

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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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

Olivia Kuhens, Secretary

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John Meersman

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## **Finance Board:**

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## **Committee Chairpersons:**

**Communications:** Olivia Kuhens

**Hospitality:** Fran Pisano, Maria Gee

**Music Director:** Mary Tuskan (865) 254-8346

**Parish/Family Life:** Dials Family

**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune

**RCIA:** Dave McCune (865) 457-5015

**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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since *next* Sunday is already Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, I am quite energized as we all await the resurrection of Our Lord. As our Lenten journey deepens, today's liturgy draws us into our Christian death with hope in the resurrection. The life that you and I currently live in Christ will continue after our biological death into the next 'true life'.

In our First Reading, Ezekiel bears witness to an unprecedented miracle the Lord is about to do: restore life to the deceased Israelites, opening the graves in which they were placed, in preparation for her return to the Promised Land. He assures his people that nothing – not even death – will stop God from carrying out His promise! St. Paul, in the Second Reading, affirms to those early Roman Christians facing death by persecution, as well as our 'culture of death', that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us gives life to our mortal bodies.

Our Gospel this weekend is the compelling account of Jesus' raising of his late friend Lazarus after three days in the grave. Recorded by John as the final and greatest sign of our Deliverer, this is representative of victory over death. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world, promising our participation in resurrection and new life. Thus, *resurrection hope* is the central theme – that the life we live in Christ now will continue after our death.

"Roll away the stone, unbind him and let him go" were the sweetly consoling words from Our Lord. Jesus speaks these same words to you and me, especially to Christians who bind themselves with chains of addiction to drugs, alcohol, slander, prejudices, and uncontrollable anger. Mercifully, Jesus comes to us in the Sacraments, as we pray, as we read sacred scripture, giving us knowledge and hope in our own bodily death. Let us ask Jesus during this Holy Mass to bring the light and the power of the Holy Spirit into our private lives and liberate us from our personal tombs.

We need to be ready to welcome death any time as the gateway to *New Life*. St. Therese of Lisieux found herself flooded with joy when she learned in 1897 that she had tuberculosis, an illness then usually incurable. She welcomed the blood she was coughing up as a harbinger of Jesus' embrace, and she died within a few months of this. "Yes, I'm like a tired and harassed traveler, who reaches the end of his journey and falls over. Yes, but I'll be falling into God's arms!" She reminds us that the true purpose of our life is to be united with God in heaven.

Happy 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 is set to begin the remodeling of our kitchen. Fr. Julius has appointed Lou Lawrence to help raise the necessary funds for this project. Please co-operate with her and other volunteers on this project.*

### SEDER SUPPER

*St. Joseph and St. Therese are sponsoring a Seder Supper on Palm Sunday, April 9, at 4:00 in the St. Joseph Parish Hall. Sign up after Mass in the Parish Hall. Deadline for registration is this weekend.*

### FINAL CHANCE!!

*Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be at 5 p.m. on Fri., Apr. 7.*



*Donations accepted.*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Friday, April 7 led by the children of Religious Ed in a kid-friendly version. It is an animated show to discuss each station in a "less violent" manner.*



### PENANCE SERVICE

*Monday, April 3rd for St. Therese & St. Joseph parishioners at St. Joseph Church.*

### CCW SPRING BAKE SALE

*Sat., & Sun., April 8-9 Please bring baked goods to be sold after mass. Homemade items only.*



### EASTER FLOWERS

*Donations for Easter flowers to beautify our church can be made in the parish hall. Please use an envelope provided on the table and place it in the box. **The last day to donate in honor or in memory of a loved one is Palm Sunday, April 9.***

### We Thank Everyone Who Gives So Generously

Offertory Collection Last Week 3/26/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 3/27/16	Offertory Collection for Mar. 17	Offertory Collection for Feb. 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,515.00	\$4,482.00	\$13,171.00	\$11,711.00	\$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:**  
**Tues., Apr. 4:** St. Isidore  
**Wed., Apr. 5:** St. Vincent Ferrer  
**Fri., Apr. 7:** St. John Baptist de la Salle

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

**April 8-9, 2017**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: B. Hatmaker  
 C. Converse  
 Sunday: O. Kuhens  
 D. Nall  
 B. Stephens  
**Lectors:**

Saturday: Reading 1&2: J. Meersman & J. Meersman  
 N. M. Haka  
 V. A. Brown  
 J. Fr. Julius  
 Sunday: Reading 1&2: G. Paynter & J. Paynter  
 N. P. Chiaro  
 V. J. Publionnes  
 J. Fr. Julius

