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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

Parish Plant: Dave McCune

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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,

On this penultimate Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, our readings soberly focus on "The Day of the Lord" or the "Second Coming" of Jesus at the end of the world. We are forewarned about the final days of the world, our own death, final judgment, and that we must persevere! Can we thus begin to look beyond our immediate worries, troubles, interests, and largely selfish concerns?

In our First Reading, Malachi foretells this *day*, which will bring healing and reward for the just, and punishment in fire for the "*proud and all evil doers*." Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, even the Thessalonians just stopped doing everyday chores, duties, and daily work. Here Paul cautions against idleness; in anticipating the end of the world, Paul advises the Thessalonians that their best preparation for welcoming Jesus is to quietly keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did, to earn their "daily bread."

The Gospel reading lines up with these other readings; no one knows when the Day of the Lord will be. All we do know is that signs and portents will precede the end without question, Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors, but that we as Christians are urged to remain fearless and faithful always. Jesus goes on to speak about signs heralding the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world; this was to prepare His disciples and to remind them to rely upon Him for Salvation, not their own power.

This is hard hitting, brothers and sisters, and may not be what many want to hear, but Jesus insists we must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, mercy, compassion, and unconditional forgiveness. We must remember that our homes, our churches, and even our own lives are temporary; that our greatness lies in seeking God who is the ultimate judge, not on our worldly achievements. We must always remember the futility of this passing world and keep our eyes on the things above, where God is all merciful and all welcoming. Blessed John Henry Newman once wrote about the hereafter: "Do not fear that your life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning."

In a lighter manner, I extend a special note of appreciation to all of those who made last weekend's 'ministry weekend' a huge success; several of our committee heads were happy to sign in new volunteers to support our ministries. May God reward you all. Amen. Joyous 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

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Fr. John Dowling of Holy Ghost Parish will speak on the subject of Capital Punishment at St. Therese parish hall on **Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m.** All are invited to attend.

PARISH WORK DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH



Our workday will start at 8 a.m. until ? There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall. Lunch will be provided. Please bring any lawn and garden tools you may have. Other tools will be provided for your use during the day. Let's clean up our church and grounds!

COATS FOR THE COLD

Social Action is collecting gently used coats for Karm to distribute in the local area This drive will start now and continue thru February.



CCW JEWELRY WORKSHOP

November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The Jewelry Workshop with Sarah Brobst



The cost is \$20.00 and **ALL SUPPLIES** and refreshments are included in the cost. You may also bring your own jewelry to embellish or recreate. Sign up list is in the parish hall.

CCW is promoting the **Catholic Relief Services Work of Human Hands** which offers handcrafts from 30 countries. This is the last weekend that catalogs will be available after mass to place your order. Purchases generate income for artisans and stimulates local economy.

Stewardship of Treasures on Weekly Offerings

Offerory Collection Last Week 11/6/16	Offerory Collection Last Year 11/8/15	Offerory Collection for Oct.'16	Offerory Collection for Sept.'16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$4,152.00	\$3,498.00	\$17,288.00	\$11,645.00	\$15,000.00

Building Fund / Loan

Sept'16	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Sept 2016	Loan Sept. 2015
\$1,230.66	\$1,707.00	-\$476.34	\$146,299.45	\$160,397.70

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tue., Nov. 15: St. Albert the Great
Wed., Nov. 16: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Thu., Nov. 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Fri., Nov. 18: The dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

November 19-20, 2016

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: K. Burns
P. Chase
C. Converse
Sunday: B. Stephens
D. Nall
G. Paynter

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
Sunday: B. Lauer

Altar Servers:

Saturday: M. Kiernan
Sunday: L. Lawrence
A. Powers

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Haka
J. Mantione
Sunday: A. Yonce
E. Yonce

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed., Nov. 16: +Pauline Rose by Leonard Nugent

Thu., Nov. 17: Mary Ellen Liker by Sue Haese

Fri., Nov. 18: Pat Gambrell
Special Intentions by Pat Gambrell

Sat., Nov. 19: +Mel Chase

Please contact the office for Mass intention requests.

Announcements and Information

MINISTRY WEEKEND THANK YOU

A NOTE OF



Special thanks to:

Committee Leads, for preparing eye-catching posters and other hand outs;

Olivia, for her inspirational message at both Masses about volunteering;

Virginia, for preparing copies of the committee tri-folds and including reminders in the bulletin and weekly emails;

Dave & Olivia, for providing photo input to the presentation.

By John Meersman, on behalf of the PPC.

The Knights of Columbus are taking orders for deep fried turkeys for Thanksgiving.

Estimated cost for a 12-14 pound turkey is \$40.00.

There will be a signup sheet in the parish hall for the next few weeks.



TOYS , GAMES, BOOKS NEEDED



The **Social Action Committee** is collecting new and gently used toys & children's clothing for the Holiday Bureau of Anderson County. This non-profit, all volunteer organization provides toys, games, books, and clothing to low income families. The toys are given out on December 10th, so we need them as soon as possible. Any received after that date will go for use in the Bureau's birthday and other holiday distributions.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The CCHD collection will be held on **November 20th** and helps to promote and support non-Catholic community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education programs that work to change the systems that keep people in poverty.

no one
deserves to live in
poverty

Support the
Catholic Campaign for
Human Development

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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

November 17: Roy Converse

November 18: Cynthia Tucker

Call the parish office to add your birthday!





Bishop Richard Stika



The Diocese of Knoxville News

“The Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love & Family”

This online course is offered by Family Honor Inc. and is a great tool to have in your parenting tool box. What a wonderful gift to give to yourself! Set the trajectory of your child’s life toward happiness and fulfillment as a true disciple of Christ. You will learn how to have ongoing authentic conversations with your children about human dignity and sexual identity befitting your entire family, and indeed our culture. Next course begins in January 2017. To receive more information visit familyhonor.org click on Training tab. Or contact Marian Christiana mchristiana@dioknox.org or call (423)892-2310.

MASS & REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS

WITH BISHOP STIKA



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 mass.

SEE YOUR NEW CATHEDRAL BEING BUILT!



The Diocese of Knoxville has made it easy for you to see how rapidly construction is progressing on your new **Sacred Heart Cathedral**. Please visit our website www.dioknox.org and click on the **Cathedral Construction**

Page, and also see the **Live Cathedral Camera** link. We hope you visit these pages often and feel inspired as the Catholic Church of East Tennessee continues to grow!

SLEEPING BAGS & MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Donations of sleeping bags and sleeping mats are needed for the homeless! With the cooler evenings and approach of colder weather, please consider the donation of a combination sleeping bag and sleeping mat set (to help insulate against the cold ground) for the homeless. Small tents are welcome as well. Used (but clean) and new sleeping bags/mats are most welcome. Donations will gladly be accepted at the Chancery for distribution. Please contact Paul Simoneau psimoneau@dioknox.org or 865-584-3307 with question or donations.



CATHOLIC CRUISE TROPICAL CARIBBEAN

7 night cruise with Fr. Leo Pregarman Jan. 21-28, 2017 on Holland American’s Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Ports of Call: Key West, Fla., Grand Turk Island, Turks & Caicos, Amber Cove (Puerto Plata), Dominican Republic, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas (Cruiseline Private Island). Prices begin at \$1965.00 for two passengers and includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

