

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

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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 am happy to be back with you in East Tennessee, following my annual vacation and family reunion. Priestly thanks to my colleague Msgr. Bill Gahagan, who kindly stepped in for me during my vacation.

With our Kitchen & Capital Campaign this weekend, yet again I petition you to be generous and thoughtful in your giving. This weekend, our cherished Liturgy firmly reminds us of our responsibility towards the salvation of others, beginning with our own communities of St. Therese & St. Joseph parishes. Since we are all God's children and so, brothers and sisters in Christ, we are invited to be "keepers" of our brothers and sisters, for each one of us is vital in the ongoing salvation of others.

Our First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel comes as a warning – that it is fundamental to watch out for each other, occasionally needing to reprove the other. If we do not do this and the other dies, Ezekiel says, the Lord will "hold you responsible for his death". Sounds chilling, right? From this, it seems clear that we must all be obligated to watch out for each other, sometimes with fraternal correction. In the Second Reading, St. Paul points out that the love we can have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who may be wrong, fraternally warning the other.

In today's Gospel, as Jesus addresses his disciples, he proposes a three-step formula for winning back an errant member into the community. Approach the brother or sister discretely, explaining your concern, being careful not to cause them anxiety or defensiveness. If this is ineffective, then, return a second time accompanied by one or two trusted companions, gently explaining your concern. Still, if he refuses to listen, bring the case before the local church. This may seem a daunting task, but we recognize that Jesus is imploring us to go the extra mile to win a brother/sister back to the community.

Jesus is presenting a model for a small church community like ours! With the Holy Father's recent comment, 'Who am I to judge?', are we misled into thinking that only God can judge? Does this passage change that view or conflict with it? No! Jesus does indicate in our reading today that there are sometimes clear wrongs being done that require a change of heart and that we spare no effort to help the brother or sister at fault to see their error and to get things right again.

This week, therefore, as a small faith community, let us set our sights on strengthening one another, reaching out to each other in fraternal charity. Is there someone in the parish or in the neighborhood you do not know well yet, or someone whose personality you may not be all that attracted to? We know that it is easy to love the person most familiar; here, Jesus is asking us to find the lovable quality about that new person. For our love needs to start here if it is ever to spread out and be a light to the world, one person at a time. In this way, we make the liturgy of this week come alive at St. Therese's worshipping community.
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

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.**



BBQ SAUCE ON SALE: "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.

Fr. Julius & the Knights of Columbus invite the men of the parish to an informal gathering **on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m.** Pizza will be provided. Both Fr. Julius & the District Deputy, William Twohig, will be available for a question/answer session which will focus on the importance of the Knights to the Church & the role that the men of the parish can play. **Please plan on attending this very important 30 minute get together.**



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

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 09/03/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 09/04/16	Offertory Collection for August 17	Offertory Collection for July 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,759.00	\$3,992.00	\$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:

Tue., Sept. 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Wed., Sept. 13: St. John Chrysostom
Thu., Sept. 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Fri., Sept. 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat., Sept. 16: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

September 16-17, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday:	M. Spurlock R. Spurlock S. Bieleski
Sunday:	J. Anderson B. Bonham B. Hunt

Lectors:

Saturday:	T. Ferguson
Sunday:	J. Paynter G. Paynter

Altar Servers:

Saturday:	TBA
Sunday:	C. Milne B. Milne A. Kuhens

Ushers:

Saturday:	J. Mantione M. Haka
Sunday:	M. Gudino J. Gudino

Cantor:

Saturday:	D. Stepp
Sunday:	M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday:	J. Bentz
Sunday:	M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Thu., Sept. 14: +Gerald Coggin by Sue Haese
Fri., Sept. 15: +Basilisa Burgos by Larry & Zynthea Thomas
Sat., Sept. 16: In Thanksgiving by Thomas & Carmen Pemberton

Announcements and Information

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

KITCHEN CAMPAIGN: The next opportunity to pledge towards the remodeling costs of the Kitchen Campaign will be on the weekend of **September 16 & 17.**



MEDIC BLOOD DRIVE : there is a local drive for general donation on Sept. 11 from 10-6 at Walmart in Clinton at 150 Tanner Lane. Blood will then be donated to the Hurricane Harvey relief as requested. You can also donate at 1601 Ailor Avenue in Knoxville.

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEKEND IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY Ron & Monica Spurlock on Sat., Sept. 9 and by the “Sunday Morning Parishioners Group” on Sun., Sept. 10. Thank you all for hosting!!!

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 FLOOR!**

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.

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.

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. 11: Peggy Chase
Sept. 11: Larry Gee
Sept. 13: Russell Haese
Sept. 14: Michael Terheyden
Sept. 14: Barbara Bielecki

Call the parish office to add your birthday!





Bishop Richard Steika



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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 or visit our web site at 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 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 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