

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
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Maureen McMyler
John Meersman
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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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The joyous journey to my home in Nigeria continues as planned, and I thank you for your prayers. Visiting our country home in our neck of the woods was emotional, as it evoked diverse childhood memories. Last Sunday's Mass was typical for Nigeria, and despite my thirteen-minute American homily, the Mass lasted a good two-and-a-half hours.

The three readings this weekend speak of the expansive and universal nature of the "Kingdom of God," that salvation is not singularly exclusive to the Jews as was initially credited. While some portions of the Old Testament indicate that only the Jewish people are the chosen nation, our liturgy today goes far beyond, depicting God's inclusiveness of all nations of the earth.

The prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading portrays the Lord as One who holds no distinction based on nationality, race, gender, or color. Thus, we hear through one of the greatest prophets that the long-awaited Messianic kingdom is intended not only for the "chosen" but for all the lands. The first reading concludes the purpose of God's call that "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." In our Second Reading, continuing the theme that was introduced last Sunday, St. Paul concedes that, although the Jews as the chosen people deny the Messiah, accordingly God turns to the Gentiles who receive mercy through their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Gospel reading points us even deeper into the expansiveness of our Lord's acceptance. St. Matthew draws our attention to the casting out of a demon from the daughter of the Canaanite woman [i.e. the 'enemy nation'] as she begs for Jesus' pity. It is consistent that in these pagan coastal territories of Tyre and Sidon, geographically removed from the land of Israel, this woman epitomizes that everyone – even a pagan – can have faith, and therefore is worthy of healing. It would seem at first glance that our Lord's initial dismissive response was not representative of the all-loving God; but if one squints harder, our reading uncovers the mentality which Jesus has come to get rid of, even as a teaching opportunity for His disciples. The Canaanite woman, in her prayerful perseverance, is able to withstand the test, and so in the end Jesus demonstrates how salvation is meant not only for the Jews but also for the Gentiles. We need to imitate how Jesus pulls down walls of division and share in the universality of His love.

Brothers and Sisters, persistence in prayer and interior confidence yields a fruitful harvest! Observe how the Canaanite woman did not lose heart. Contemporary saints who championed struggles for a precious cause, like Saint Mother Teresa and Saint Katherine Drexel, are current examples of seeds sown for the harvest, who in their humility were able to display that "great faith" needed, so as to receive what Christ wanted for the world. We must realize and remember that we do not always get exactly what we ask for, but rather, we get what God knows we need, frequently far better than what we ask for. 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

CCW EVENTS COMING SOON!

This weekend on Sun., Aug. 20th after the 11 a.m. Mass, the CCW will host the **ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** to celebrate the beginning of the CCD year and everyone is invited. CCW will provide ice cream & toppings. Other sweets and sandwiches, etc. would be appreciated.

Tues., Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m. **POT LUCK DINNER**

RUMMAGE SALE: Donations welcome; leave in Parish Hall Library.

Wed., Sept. 27: 5:00 p.m.—9 p.m. Rummage Sale Set Up

Thu., Sept. 28 9:30 a.m.—finish Rummage Sale Set Up

Fri., Sept. 29 8:00 a.m.—4 p.m. Rummage/Bake Sale

Sat., Sept. 30 8:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Rummage/Bake Sale

BBQ SAUCE ON SALE

The infamous St. Therese **“Homemade BBQ Sauce”** is being sold to raise funds for the kitchen project. Purchase prices are: Quarts: \$10; Pints \$5; and 1/2 Pints \$3. Please see the sale table in the Parish Hall or call the parish office to purchase.

The Social Action Committee wishes to thank the person responsible for the anonymous donation of two large cases of diapers.

CAUTION

We all need to be aware of and comply with this caution. **DO NOT USE ANY AMMONIA OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING AMMONIA WHEN CLEANING THE NEW KITCHEN FLOOR!**

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 08/13/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 08/14/16	Offertory Collection for July 17	Offertory Collection for June 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,409.00	\$3,150.00	\$13,986.00	\$12,414.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN

June 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan June 2017	Loan June 2016
\$1,493.00	\$1,707.00	-\$214.00	\$133,342.78	\$148,803.98

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon., Aug. 21: St. Pius X
Tue., Aug. 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed., Aug. 23: St. Rose of Lima
Thu., Aug. 24: St. Bartholomew
Fri., Aug. 25: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

August 26-27, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
 C. Hundley
 H. Bentz
 Sunday: B. Hunt
 O. Kuhens
 C. Mikeal

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Gee
 Sunday: T. Papa

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA
 Sunday: T. Gudino
 R. Keller
 R. Keller

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
 R. Spurlock
 Sunday: P. Chiaro
 K. Stewart

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri., Aug. 25: Velma Herbulock by Don & Janice Watkins
Sat., Aug. 26: Karen Liker by Sue Haese

