

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:

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Parish/Family Life: Dials Family

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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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, September 11 recalls one of the more tragic events in our country and indeed in the world in recent times. In Columbia, S.C., that morning, I was quietly getting ready for daily Mass when the first and second terrorist planes flew into the World Trade center. After this terrible act of evil, what we all saw at Ground Zero was the face of God in the people working, caring, sweating, crying, rescuing, recovering. Our readings this weekend revolve around losing, finding, rejoicing.

In our First Reading from the Book of Exodus, Moses is imploring God to have mercy on those 'stiff-necked' people who had grossly disobeyed God with idol-worship. We witness a radical turnaround on God's part, conceding to Moses, forgiving the people. The arguments of Moses' prayer will inspire the boldness of the great intercessors among the Jewish people and in the Church. In our Second Reading, we repeatedly hear St. Paul berating himself for his sinful past, yet maintaining that awesome wonder at the infinite mercy of Christ who not only forgave all his former sins but showered His graces on him so abundantly.

In this Year of Mercy, we are fortunate to be reading from Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel. Described "the Gospel within the Gospel" by scripture scholars, it is the distilled essence of the Good News and the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. Essentially one distinct parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," they remind us that we have a God who welcomes and forgives sinners when they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution.

Let us look briefly at the 'prodigal son'; there are a few notable patterns that should awaken our souls. If we consider that the younger son has prevailed upon his father for his inheritance, we remember that Almighty God lets the sinner go his own way, for He has given to man free will. The son experiences not only a physical departure, but a spiritual one, abandoning God (his father) and indulging himself, allowing unlawful desires to take possession of his heart. But the more he obeys his passions, the more he feels a void and spiritual hunger in his heart, which he is powerless to appease. After losing everything, he still has faith in his father's mercy.

This Sunday the Church is inviting us back to God's mercy; if we have been in sin, God is ready to receive and welcome us back, no less than Jesus welcomed sinners in his time. Humbling ourselves daily, allowing God's love and forgiveness into our lives, forgiving as we have been forgiven ... what better way to extend this Year of Mercy that wraps up by Nov. 20? 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

We want to thank those who hosted this first weekend's fellowship. Joyce Borne, Thelma Czarnecki & Peggy Chase on Saturday night and Fred & Bertie Albright on Sunday afternoon. We always need hosts for this monthly ministry. There is a sign up sheet on the wall next to the kitchen for your convenience when signing up to host a weekend date.



NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 17-18TH there will be a 2nd COLLECTION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS OF LOUISIANA

Southern Louisiana was recently devastated by what is being called "the worst natural disaster since Superstorm Sandy." In response to this immense tragedy, Bishop Stika is asking if St. Therese would participate in a voluntary collection for the victims of this flooding and for relief aid that will continue to be needed as people attempt to rebuild their homes and lives. A number of people have died in the storms and subsequent flooding, with tens of thousands forced to flee their homes, submerged by unprecedented flood waters. Adding to this tragedy, most homeowners did not have flood insurance, as up to now there has never been a flood in this region. Please give what you can.

POT LUCK DINNER & MEETING

The **CCW** will be having their Meeting and Pot Luck dinner on **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. **All women** of the parish are invited to attend and bring something delicious to share.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE...

It's the season to clean out your attic, garage, and closets because it is time for the **Fall Rummage Sale!** Drop off donations during office hours (bring someone to help you unload) or before/after Mass in the library. Set up is Sept. 28 & 29 and the sale is Sept. 30 & Oct. 1. Sign up to help in the parish hall. **AND BAKE SALE!**

Drop off baked items on Sept. 28 & 29 to be sold during Rummage Sale.

Stewardship of Treasures on Weekly Offerings

Offertory Collection Last Week 9/04/16	Offertory Collection Last Year 9/06/15	Offertory Collection for August '16	Offertory Collection for July '16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$4,055.00	\$3,281.00	\$11,957.00	\$15,889.00	\$15,000.00

Building Fund / Loan

July '16	Budget	+/- Month	Loan July 2016	Loan July 2015
\$2,318.00	\$1,707.00	+\$611.00	\$147,530.11	\$162,966.07

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon., Sept. 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tue., Sept. 13: St. John Chrysostom
Wed., Sept. 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thu., Sept. 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
Fri., Sept. 16: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
Sat., Sept. 17: St. Robert Bellarmine

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: September 17-18, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: B. Hatmaker
R. Spurlock
M. Spurlock
Sunday: J. Chiaro
P. Chiaro
O. Kuhens

Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman
J. Meersman
Sunday: G. Paynter
J. Paynter

Servers:

Saturday: M. Kiernan
Sunday: J. Thais
S. Thais

Ushers:

Saturday: T. Baker
C. Tucker
Sunday: A. Yonce
E. Yonce

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., Sept. 11: +Dr. David Viera by Evelyn Collopy
Wed., Sept. 14: +Sherry Wilson by George & Jenny Paynter
Sat., Sept. 17: +Sheila Bushman by Roy & Chris Converse

