Communion? Received Confirmation? If so, your parish is very special to you and your family. Would you be willing to give one hour a week? Every two weeks? Once a month? To continue to guide your family further along its faith journey? An hour is not a lot of time, but it can help in so many ways. You may be interested in serving as an aide to your child’s faith formation teacher from time to time. Would you be interested in becoming an MHC, and having the honor of bringing Holy Communion to someone in a nursing home, hospital or homebound? Maybe serve Holy Communion at Mass? We could also use your help in serving as a Reader during Mass. An hour is not a lot of time, but it can help tremendously. Again—What does your parish mean to you and your family? Do you want to see your children/grand children get married here? Give Father Julius a call if you want to help YOUR parish in some small, meaningful way. Just one hour can make a difference. **Won’t you help?***

### **WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Last Week 1/14/18	Offertory Collection Last Year 1/15/17	Offertory Collection for December 2017	Offertory Collection for November 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,799.00	\$2,557.00	\$ 18,165.00	\$10,581.00	\$15,000.00

### **BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$ 490.00**

November 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Nov. 2017	Loan Nov. 2016
\$ 945.00	\$1,707.00	-\$762.00	\$128,240.66	\$143,625.51

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Tues., Jan. 23:** St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope  
**Wed., Jan. 24:** St. Francis de Sales  
**Thu., Jan. 25:** Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
**Fri., Jan. 26:** Sts. Timothy & Titus  
**Sat., Jan. 27:** St. Angela Merici

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

**January 27-28, 2018**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
 R. Spurlock  
 C. Hundley  
 Sunday: B. Stephens  
 J. Chiaro  
 P. Chiaro

### Lectors:

Saturday: M. Haka  
 Sunday: O. Kuhens

### Altar Servers:

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

### Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee  
 K. Lenz  
 Sunday: T. Albrecht  
 L. Albrecht

### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
 Sunday: B. Job

### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat., Jan. 20:** +Carl von Buelow by Ron & Monica Spurlock  
**Sun., Jan. 21:** Special Intentions of John & Alice Barnes  
**Wed., Jan. 24:** +Carl & Alice von Buelow  
**Thu., Jan. 25:** Special Intention of John Mosca

## Announcements and Information

**PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED:** Secretary will work directly with Fr. Julius & parish groups. Duties include, but not limited to: receptionist, develop documents, mail, email, update website, phones, etc. Must have high school diploma & 5 years secretarial experience. Strong knowledge of Microsoft Office, familiar with or ability to learn Diocese of Knoxville policies, PDS Church Office, maintain confidentiality, planning & organization, time management, interpersonal skills, attention to detail. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 8:30-2:30 with 30 minute unpaid lunch. Contact Fr. Julius at the parish office 457-4073 or send comprehensive bio to frjabuh@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners, Given the severity of the flu virus this season, I as your pastor, and after some consultations, am implementing the following measures:

1. Regular Communion under both species is suspended until March, 2018. However, I might be providing one cup for those who wish to continue to receive under both species.
2. No holding of hands during the Our Father
3. Use caution during the sign of peace if you think you or family members may have been exposed to the flu virus already.

**2nd Collection:** There will be a collection for the Church in Latin America next weekend, Jan. 27-28. Your donation assists the bishops, priests & religious in countries such as Haiti & Chile in their work of evangelization.

### SENIOR MOMENTS

Feb. 01 Breakfast at Shoney's

Feb. 18 Lunch at Austin Steak House

RSVP to: Charlene MacDonald at 865-457-3818

### GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

We have a grief support ministry to visit the sick and be with the dying and to help members who are grieving. Call the parish office or Joanne Anderson (865) 809-1837, if you would like to join this support group. Fr. Julius

**Old Palms:** Please bring your old palms from last year back to the church so they can be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Last day to bring in palms is Monday, February 12th. Thank you.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Russell Haese, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron & Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alysia 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, Zach Gillies, 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:

**Jan. 22:** Jean Chiaro

**Jan. 23:** Jose Miuler Gudino

**Jan. 26:** Denise Wrasman

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



Bishop Richard Steika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES AUGUST 21-26, 2018

Join Fr. Mike Nolan on a Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families & Faith of the Irish 12 days-August 21 to September 1, 2018 Land and Air \$4,395.00—Single Supplement \$1,095.00 A deposit of \$750.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, if purchasing, and a copy of your passport picture page by February 1, 2018.

For more information and registration form contact: Marian Christiana at 423-892-3210 or mchirstiana@dioknox.org or Lisa Morris 567-1245 or lisam@select-intl.com



Welcome to St. Mary's Legacy Clinic...



Extending the Healing Ministry of Jesus to East Tennessee

### NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

The St. Mary's Legacy Clinic will be holding another New Volunteer Orientation on Tuesday, January 30th at the Church of Divine Mercy. Anyone who is interested in volunteering and traveling out to rural areas to offer free healthcare to those without insurance is invited to attend. Please log on to the clinic website:

[www.stmaryclinic.org](http://www.stmaryclinic.org) and visit the "Become a Volunteer" section to fill out an application. Also, call Theresa Valero at 865-212-5570 to register for the

**SAVE THE DATE:** *St. Joseph School* will be hosting our **19th Annual MARDI GRAS** fundraising event on **Saturday, February 24th**, from **6:00-11:00pm** in the **French Quarter** (aka SJS Gym & Performing Arts Center). Come and enjoy a fabulous dinner buffet (provided by **Wilson Catering**), silent & live auction, music, dancing & lighting provided by the award winning **Ogle Entertainment**, and have fun with opportunities to win over **\$3,000** in **Door Prizes**. Some of the Door Prizes will include **\$2,000 worth of tuition** giveaways (good for Saint Joseph School or Catholic High School), a **CASH** giveaway, & a year's supply of **Chop House restaurant gift cards**, among other prizes.