Announcements and Information

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

After the Mass, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." (St. Teresa of Calcutta, Rosary Meditations from Mother Teresa of Calcutta, p3) Saint Therese offers adoration after the 9:00 am Mass on Fridays. **All are welcome.**

FUN FAIR: Saturday, September 16, 10am-2pm

Rain or shine, with a 12 noon auction. Pre-buy tickets 5 for \$1.00 or 4 for \$1.00 the day of the fair. Tickets required for all games, inflatables, and food purchases. Volunteers needed to set up, run games, serve food, and sell tickets. Donations of new or like-new items for auction may be dropped off in the parish hall old music room. Please label them FUN FAIR. Check your weekly email for details.

KITCHEN CAMPAIGN

The campaign has been postponed until the weekends of **September 9 & 10 and September 16 & 17**, at which time parishioners will be given the opportunity to make a pledge toward remodeling costs.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this weekend were provided by Peggy Chase & Mass by Elaine Maxwell, in memory of Mel Chase.

If you wish to donate altar flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, contact Olivia Kuhens or the parish office at 865-457-4073.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Thurs., September 7 Breakfast at Shoney's at 10:00 a.m.
RSVP by September 1st.

RSVP to Pandý at 865-659-6926

MONTHLY WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

We now have a host family for Saturday, September 9, but we still need a host for Sunday, September 10. If no one signs up for that date, then there will not be any fellowship that date. If you are able to host, please sign up or contact the parish office.

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. Thank you.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 22: Brianna Milne

August 23: Henry Bentz

August 25: Aurora Brewer

August 25: Maria Carrillo Cruz

August 25: Susan McGetrick

*Call the parish office to
add
your birthday!*





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The Diocese of Knoxville News

DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS, YOUTH MINISTRY RECOGNITION AWARDS & EVENING EXTRAVAGANZA

At the conclusion of the annual Diocesan Youth Mass, Bishop Stika will present the highest recognition awards available from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) for a diocese to confer. After the Youth Ministry Recognition Award presentation Bishop Stika will commission this year's Diocesan Youth Ministry Advisory Board (DYMAC).

A celebration will follow with dinner, dance and games for high school youth.

Saturday, September 9, 2017

3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Mass at 4:00 p.m.

\$25 includes t-shirt

The Barn at Cedar Ridge

10104 Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City, Tn. 37771

Contact: Beth Parsons (865)228-0477 bparsons@dioknox.org Go to dioknox.org, click on **EVENTS** tab, hover over **Categories** on the left, scroll down and click on **YOUTH**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Pregnancy Help Center is looking for English and Spanish speaking volunteers to help with a wonderful program called Earn While You Learn. Mothers and fathers are educated on pregnancy & parenting skills while earning the things they will need for their babies. Training is provided and schedules are very flexible. If you would like to really have an impact and changes people's lives, then please contact:

Knoxville—Andrea Russell 865-212-4942 arussell@ccetn.org

Chattanooga—Sheri Fava 423-826-0673 sfava@ccetn.org

Johnson City-Fernanda Trejos 423-328-7666 mtrejos@ccetn.org

LaFollette & Newcomb-Esther Loudin 423-437-3416 eloudin@ccetn.org

ST. MARY'S LEGACY CLINIC

Is a registered charity able to receive donations through the AmazonSmile Program. You can do some great online shopping at Amazon.com and most of the time the prices are lower than what you would pay for the same product in the store. By visiting this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-2331706> you will see a page that tells you "Your shopping will support St. Mary's Legacy Clinic, Inc." Simply click on the "start shopping" icon and after you complete a purchase Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible items to the St. Mary's Legacy Clinic. Please remember to use this link **every time** you shop on Amazon, especially for all your back to school items! For important updates and announcements, please follow us on our new Facebook page. Thank you for your continued support of this great ministry.

HUSBAND FRIENDLY "DATE NIGHT"

*** FREE ***

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring a "Date Night" for couples of all ages and stages of marriage. It can be difficult to find the time to nourish your relationship. These "Date Nights" can help. Join other married couples for a presentation and then leave as an individual couple with discussion questions to guide your conversation over dinner, during a walk, while visiting at a park or wherever you choose. Inexpensive childcare is available too!

The first Free Husband-Friendly "Date Night" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9th from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church (633 St. John Court, Knoxville 37934) in Seton Hall. The topic for this "Date" will be "Cultivating Catholic Culture: Building on a Foundation of Grace" presented by Howard & Susan Hendershott.

Additional "Date Nights" will be held on the following Saturdays: Oct. 14, Nov. 4, & Dec. 2. To register for these "Date Nights" and/or to register for childcare, please contact Marian Christiana (Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment) at mchristiana@dioknox.org or 423-892-2310.