

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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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  
Maureen McMyler  
John Meersman  
George Paynter  
Sue Thais  
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## Finance Board:

Don McCarthy, Chair  
Dave McCune  
Monica Spurlock  
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## 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,

This is the last weekend before my Silver Jubilee Celebration. I must honestly confide in you how humbling an experience it has been, coming from a completely different culture and to be serving in your midst as pastor these past years. Your support and encouragement have in no small measure helped me to be what I am today. I welcome in advance all those planning to attend my twenty-five-year celebration ministering to God and his people.

In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the Word of God comes to us in an image of rain and snow, with the allusion to delayed results. I liken my vocation to this reading with a positive and optimistic missionary effort toward bearing witness to the Gospel.

Our Gospel reading today, the *parable of the sower*, continues Isaiah's prophecy by assuring us that, since God is in charge, He will sow the seed, bring the harvest, and it will be abundant. We need not despair if that harvest is not immediately visible. Jesus encourages us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the Word of God to yield sixty and one hundred-fold! We are to imitate the farmer who loses no sleep over a few seeds eaten by birds or a few suffocated seedlings

The questions we need to ask ourselves today are central to our faith; Am I merely hearing God's Word without understanding it? Does God's Word meet with a hard heart? Am I too anxious about money, the future, security, provision for old age? If our answers are yes, then we need to recognize the need to prayerfully train our spiritual hearts, especially through making a daily examination of our conscience. Then again, is God's Word taking root in me by continually converting me? Is this enabling me to sacrifice what is seemingly most precious for the sake of His Word?

Finally, the significance of this parable implores us to infuse ourselves with the Word of God, to examine our actions, and to cultivate our hearts so that we can all realize those precious fruits. That is why He compares our lives and our hearts to various types of ground on which seed is sown. During this summer period, what program might you create for your family or our parish youth that has the seed required to produce the right harvest in our homes and Churches? May the Holy Spirit guide us to be "good soil" where the seed of the Word may bear fruit in abundance. Amen!

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

**KITCHEN REMODELING:** As construction on the kitchen progresses and the new fiscal year begins, we continue to look for ways to help cover expenses. The Parish Pastoral Council approved a "Kitchen Campaign" to provide parishioners the opportunity to make a pledge toward remodeling costs. On two weekends (July 29/30 and August 5/6), parishioners will receive a pledge card for that purpose. **Please prayerfully consider what your family can contribute toward this room that serves so many groups for so many events within our faith community.**

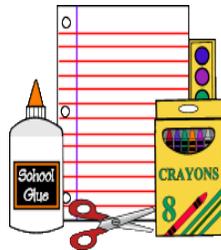


### **EUCCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

Just a reminder that Joanne Anderson is available to take the Eucharist to the homebound. If you know of anyone needing this service, please contact Joanne at 865-809-1837 or jander3601@aol.com

### **SOCIAL ACTION COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ADFAC:**

Any supplies, including backpacks, can be placed in the bin in the back of the church. ADFAC will distribute the school supplies to the children. Collections will continue through early August.



### **WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Last Week 07/09/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 07/10/16	Offertory Collection for June 17	Offertory Collection for May 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,075.00	\$3,080.00	\$12,414.00	\$11,311.00	\$15,000.00

### **BUILDING FUND/LOAN**

May 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan May 2017	Loan May 2016
\$1,873.00	\$1,707.00	+\$166.00	\$134,555.61	\$150,142.25

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Tue., Jul. 18:** St. Camillus de Lellis  
**Thu., Jul. 20:** St. Apollinaris  
**Fri., Jul. 21:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
**Sat., Jul. 22:** St. Mary Magdalene

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

July 22-23, 2017

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
 R. Spurlock  
 C. Hundley  
 Sunday: J. Anderson  
 J. Pubillones  
 B. Bonham

### Lectors:

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
 Sunday: B. Lauer

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus  
 S. Helus  
 Sunday: S. Thais  
 J. Thais  
 A. Kuhens

### Ushers:

Saturday: D. McCarthy  
 J. Ferguson  
 Sunday: A. Yonce  
 E. Yonce

### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

### Music:

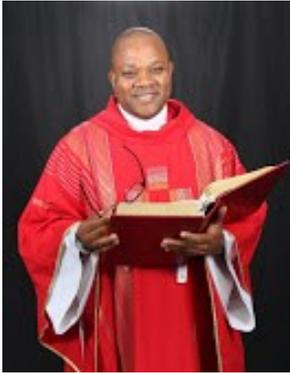
Saturday: J. Bentz  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun., Jul. 16:** Angi Alred by Pat Gambrell  
**Wed., Jul. 19:** +John Radenberg  
**Thu., Jul. 20:** Special Intention of Jennifer Parker  
**Fri., Jul. 21:** +Mel Chase  
**Sat., Jul. 22:** 25th Priestly Ordination Anniversary

## Announcements and Information

### CELEBRATION!



On Saturday, July 22nd at 11 a.m. will be the celebration Mass of Fr. Julius' **25th Anniversary of his Ordination** as a priest. Even if you are unable to come to the reception, all are cordially invited to attend this Mass and join in with Bishop Stika and Father's priestly friends and acquaintances on this auspicious occasion.

