

# 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

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Maureen McMyler

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Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **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,

In this final reflection from Africa, amongst joyful family gatherings, news is drawing me in concerning the aftermath of Texas' Hurricane Harvey. Watching high rising floodwaters, loss of life, home, and security, my heart goes out to all of them. Bishop Stika has arranged an emergency collection to fund those affected for these two weekends, and we are all called upon to help out now since survival cannot wait. It was a sign of great hope that some families who lost so much still had their sacred objects remain intact, and as you all may have heard, one priest even celebrated Mass in the floodwaters from his kayak.

Of course, this comes at a time when I had hoped to encourage all of our parishioners to be prepared to assist with our parish capital campaign next weekend. Since there are several capital projects to be embarked upon by the parish (such as our very successful new kitchen), we suggest that you contemplate a onetime donation or pledge to undertake within a given time. In our readings, Jesus reminds us once again about our cross...how we are asked to deny ourselves in so many ways in order to follow Him.

Looking to our First Reading, we see the prophet Jeremiah lament his divinely appointed role. He is intensely compelled to speak the word of God, even when he becomes an object of ridicule on the part of his own people. He tries in vain to censor his mission for the Lord, yet experiences this burning flame in his heart that begs release! In the Second Readings, Saint Paul urges the Romans and us to die to ourselves in prayer and worship, desiring His will in our lives instead of our own. He urges us with the same zeal as Jeremiah, to explicitly reject the ungodly behavior of the world around us.

Our Gospel reading is a continuation of the discourse from last Sunday's "Who do people say that I am?" Today, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise by proclaiming the true cost of Christian discipleship. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." It is not just rejecting the ungodly behavior of the world, but going a step further and embracing our cross. When we are baptized, we 'put on Jesus' and thus belong to Christ. This invitation to take up our own specific cross, though exceedingly light in comparison with the number and greatness of our offenses, requires that personal surrender urged by Saint Paul.

Suffering for God is a call to humility, patience, and commitment, towards frequently troubling family situations, the estranged elderly, faith challenges, and even cultural influences. It may be that we need to dig really deep to recognize our Father's will in our lives. So, when we suffer, we should not consider our suffering a burden; rather we must look upon the cross we bear as an immense gift from God. Please, God, help us to be ready to take up our cross this weekend and follow Jesus. 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

**CCW POT LUCK ANNUAL DINNER:** Will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All ladies of St. Therese are invited, and if possible, bring a dish to share for an evening of fellowship. CCW will provide an ice cream bar.

**CCW RUMMAGE SALE:** Volunteers are needed to help with the rummage/bake sale. Sign up in the parish hall.



**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
Sat., Sept. 30	2 p.m. - finish	Pack up & Clean Up

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Mary remained on earth more than twenty years after the Ascension of Jesus. She busied herself adoring Jesus beneath the Eucharistic veils. The Most Blessed Virgin Mary was the first and most perfect adorer of Jesus on earth. “She lived the Eucharistic life of Jesus; she devoted herself to the glory of Jesus and to His Eucharistic kingdom.” Mary’s devotion took the form of perpetual prayer and penance in the presence of the Most Holy and Adorable Eucharist where she pleaded for the salvation of the world and the needs of the faithful in every age and place who would inherit the Divine Eucharist and be its adorers. (St. Peter Julian Eymard, Eucharistic Handbook, Vol 6, pp115-116 & 132). St. Therese Catholic Church offers adoration & benediction after the 9 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.

**CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER** in Oak Ridge is holding their annual **Walk for Life on Sat., Sept. 23 at 9 am** at the Melton Lake Marina. Consider joining the walk or pledging money to help the women and children they service. Contact Jean Chiaro for details at 742-5137 and see the bulletin insert.

