

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:

Stan Bielecki, Chair

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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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our readings for this weekend's liturgy summon us to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the providential care of a loving and merciful God. After encountering these readings, I want to believe that even those who have not signed up for our upcoming Lenten Mission will change their minds! Our speaker, as you know, is Carlos Taja, a dedicated theologian and catechist from Washington, D.C. I know that many of you are planning to attend on March 11; hence we need to know the numbers to help us plan for lunch.

Our First Reading becomes one of the most touching expressions of God's love in the history of salvation. Through the Prophet Isaiah, the good Lord asks "Can a mother forget her infant?" and gives His solemn pledge "I will never forget you!" We can see that even the best of human love is but a shadow of God's eternal, life-giving love for His people. As we finish our journey through 1st Corinthians, we are once again reminded by Saint Paul that divisions in the Church cannot be tolerated: no need to worry about who baptized them but to be accountable to the only judge, Christ, to whom we must all answer.

Our Gospel harkens back to the experience of the Exodus. Recall that Israel was a people on the move. They could not accumulate; they assembled temporary tents, the manna could only provide for that day's needs, and no one owned the land. Correspondingly, in today's reading, our Lord counsels us against allowing material things to become a source of preoccupation, to live a life of simplicity and dependence on God. Calling us to a detachment from goods and worldly activities, we essentially shed unnecessary worries. You see, friends, when we *do* worry, we are focused completely on ourselves, not on God.

If we can tackle modest daily steps in keeping God's plan, even our work gets transformed into prayer! First, we start our day with God by offering Him the day's work for His glory. We ask for a 24-hour full-activation of the Holy Spirit, which allows us to do good for others and avoid evil. In the second step, we live realizing God's presence in every one we meet, saying some small prayers along the way. Taking the third step, we end each day with God. We say, "Thank you, Lord, for walking through this day with me. I have wounded my soul today by my sins. Please pardon me. With your grace, I shall be more faithful tomorrow. Good night, Lord. Into your hands, I give my soul and my sleep." This is the only authentic wealth we can aspire to! This through the grace of God can keep us relatively less worried about so many unnecessary preoccupations'.
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

St. Therese is hosting a Lenten Mission

*“Returning to God with All of One’s Heart” on March 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The mission will be led by Carlos Taja. Using the Lenten themes of conversion, prayer, forgiveness & confession, focus will be on the losing your heart to sin, returning to God in Christ, and prayer & penance. Donations accepted. Since lunch will be provided, **please sign up** in the parish hall. Contact Pete or Jean Chiaro 865-314-1214*



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

9 A.M. AND 7 P.M.

with

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

2nd Collection: Saturday & Sunday, March 4-5 for

APPRECIATIONS

To all who contributed & donated the medical equipment to be shipped to Nigeria. Special thanks, especially to Dr. Fran Pisano, Dave McCune, Peggy Chase, Maureen McMyler & Tobias, a family friend of Laura Scott, who volunteered to drive the 26 foot U-Haul to Independence, MO. May God reward all of you. Amen.



RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

*The CCW Rummage & Bake Sale set up will be Wed., March 15 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Thur., March 16 from 9 a.m.-?. **The Sale** will be on Fri., March 17 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sat., March 18 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with clean up to immediately follow. Please put your items for sale in the parish hall library after masses or during office hours.*

Stewardship of Treasures on Weekly Offerings

Offertory Collection Last Week 2/19/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 2/21/16	Offertory Collection for Jan. 17	Offertory Collection for Dec. 16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,462.00	\$2,520.00	\$13,562.00	\$12,004.00	\$15,000.00

Building Fund / Loan

Jan. 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Jan. 2017	Loan Jan. 2016
\$1,764.00	\$1,707.00	+57.00	\$139,778.80	\$155,251.34

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Wed., Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday
Fri., Mar. 3: St. Katharine Drexel
Sat., Mar. 4: St. Casimir

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

March 4-5, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Haka
B. Hatmaker
S. Bieleski
Sunday: B. Stephens
J. Chiaro
P. Chiaro

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
Sunday: Youth

Altar Servers:

Saturday: M. Kiernan
Sunday: Youth

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee
K. Lenz
Sunday: Youth

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
M. Tuskan

Music:

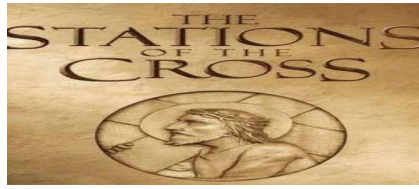
Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Feb. 26: +Florence O’Bryant by Pat Gambrell
Wed., Mar. 01: Ash Wednesday
Sat., Mar. 04: For Sick of St. Therese by Ron/Monica Spurlock

Please contact the office for Mass intention requests.