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



In the Encyclical Letter On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church, paragraph 25, Pope John Paul II says, "The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. . . . [And] it is the responsibility of Pastors to encourage . . . the practice of Eucharistic adoration, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . . . ." Our Pastor is meeting his responsibility, but it is also our responsibility to

respond by participating in Eucharistic adoration. To find out how you can participate in perpetual Eucharistic adoration at St. Mary's, call Lois Callaghan at 483-9533; En Español, Vilma DeClue a 482-5888.

**RCIA:** Would you like to join the Catholic faith? Or would you just like to learn more about it? Consider joining the latest RCIA classes starting this fall. Please contact Dave McCune (dadcune@aol.com) for more information about the program.



**SENIOR MOMENTS:** We will be having lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, at Golden Girls.



Breakfast will be at Shoney's at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 3. RSVP by Friday, July 28.

RSVP to Pandy at 865-659-6926

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Ray Converse, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Mohamed Massaquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Alene Morris, Dora Qualiano, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, 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**

**July 17:** Sandra Collins

**July 18:** Angela Yonce

**July 20:** Jacob Asbell

**July 20:** Jean Job

**July 20:** Betty Stephens

**July 21:** Travis Keller

**July 22:** Kent LaMotte





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### THERE'S AN APP for THAT

#### WORKSHOP ON MINISTRY WITH GEN-Z & THEIR FAMILIES

**WHEN:** Sat., Sep. 30, 2017 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. John Neumann Church

The workshop shares research about Gen-Z youth & their families along with effective ways for parishes to engage youth & their families. We will include practical ideas & starting points within these topics as we explore the ministry implications for youth ministry, catechesis, sacramental preparation & parish life.

- Listening to & Walking with Gen-Z Youth
- Engaging their Parents & Families
- Making it Personal through Relationships & Formation
- Empowering the Innovators-Letting their Faith Soar
- Transforming Ministries & Creating New Pathways

The workshop is designed for all parish leaders whose ministries touch the lives of adolescents-including pastors, deacons, & pastoral associates, coordinators of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation, catechists, Confirmation preparation leaders, & service/social concerns leaders.

**REGISTER:** online at [cmdnet.org](http://cmdnet.org) or go to EVENTS tab on [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)

**COST:** \$54.00 (includes lunch, handouts, & other materials)

**CONTACT:** Deacon Al Forsythe (865)806-1343 or [aforsythe@dioknox.org](mailto:aforsythe@dioknox.org)

### DIOCESAN FAMILY RETREAT

Hosted by JMJ Ministry

**WHEN:** Sat., Aug. 19, 2017 from 2-8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center, 250 Locke Lane, Benton, Tn.

**COST:** \$15 "early bird" registration fee per family if registered by August 1st.;

\$20 registration fee per family if registered after August 1st.

\*Registration fee includes catered dinner & small donation to use CPoP retreat facilities.

**REGISTRATION:** [evenbrite.com](http://evenbrite.com) enter JMJ, All Dates and click on SEARCH

**CONTACT:** Monica Kimutis [jmkimutis@gmail.com](mailto:jmkimutis@gmail.com)

To find out more about this & other upcoming events for families:

- Go to [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org) click on EVENTS tab,
- Hover over Categories on the left,
- Scroll down and click on FAMILY LIFE
- All of the upcoming FAMILY LIFE events will pop up

Welcome to St. Mary's Legacy Clinic...



Extending the Healing Ministry of Jesus to East Tennessee

St. Mary's Legacy Clinic is seeking donations of ReliOn Glucometers and test strips that can be found at Walmart; also, non-sterile, non-latex exam gloves (especially Medium size). We are also seeking donations of inhalers that are unopened, sealed, in original containers with at least 6 months from expiration. Please visit our website at [www.StMaryclinic.org](http://www.StMaryclinic.org) and follow us on Facebook to see updates and announcements from the mobile clinic. Thank you for your support.

**DID YOU KNOW? Summer safety & abuse prevention.** As you begin to make summer plans for activities whether in your own backyard, the local park, summer camps or other overnight or out-of-town settings-keep child safety in mind. The best practice rules for child safety is to have as much information about the place, program and its coordinators as possible and replace blind trust with knowledge and healthy suspicion.