

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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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,

Grace and peace from Nigeria. My vacation is going on pretty well. I am not moving around so much -- one, for safety reasons and two, because I want to spend more time with family and the orphanage. Thank you for all your prayers and donations.

Today's readings may pose some confusion for us! Let's look at the Fourth Commandment: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you." In the same sense, our Gospel reading from Luke seemingly gives a radically different message to *hate our parents, spouses, offspring, siblings, and even our own lives*. But of course, these are not to be taken literally.

Our First Reading this weekend reinforces our shortcomings as mere mortals, incapable of understanding God's divine plans and infinite order. And yes, we all need that reminder, particularly in light of our Gospel reading as we re-dedicate ourselves to total commitment to Christ. St. Paul in the Second Reading appeals to the Colossian native Philemon, a fellow Christian, to deal kindly with his precious friend Onesimus -- even though once a slave became for him a "son."

In our Gospel, Jesus is asking us to increase the Fourth Commandment in light of our relationship to Him: Jesus is stipulating that we let no thing or no body take precedence over Him. To place any relationship or any possession above God seemingly is a form of idolatry. Perhaps we can surmise that it is even logical to *hate* those parts of ourselves that lure us away from keeping God central to our lives. Pope St. Gregory states, "If you are not able to give up all, be masters of your earthly possessions; let them not gain the mastery over you."

Jesus is inviting us to keep him as the focus to every relationship, action, decision, conversation; if we do all of these things in our daily lives with the intention of pleasing God, taking care that we think long and hard before making our decisions, we are more apt to become His true disciples. This demands prayerful courage on our part, to carry our crosses and follow our Lord, turning what is most dear to us into His hands, accepting whatever he asks of us, *even sending a delegation to ask for peace terms*. Christ's last conversation to Peter comes to us all: "Do you love me more than these?"

Blessed 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

SAFETY ISSUE

Please remember that children are not allowed to be in the parish hall or to leave the sanctuary to use the bathroom unless accompanied by an adult at all times. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important matter.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPT. 5TH FOR
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY



Fellowship
First Fellowship Week-
end will be Saturday & Sun-
day, September 10 & 11

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 meeting room.

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

Please consider signing up to host the first weekend fellowship, a fun and easy way to support your St. Therese Parish. The sign up sheet is in the parish hall next to the kitchen.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate flowers or funds for the altar arrangements in honor or in memory of someone should contact the parish office.



FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon., Sept. 05: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
Thu., Sept. 08: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri., Sept. 09: St. Peter Claver
Sat., Sept. 10: Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:
September 10—11, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: P. Chase
 C. Converse
 M. Haka
 Sunday: B. Stephens
 G. Paynter
 J. Anderson

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
 Sunday: B. Lauer

Servers:

Saturday: TBA
 Sunday: L. Lawrence
 A. Powers

Ushers:

Saturday: D. McCarthy
 J. Ferguson
 Sunday: D. McCune
 P. Chiaro

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
 Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

Stewardship of Treasures on Weekly Offerings

Offertory Collection Last Week 8/28/16	Offertory Collection Last Year 8/30/15	Offertory Collection for August '16	Offertory Collection for July '16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$ 2,568.00	\$4,120.00	\$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

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Sept. 07: Recovery of John Futscher by John & Jean Meersman
Sat., Sept. 10: +Bert & +Thelma Paynter by George & Jenny Paynter

Please contact the office for Mass intention requests.

Announcements and Information

2016 WALK FOR LIFE!

Reclaim Life! Choices Resource Center's 21st Annual WALK FOR LIFE is fast approaching. Join us on Saturday, **October 1st at 9:00 a.m.** at Oak Ridge Marina to walk for the young women, men and babies to whom CRC ministers. This is your opportunity to help moms' and dads' and to defend precious unborn babies. Visit us online at www.choicesresource.com to register or sponsor a walker. Raising just \$200 in pledges earns you a custom-designed T-shirt. Get a form today and start signing up sponsors.



For more information call Jean Chiaro at 865-742-5137.

SEPTEMBER 17-18TH—2nd COLLECTION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

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 on Sept. 17-18th.

Masses & Services for week of Sept. 4—10

Sun., Sept. 4: 11 AM Mass at St. Therese
Tues., Sept. 6: 9 AM Communion Service at St. Joseph
Wed., Sept. 7: 9 AM Mass at St. Therese
Thu., Sept. 8: 9 AM Communion Service at St. Joseph
Fri., Sept. 9: 9 AM Communion Service at St. Therese
Sat., Sept. 10: 5 PM Mass at St. Therese

SENIOR MOMENTS

Thur., Sept. 15, 11:30 AM Thursday, October 6, 10:00 AM
Lunch at Harrison's *Breakfast at Shoney's*
RSVP by September 9 *RSVP by September 30*

To Pandy 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 04: Delania Cabrera
September 07: Mary Harris
September 09: Jim Ferguson
September 09: Bill Stephens
September 09: Emily Thais

Call the parish office to add your birthday!



Bishop Richard Steika



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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.

RETROUVAILLE

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE— 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else, there is **Retrouvaille**. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it 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. 2-4, 2016, please call 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631 or email: nrv3043@gmail.com or visit the website at

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 confidentially is honored at all time for both opportunities.

14th Annual Catholic Scouting Retreat

“Merciful Like the Father”

September 17-18, 2016

Location: Whispering River Resort, Walland, Tn.

Sponsored by: Knoxville Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (KDCCS)

The purpose of a *Catholic Scouting Retreat* is to provide a fun experience for Catholic Scouts and youth while learning more about their faith, spirituality, and themselves. Scouts will participate in group activities such as nature hikes, games, and a fun, yet theme-related service project. We are also collecting canned goods to be taken to **Crazy Quilt Friendship Center** in Newcomb, Tn. This is for our *Acts of Mercy* activity. It will also go towards our *Messengers of Peace* project.

Older Scouts (6th grade and up) One of the requirements for those working toward their **religious emblem** is to attend a retreat. This will satisfy that requirement. Cost for the weekend retreat is \$20.00 plus 5 cans of food (food collected upon arrival) or pay an additional \$5.00 at check-in.

Cub Scouts and other youth (grades 1st through 5th) are invited to join us on September 17 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. They'll be able to join in on the fun and games, have lunch, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and attend Mass. *They will also receive an exclusive retreat patch!* Cost for Cub Scouts is \$10.00 and 3 cans of food (food to be collected upon arrival) or pay an additional \$5.00 at check-in.

To register: Forms are available from co-directors or dioknox.org website. Click on EVENTS tab. Open “Categories” drop down on left. Click “Scouting”. Forms and check (payable to KDCCS) to be completed and mailed to: Mr. George C. LeCrone, Sr. 10700 Leeward Lane, Knoxville, Tn. 37934

Registration deadline September 6, 2016

Do you have questions? Contact one of our co-directors:

Kimberly Turnmire (865) 936-0235 kdccsyouthretreat@gmail.com

Christy Bohon (865)441-2078 kdccsyouthretreat@gmail.com