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: S. Haese  
 K. Hundley  
 C. & S. Helus  
 Sunday: J. & S. Thais  
 R. & R. Keller  
 M. Lawrence

### Ushers:

Saturday: J. Ferguson  
 C. Hundley  
 Sunday: P. Chiaro  
 D. McCune

### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
 Sunday: B. Job

### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTION:

**Sat., Apr. 1:** +Mary Lubinosky by Cynthia Tucker  
**Wed., Apr. 5:** +Frank Aloï by John Kelsey  
**Thu., Apr. 6:** +Burt & Thelma Paynter by George & Jenny Paynter  
**Fri., Apr. 7:** Wayne Traffas by Evelyn Collopy

## Announcements and Information

### PARISH WORK DAY



On Saturday, April 8, 8 am-noon our final parish work day. Bring tools for spreading mulch & trimming shrubs is available. Pizza lunch to be served.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Will be held after 11 am Easter Sunday Mass. The event is open to all parish children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends 10 years old or younger. Consider volunteering by donating candy, stuffing eggs, helping with the hunt, or providing snacks.

Contact Amanda Dials or sign up at the back of the church.



### Easter Egg Hunt

### FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to Jean & John Meersman, Joyce Borne & Peggy Chase for hosting Sat. night's fellowship and for Pat Nageotte & Elaine Cantillon for hosting Sun. morning. Without our hosts, this parish event would not be possible.



### Fellowship



### CHRISM MASS

We would like our parish to be well represented at this year's Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tues., April 11 at 7 p.m. If interested in carpooling, contact Pete or Jean Chiaro at 742-5137.

**KDCCW Annual Convention** at Our Lady of Fatima May 4-6. For more information & to register go to KDCCW website.

CCW has adopted a program to assist Sisters of the Holy Cross with their missionary work. Save your uncirculated stamps & cancelled stamps with backing still attached & a minimum 1/4" border. Put in box provided in parish hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Cup Lacrosse Tournament** Apr. 21-22 at Knoxville Catholic High. Contact Tom Ciaccia 865-765-4046 or tciaicca@att.net for more information.

### SENIOR MOMENTS

Thu., Apr. 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch at Gondolier

RSVP by April 14 to Pandy 865-659-6926

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

John & Alice Barnes, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Kathleen Edwards, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Hundley, 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**

Apr. 02: Muiler Gudino  
Apr. 02: Debbie Stepp  
Apr. 05: Riley Dials  
Apr. 05: Olivia Kuhens

Call the parish office to add your birthday!





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## The Diocese of Knoxville News



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@ccetn.org](mailto:arussell@ccetn.org) or 865-212-4942.



Catholic Charities

### CATHOLIC CRUISE PANAMA CANAL

Sail away on a 19 night Panama Canal cruise with Fr. John McGeehan October 17-November 4, 2017 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Vancouver, Canada. Ports of Call: San Francisco, California; 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 information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ [Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)



### MASS AND BREAKFAST WITH BISHOP STIKA

The Bishop's Annual Diocesan Gathering for Scouting

When: Sat., April 8th.

Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral

711 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville, Tn.

What: Mass begins at 8:05 a.m. with breakfast immediately following with Bishop Stika.

Cost: Tickets are \$10 per person, or \$8 each for families of 4 or more.

Information: Email [knoxvillecatholicscouts@gmail.com](mailto:knoxvillecatholicscouts@gmail.com) or text 865-607-5064 for tickets.



### Pastoral Juvenil Concert

Come and join us for this amazing concert for youth and young adults sponsored by Cristo Rey ministry in collaboration with the Pastoral Juvenil Hispana Diocesan ministry. The concert will take place in the gymnasium of the Sacred Heart Cathedral on April 29th from noon until 9 p.m. You can expect to hear great music from

Jon Carlo, El Coro El Sembrador, El Ministerio de Alabanza-Jesus el Rey Divino. The young Catholic preacher, Rafael Diaz, will also be joining us from Los Angeles to share his testimony. This concert will be in Spanish and is an event open to the whole family. Youth must come accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Food will be available for sale. For more information, call Cristo Rey at 865-384-0175 or Brittany of the Pastoral Juvenil office at 865-776-9635. You can also visit [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org). Don't miss this evening of praise and worship and fun!