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 08/27/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 08/28/16	Offertory Collection for August 17	Offertory Collection for July 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,553.00	\$2,568.00	\$14,498.00	\$13,986.00	\$15,000.00

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN

July 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan July 2017	Loan July 2016
\$1,307.00	\$1,707.00	-\$400.00	\$131,981.23	\$147,530.11

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Fri., Sept. 8:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Sat., Sept. 9:** St. Peter Claver

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

**September 9-10, 2017**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday:	B. Hatmaker D. McCarthy C. Hundley
Sunday:	B. Stephens J. Chiaro P. Chiaro

### Lectors:

Saturday:	A. Brown
Sunday:	B. Lauer

### Altar Servers:

Saturday:	H. Bentz
Sunday:	M. Lawrence L. Lawrence J. Thais

### Ushers:

Saturday:	J. Klee K. Lenz
Sunday:	E. Clevensine J. Clevensine

### Cantor:

Saturday:	T. Ferguson
Sunday:	B. Job

### Music:

Saturday:	J. Bentz
Sunday:	M. Tuskan

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun., Sept. 3:** +Paul & Ann Waters by Jerry & Annette Brown

**Wed., Sept. 6:** Karen Liker by Sue Haese

**Thu., Sept. 7:** +Bill Young by Pat Gambrell

**Fri., Sept. 8:** +Gerald Coggin by Sue Haese

**Sat., Sept. 9:** Russell Haese by Sue Haese

## Announcements and Information

**KITCHEN CAMPAIGN:** The Kitchen Campaign will be on 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.



**FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:** Please make plans to join us for First Weekend Fellowship **NEXT** weekend, after each mass on Sept. 9 and Sept. 10. Parishioners are asked to bring a small dish to share.

**RCIA:** Would you like to join the Catholic faith? Or would you just like to learn more about it? **RCIA starts on Wed., Sept. 13th at 7 p.m.** Please contact Dave McCune (dadcune@aol.com) for more information about the program.

### **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. The Knights of Columbus will have a food tent outside and there will be a "Sweet Shop" inside the parish hall. **Volunteers needed to set up, run games, serve food, and sell tickets.** Sign up sheet in parish hall. **Donations of new or like-new items for the auction may be dropped off in the old music room in the back of the parish hall.** Please label them FUN FAIR.



**BBQ SAUCE ON SALE:** 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.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers were donated by Jerry & Annette Brown in memory of her parents +Paul & Ann Waters. To donate altar flowers call the office.



**THANK YOU:** Bob & Laura Lauer would like to thank everyone for their prayers for their granddaughter, Tiara Householder. She is now out of her back brace and continuing with ongoing physical therapy.

**SENIOR MOMENTS: Thurs., Sept. 21** Lunch at Gondolier 11:30 a.m. RSVP by Sept. 15th to Pandy 865-659-6929

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Mohamed Massaquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Dora Qualiano, Ellen Saganich, 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:**

**Sept. 4:** Delania Cabrera  
**Sept. 7:** Mary Harris  
**Sept. 8:** Grant LaMotte  
**Sept. 9:** Jim Ferguson  
**Sept. 9:** Bill Stephens  
**Sept. 9:** Emily Thais

*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*





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### 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.

### RETRouvaille

You Can help Your Marriage. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 22-24, 2017. Call 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631 or email: [nrv3043@gmail.com](mailto:nrv3043@gmail.com) or visit our web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### ALL SAINTS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP



Now that I am a caregiver, what do I do? If you are or think you may be a caregiver, please join our Caregivers Support and Educational Group on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the All Saints parish office. Please contact Tony Verafro at 865-405-6493 or [ducktown1946@yahoo.com](mailto:ducktown1946@yahoo.com) for

further details!

### 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!

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](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) or 423-892-2310.

## DATE NIGHT

### 10 REASONS TO DATE YOUR SPOUSE

1. YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS A PRIORITY
2. BUILDS A STRONG MARITAL BOND
3. GET TO DRESS UP & WEAR MAKE-UP
4. GIVES YOU TIME TO TALK & LAUGH
5. SOMEONE ELSE COOKS DINNER
6. SOMEONE ELSE CLEANS UP DINNER
7. YOU FEEL REALLY IMPORTANT
8. CHEAPER THAN COUNSELING
9. INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE
10. COULD LEAD TO A FUN BEDTIME  
(WHICH COULD LEAD TO MANY MORE DATE NIGHTS...JUST SAYING)

### WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Diocesan Offices of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment and Hispanic Ministry have developed an online survey to gather your input to assist them in developing best practices to support newlyweds and young families. Please take a few minutes today and let us know your needs. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/family-life-survey> Password: Knox