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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,

In the spirit of "Gratitude Sunday," I want to express my profound appreciation to all those who were able to attend the "State of the Parish Address" this past Wednesday. I thank you for your presence and contributions, as well as for your time and treasures to our ministries here at St. Therese. Expressions of gratitude to God and neighbors, the central focus of our liturgy this weekend, comes from God. It segues into the narrative of thanksgiving for the profound number of blessings we receive from Him.

Naaman, the Syrian military commander in the First Reading, was an outcast not only because of his leprosy; he was also a non-Israelite. But experiencing a change of heart, he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for the cure of his leprosy; as a sign of his gratitude, Naaman transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel. St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God.

Our Gospel reading is the famous story of the ten lepers. Nine were Jewish, and the tenth a Samaritan, all of whom were cured on approaching Jesus. But only the Samaritan returns to give thanks to God for his cure. Perhaps they were under the false impression that healing was their right as God's chosen people, so they hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked the crowd. In Nigeria, we have the custom of offering holy Masses of thanksgiving, ranging from child birth, buying a new car, moving into a new home, getting a new job, on return from a hospital admission and many other favors you may think about. The Gospel also reminds us that with the universal love by God, there are absolutely no lepers, no outsiders.

How can any real Christian ever cease thanking Him? We can express our gratitude to our loving and providing God in many simple yet diverse ways: by offering grace before meals, by allotting a few minutes of the day for family prayer, with ongoing thanksgiving throughout the day for benefits we receive. Let us remember that with our forgiving God, we can and must be forgiving to others, by radiating His love, mercy, and compassion.

Finally, we must recognize that there is no better act of gratitude than when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the supreme act of thanksgiving: The Greek word "Eucharistia" means profoundly religious and thoroughly spiritual "thanksgiving." That is why it is never advisable to miss the Holy Mass, particularly on Solemnities, except for grave reasons. Outside of Mass, may the inner faith which we possess translate itself in our rich thanks to God; as a parish community let us share our time, talents, and material blessings in the various ministries and services of our faith community. 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

ST. THERESE PARISH ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP WEEKENDS

*Please prayerfully discuss with your family before the selected weekends on the amount of support you wish to give to your parish this year. **The weekends of October 15-16 & follow up weekend of October 22-23 will be the St. Therese Parish Annual Parish Stewardship weekends.** At that time, the Stewardship forms will be in the pews for you to fill out and return to the ushers.*

TRUNK OR TREAT!

***Sat., Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** To make this event a success, we need lots of volunteers: to set up and clean up; to decorate their cars and dress up in costumes; to donate candy and food; and to monitor the games. **The event is open to children in the entire community, and our own kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.** Sign up or contact Amanda Dials at kpdelta@yahoo.com (865)806-8075 or Fran Pisano fpp-md2@gmail.com (865)482-6879 for more information.*



CAKE & CUPCAKE DECORATING

*How do you make a flower or scallop edging on a cake? Come to the **Tues., Oct. 18 CCW meeting at 6:30 p.m.** Our own, Pat Boswell, will be teaching decorating tips for birthdays, holidays, and other occasions. If you have a pastry bag or any cake decorating items, bring them with you. Bring copies of your favorite recipe to share, and/or a sample of that recipe!*



Stewardship of Treasures on Weekly Offerings

Offertory Collection Last Week 10/2/16	Offertory Collection Last Year 10/4/15	Offertory Collection for Sept.'16	Offertory Collection for August'16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$4,456.00	\$3,175.00	\$11,645.00	\$11,957.00	\$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

Tue., Oct. 11: St. John XXIII
Fri., Oct. 14: St. Callistus I
Sat., Oct. 15: St. Teresa of Jesus

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

October 15—16 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: J. Borne
 S. Bieleski
 D. McCarthy
 Sunday: O. Kuhens
 L. McCune
 B. Hunt

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Haka
 Sunday: B. Lauer

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA
 Sunday: A. Powers
 J. Boswell

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee
 K. Lenz
 Sunday: A. Yonce
 E. Yonce

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Oct. 12: +Robert Wagner by Ralph & Sandra Collins

Thu., Oct. 13: +Bill & Mildred Inkrott by Mike & Olivia Kuhens

Fri., Oct. 14: +George Talbott by George & Jenny Paynter

Sat., Oct., 15: +Virginia van Dame by Velma Herbulock

Please contact the office for Mass intention requests.

Announcements and Information

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday on October 16th. This collection supports the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of nearly 1200 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Funds are distributed in the Holy Father's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

ALTAR FLOWERS

this weekend were provided by Kelly Lenz & Joyce Klee in memory of their mothers.



SENIOR MOMENTS

Thursday, October 20 11:30 AM Lunch
at Gondolier's RSVP by October 14

Thursday, November 3 at 10AM Breakfast
at Shoney's RSVP by October 28

To Pandy 865-659-6926



KROGER

Thank you to all who continue to participate. **To sign up, go to krogercommunityrewards.com or call 1-800-576-4377, Option 3 and they can sign you up.**



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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.*

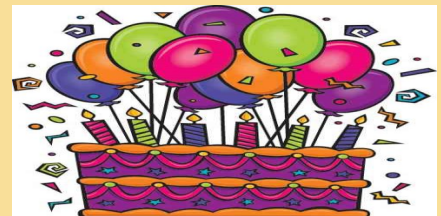
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

October 11: Connie Mikeal

October 13: Chris Converse

October 13: Ron Schramm

October 14: Monica Spurlock





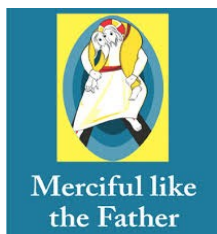
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MORNINGS of REFLECTION for COUPLES

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.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TROPICAL CARIBBEAN

7 nights, January 21-28, 2017 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale with Fr. Leo Pregelmann. Ports of call: Key West, Florida, Grand Turk Island, Turks & Caicos, Amber Cove (Puerto Plata), Dominican Republic, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas (Cruise line Private Island). Prices begin at \$1965.00 for two passengers and includes all port fees and taxes. Deposits of only \$350 per person to reserve a cabin. Space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 Doug@CatholicCruiseandTours.com



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 times for both opportunities.*



WHITE MASS

Bishop Stika invites you to join him in celebrating a White Mass at the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul on Saturday, October 15th at 11 a.m. to honor and to pray for all who serve in the Health Care profession. A luncheon will follow Mass in Varallo Hall with a presentation by Fr. Jeff Kirby, STD, KHS on the subject of "Conscience in Health Care." Please RSVP for the luncheon with Barbara Golder, MD, JD at bhgmdjd@gmail.com. The Basilica is located on 214 East 8th St. in Chattanooga, Tn.



MASS & REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS WITH BISHOP STIKA

Sat., Sept. 24, 11AM at Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, Chattanooga, Tn. Register by Sept. 19.

Sat., Jan. 28, 2017, 11AM at Our Lady of Fatima, Alcoa, Tn. Register by Jan. 19.

To register contact: Marian Christiana 423-892-2310 mchristiana@dioknox.org or Karen Byrne 865-584-3307 kbyrne@dioknox.org **Luncheon to follow each mass.**