Announcements and Information

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

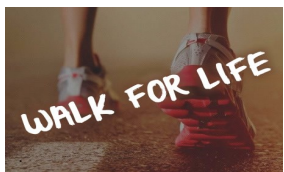
Begins on September 20th at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

MONDAY RENEW

Begins on October 3rd at 10 a.m. in the parish office basement

COME HEAR Deacon Robert Herrmann & Deacon Eddie Ensley from the Diocese of Savannah speak on PrayerRx: Experiencing God's Healing Presence on September 11th, 12, and 13, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. At St. Joseph Church in Andersonville. Deacon Ensley is one of the most gifted Catholic speakers today. His writings have been fervently recommended to the Church by acclaimed spiritual leaders. Deacon Herrmann holds widely-respected expertise in spiritual journaling and teaching Contemplative Prayer. A reception of light refreshments will follow each session. Free child care available for children under 10 years old. Admission is free to attend. For more information, contact Deacon Dan Hosford at 865-494-7746.

2016 WALK FOR LIFE!



We know that every life is precious! Will you stand with others who cherish every life, born and unborn? On Saturday, October 1st at 9:00 a.m., Choices Resource Center is holding its 21st annual WALK FOR LIFE. It's a fun, easy walk, not an athletic event. You obtain the sponsors and CRC does the billing. Join us as the local body of Christ comes together to minister to young women and men facing unplanned pregnancies and help us Reclaim Life. Pick up a brochure today or register online at www.choicesresource.com For more information call Jean Chiaro at 865-742-5137.

Masses & Services for week of Sept. 11-17:

Sun., Sept. 11: 11 AM Mass at St. Therese
Tues., Sept. 13: 9 AM Mass at St. Joseph
Wed., Sept. 14: 9 AM Mass at St. Therese
Thu., Sept. 15: 9 AM Mass at St. Joseph
Fri., Sept. 16: 9 AM Communion Service at St. Therese
Sat., Sept. 17: 5 PM Mass at St. Therese

SENIOR MOMENTS:

Thursday, October 6 10:00 AM Breakfast at Shoney's

RSVP by September 30

Thursday, October 20 11:30 AM Lunch at Gondolier's

RSVP by October 14

To Pandey 865-659-6926



IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ralph Collins, Kathleen Edwards, George Elliott, John Futscher, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Cathy Hundley, Pauline Landrum, Cathy Long, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, 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, Jeffery Hatmaker, 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.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

September 11: Peggy Chase
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September 14: Barbara Bieleski
September 14: Michael Terheyden
September 17: Anthony Alois

Call the parish office to add your birthday!



Bishop Richard Stika

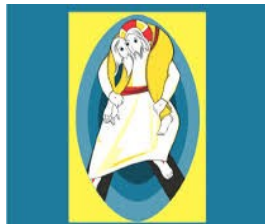


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MORNINGS of REFLECTION for COUPLES

In light of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment will be hosting four Mornings of Reflection for Couples presented by Msgr. Al Humbrecht, Missionary Priest of Mercy. The host parishes are Holy Trinity in Jefferson City on Saturday, **November 12, 2016**; St. Francis of Assisi in Fairfield Glade on Saturday, **November 19, 2016**; and St. Stephen

Church in Chattanooga on Saturday, **January 14, 2017**. The event will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$20.00 per couple. For more information contact Marian Christiana at mchristiana@dioknox.org.



Merciful like
the Father

POST ABORTION HEALING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with Rachel's Vineyard healing and recovery retreat October 28-30 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, Tn. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865)776-4510 sandi@ccetn.org or Catherine McHugh (865)696-7720 peace4lilith@aol.com. If you aren't able to commit to an entire weekend, the Sisters of Life are conducting a post abortion day of prayer and healing for women called Entering Canaan. It will be held at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, Tn. On November 12. For more information, please contact Sisters of Life toll free at (866)575-0075 hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org or Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina@postabortionhelp.org Complete confidentiality is honored at all time for both opportunities.



BLUE MASS

Bishop Stika invites you to join him on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in celebrating a "Blue Mass" to honor and to pray for all our First Responders who "protect and serve". This time honored tradition of praying for the blessing and protection of our public servants in law enforcement, fire department and emergency medical services goes back to the first Blue Mass in Washinton, D.C. in 1923. Since then, dioceses across the country have celebrated annually those whose service is often identified with their blue uniform. It is a special time for us to honor their service and to pray for their safety.



Father Michael Cummins and New Orleans natives Janel and Deacon Bob Lange invite you on a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Cathedral and shrines of New Orleans from Sept. 21-25, 2016.

This pilgrimage will include visits to the St. Louis Basilica Cathedral, the Shrine of Blessed Seelos, Our Lady of Prompt Succor and will include a tour of the historic French Quarter and much more.

See diocesan website under events for itinerary and registration form.