

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

Finance Board:

Don McCarthy, Chair
Dave McCune
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Committee Chairpersons:

Communications: Olivia Kuhens
Hospitality: Fran Pisano, Maria Gee
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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,

I would like to thank all of those who joined us last week in celebrating July 4th, an opportunity to recognize our independence, an independence won and maintained by the sacrifice of many lives. Additionally, this observance of religious freedom brought many of you here to prayer, despite widespread secular belief within our culture. Every achievement in life comes as a result of sacrifice as I noted on July 4th. In today's liturgy, the Church invites us to come and unload our burdens onto the Lord, who loved us by paying the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. What a privilege for us Christians!

In our First Reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them the reign of a "meek" Messianic King of Peace riding on a donkey. Here Zechariah marks a departure from the view of the royal figure as a conquering warrior. Paul then tells the Roman Christian community about two yokes in our Second Reading, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit." He challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and to accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Thus, it would seem that Saint Paul is suggesting how Christian Spirituality proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit, that of doing works in the realm of the "Spirit" as opposed to the "flesh."

As he bares his soul to God, Jesus' beautiful invitation to the Father could not have come at a better time for those "who labor and are burdened." If we will accept his "easy yoke and light burden," we agree that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. Some scripture scholars suggest Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love and is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

As Christians, we see therefore in Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of this longing. He sharpens our hunger for it through the paradoxical image of the "easy yoke." How can a yoke ever be easy? It might be easy when it is shared by two or more. We can see how the yoke does not serve to impose burdens rather they serve to *distribute* burdens. This could be what it means to take on Christ's yoke: to strive to live the fullness of the law's demands — yes — but never to do so alone. It means to allow Christ to stand in the yoke alongside us, but to allow him to shoulder the greater part of the burden. I deeply want to encourage each one of you to leave your problems and challenges at the altar, our Lord's celestial table on earth, each time you have the good fortune to be with the Lord at Mass or during Eucharistic adorations.

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:

Please see the entire list of items in last week's bulletin & posted on parish hall bulletin boards. 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 07/02/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 07/03/16	Offertory Collection for June 17	Offertory Collection for May 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,401.00	\$3,885.00	\$12,414.00	\$11,311.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN

March 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan April 2017	Loan April 2016
\$1,596.00	\$1,707.00	-\$111.00	\$137,128.57	\$151,411.32

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tue., Jul. 11: St. Benedict
Thu., Jul. 13: St. Henry
Fri., Jul. 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Sat., Jul. 15: St. Bonaventure

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

July 15-16, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: H. Bentz
 B. Hatmaker
 D. McCarthy
 Sunday: B. Stephens
 J. Chiaro
 P. Chiaro

Lectors:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
 Sunday: O. Kuhens

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA
 Sunday: R. Dials
 R. Keller
 R. Keller

Ushers:

Saturday: C. Hundley
 C. Tucker
 Sunday: E. Clevenstine
 J. Clevenstine

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed., Jul. 12: Special Intention of John Mosca
Thu., Jul. 13: Angi Alred by Pat Gambrell
Fri., Jul. 14: Special Intention of Joyce Borne
Sat., Jul. 15: Mary Stasenکو by Tom Baker

If you would like a mass intention please contact the parish office.

Announcements and Information

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. RSVP by Friday, July 14.

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

Call Pandey at 865-659-6926 for more information & to reserve a seat.

ULSTER PROJECT FUNDRAISER: 30 teens from Northern Ireland are being hosted by American families this summer to learn about American culture & different religions. In the 1960's, a conflict over whether Northern Ireland should stay a member of the United Kingdom or join the Republic of Ireland divided the nation. Protestants wanted to stay in the UK, Catholics wanted to join the Republic of Ireland. This project aims to build bridges among the two groups.

Fundraising breakfast at St. Mary's Cafeteria, Sat., July 8, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Cost is \$8 per plate (\$7 for seniors over 65 & youth under 12) & \$30 for a family (parents & children only). Breakfast will be served by our American & Northern Irish teens. Menu includes scrambled eggs, Irish breakfast sausage, Irish bacon, black & white pudding, baked beans, tomato, mushrooms & various breads.

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, 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 11: Kathy Burns

July 12: Arnold Adkins

July 12: Winfield Erickson

July 14: Annette Brown

Call the parish office to add your birthday!





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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 or go to EVENTS tab on dioknox.org

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

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

Journey of Hope Conference for Divorce Recovery

August 4-6, 2017

Charleston Marriott, Charleston, S.C.

Hope & healing for separated & divorced Catholics!
Call 423-892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org for more information.

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 enter JMJ, All Dates and click on SEARCH

CONTACT: Monica Kimutis jmkimutis@gmail.com

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

- Go to dioknox.org click on EVENTS tab,
- Hover over Categories on the left,
- Scroll down and click on FAMILY LIFE

KEEP IT PURE

Would you like to enhance your marriage and avoid putting chemicals in your body? Learning Natural Family Planning (NFP) as a couple has the power to do just that! Come learn the beauty of the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and how to effectively space your children without artificial contraception. Class dates for this course:

When: Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 2 p.m.

Where: All Saints Catholic Church

620 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, Tn. 37923

Contact: Jared & Monica Kimutis at (970) 980-5009 or jmkimutis@gmail.com