

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 and Thursday: 9 a.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. (9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration)

Parish Pastoral Council:

John Meersman, Chair
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Committee Chairpersons:

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Parish Plant: Dave McCune
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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,
Today's Mass, October 1, marks my home country's version of Independence Day. Over a period of sixty years, the British government headed up the Nigerian territories, but we were liberated from the British rule in 1960. This weekend, countrymen celebrate in a similar fashion as our July 4 observance. Once again, I prevail upon you to join me in prayer for my nation, Nigeria.

Our readings this Sunday urge us to make our final decision either for or against God, whether we choose to obey Him gracefully by doing His will or going against His will in determining our eternal reward or punishment.

In our First Reading from His prophet Ezekiel, the Lord God provides great promise for us! When we turn back from iniquity, we still have another chance for redemption! To the Philippian Christians and to us today in the Second Reading, St. Paul's message is profoundly twofold: an invitation to be like Christ, acting without self-interest or pride, but putting the 'other' ahead of ourselves. This he follows up with a Christological hymn focused on the Incarnation and redemptive Passion (which is celebrated every Sunday in our Vespers readings and sung often in our Mass). The beauty in this hymn contains both mystery and deep love for the exceptional role of Christ in our lives.

Taking the Word literally, the Pharisees in our Gospel account give exactly the right answer to Jesus' question. But Jesus shocks them by saying those Pharisees remained farther away from heaven than prostitutes, thieves, and other public sinners. What, then, is the missing link here? I think it is all about what we profess and what we truly do as Christians. In this Gospel account, the younger brother tells his father: "Yes, I'll go and work" while the older brother says: "No, not me." Both use words contrary to their actions, so merely saying the right words does not give us eternal redemption. The younger brother simply doesn't live up to his words; the older brother changes his mind. Jesus is seeking those willing to be obedient to the Father.

This week, therefore, let us seek to go beyond theories, talk, and appearances, but try in word and deed to do what we profess from Monday to Saturday. "Obedience is a consecration of the heart, chastity of the body, and poverty of all worldly goods to the Love and Service of God. Blessed indeed are the obedient, for God will never permit them to go astray." --St. Francis de Sales

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

LADIES OF THE PARISH: *The Fall Deanery meeting is Oct. 5 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Lenoir City. CCW will cover the \$10 registration fee. The speaker will be Sandy Davidson from Catholic Charities Pregnancy Center. Contact Pat Nageotte for more details or registration information.*

BBQ SAUCE ON SALE: *St. Therese Homemade BBQ Sauce is for sale. Proceeds go toward the kitchen campaign*

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP: *Please make plans to join us next weekend after each mass Oct. 7 & 8th. Parishioners are asked to bring a small dish to*

KNEELERS NEEDED:

We are in need of single kneelers for certain occasions at church. If you or someone you know can build them or would like to donate toward the purchase of one, please contact the parish office.



share. Drinks will be provided.

RCIA: *RCIA meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room during the month of October.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULES: *If you are an usher, altar server, lector, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you should have received your emailed copy of the ministry schedule for October through December this week. If you did not receive it via email, please call the parish office with your correct email address. There are a few printed copies available in the parish hall by the sign-in book. If you are unable to keep your scheduled times, please remember to find a substitute to replace you. Thank you.*

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 09/24/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 9/25/16	Offertory Collection for September 2017	Offertory Collection for August 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,091.00	\$2,351.00	\$14,399.00	\$14,498.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN

August 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan July 2017	Loan July 2016
\$1,407.00	\$1,707.00	-\$300.00	\$131,981.23	\$147,530.11

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon., Oct. 2: The Holy Guardian Angels
Wed., Oct. 4: St. Francis of Assisi
Thu., Oct. 5: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Fri., Oct. 6: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
Sat., Oct. 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

October 7-8, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: D. McCarthy
R. Spurlock
M. Spurlock
Sunday: B. Stephens
P. Chiaro
J. Chiaro

Lectors:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
Sunday: J. Pubillones

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
S. Helus
Sunday: M. Lawrence
L. Lawrence
C. Milne

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee
K. Lenz
Sunday: K. Stewart
B. Bonham

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a mass intention in honor of/in memory of a loved one contact the parish office.

Announcements and Information

SENIOR MOMENTS: *We will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, for lunch at Austin's Steak and Buffet. Our next luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Los Caballeros. Please RSVP to Pandya at 865-659-6929.*



PARISH DIRECTORIES: *Our new books have arrived. All families who had their photos taken in May will receive a free book. Please see Olivia Kuhens at the back of church after each Mass for your copy. Contact Olivia or the parish office if you would like to order any additional directories (\$10 each). They will be available soon.*

APPRECIATIONS:

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who helped with this week's CCW Rummage & Bake Sale.

- We would like to express our appreciation to Roy Converse, George Paynter, & Fred Albright for mowing the church lawns through the summer months.*

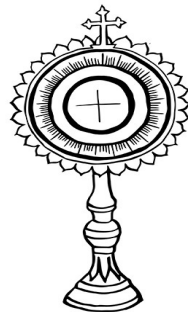
SOCIAL ACTION *is collecting baby items for the month of October. Place in box in parish hall.*

CCW GUEST SPEAKER *will talk on Domestic Violence on October 17th at 6:30 p.m. All men and women are invited.*

CCW BAKE SALE *on October 21 & 22.*

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Our Lord came to the aid of each great tribulation with a special devotion. The present and future tribulations of the Church and of nations are greater than at any other period and...more dangerous than those of previous times. Hence, the devotion which God sends to (help) His Church and...the nations at the present time is the devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. It is the highest of all devotions." (Pope Leo XIII, <http://www.azquotes.com/quote/590322>). St. Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.



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, 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:

October 2: Velma Herbulock

October 2: Anthony Rodriguez





Bishop Richard Stika



The Diocese of Knoxville News

St. Therese, Clinton

2017 Bishop's Appeal:

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$16,532.00

Collections to Date: \$12,190.00

Needed to Reach Goal: \$810.00

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!

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.

Bishop Stika's "Red Mass" for Legal & Law Professionals

A special invitation is extended to those serving in the legal and law profession to join Bishop Richard Stika who will celebrate **the Annual Diocesan Red Mass on Sunday, October 8 at 11:00 am** at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 711 S. Northshore Dr. in Knoxville. As a time honored tradition of the Catholic Church, the Red Mass is celebrated for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice. Please direct questions to Paul Simoneau at psimoneau@dioknox.org or [865-862-5753](tel:865-862-5753).



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 for further details!

27th ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST IN CROSSVILLE

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, come join us October 20-21 at the Knights of Columbus grounds (2892 Hwy. 70 East, Crossville) for the 27th annual Oktoberfest! Authentic German food (pork or chicken schnitzel, knackwurst, bratwurst or weisswurst; spaetzli, sauerkraut, red cabbage, dessert), imported or domestic beer, continuous live music, dancing & more! Hours: 11:30am-9:30pm Friday; 11am-9:30pm Saturday. Admission \$6 in advance, \$7.50 at the gate. www.CrossvilleOktoberfest.com for more information.