Announcements and Information



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please attend Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 p.m. during Lent. Each week will be led by a different committee or ministry group from St. Therese Parish.

HOLY ROSARY

From the first Sunday of lent, Father Julius has appointed Chantal Milne to coordinate an early recitation of the Holy Rosary before our Sunday Masses. This is to help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and to promote devotion to Our Mother Mary. All Parishioners are encouraged to come together at 10:30am every Sunday to pray the rosary as a corporate body. This spiritual activity will begin on 3/5/17 and will continue throughout the Lenten season and may be beyond.

SOCIAL ACTION

PANTRY COLLECTION

During March, we are asking for paper products, such as napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues and trash bags. A box is in the parish hall.

Food donations are still always welcome.



MONTHLY WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

Please make plans to join us after each mass next weekend, March 4 & 5. Parishioners are asked to bring finger foods to share with their church family. Drinks will be provided.



Rice Bowls are for everyone. Please take one on your way out of the parish hall. Fill with loose change or a check and return at the end of Lent.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Lenten Fish Frys at 5 p.m. on March 3, 24, & Apr. 7. Donations accepted. The donations raised directly support: 1) our seminarian; 2) Fr. Julius' orphanage in Nigeria; and 3) to a cause voted on by the Knights.

SENIOR MOMENTS

*Thu., Mar. 2 at 10 a.m.
Breakfast at Shoney's*

RSVP by Feb. 24

*Thu., Mar. 16 at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Harrisons*

RSVP by Mar. 10

RSVP to Pandya 865-659-6926

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Kathleen Edwards, George Elliott, Pat Gambrell, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Hundley, Frank Iaroli, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, 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, 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

Feb. 27: Becky Hatmaker

Feb. 28: Don Wrasman

Mar. 4: Sherri Zaring

Call the parish office to add your birthday!



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HELP THE HOMELESS



◆ Help 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 at psimoneau@dioknox.org or 865-584-3307 with question or donations.

PRESENTATION ON THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

As part of our Diocesan V Encuentro events the Office of Hispanic Ministry and the Office of Christian Formation are organizing a presentation by Fr. David Boettner on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium" The Joy of the Gospel. It will be held on March 11, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church (1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenoir City, Tn 37772) Registration starts at 9:15 a.m. Donation: \$5.00 per person. After the presentation there will be a short video about the V Encuentro, discussion and sign-up sheets for the Sessions. The presentation will be in English with interpretation into Spanish. For more information, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 865-637-4769.

CATHOLIC CRUISE PANAMA CANAL

Sail away on a 19 night Panama Canal cruise with Fr. John McGeean October 17-November 4, 2017 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Vancouver, Canada. Ports of Call: San Francisco, Calif.; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Puerto Chiapas (Tapachula), Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Puerto Corinto, Nicaragua; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Panama Canal Full Transit; Exit Panama Canal at Cristobal; Enter Panama Canal at Balboa; Cartagena, Colombia; Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Prices begin at \$5494.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$600 will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com



Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help with our Earn While You Learn Program. We are looking for English and Spanish speaking volunteers. Training is provided and schedules are flexible. Our center is

located in downtown Knoxville across from the health department. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those we have the privilege of serving, please contact Andrea Russell arussell@cctn.org or 865-212-4942.

FULMER TO SPEAK AT THE 32ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERALD OCCASION DINNER MARCH 9!!!



Mr. Fulmer won 152 games in 17 seasons as the head coach of the University of Tennessee football team. The highlight of his career was leading the Vols to the 1998 BCS national title with a win over Florida State at

the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Arizona. Tickets to the dinner can be purchased online at cctn.org or by contacting Lisa Ingle at (865)684-1882 or lingel@cctn.org

Journey of Hope

An 8 week Sunday program to regain hope from the pain of divorce. It addresses the key challenges brought by divorce and helps participants recover using principals of their Catholic faith. Journey of Hope uses the teaching & sacraments of the Church to transform the loss & tragedy of divorce into life-giving wisdom, sensitivity, & hope. Location: Sacred Heart Catholic School Art Room, Dates: Sun., March 12—Sun., May 7, 2017. Time: 6-7:30 p.m., Cost: Free, Contact: Deacon Walt Otey at 865-388-0690 or wotey@shcknox.org for more information or to register.