

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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

## **Finance Board:**

Don McCarthy, Chair  
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Monica Spurlock  
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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,

Monday of this past week was September 11, when the soul of America and beyond came to a standstill. Many of us have those vivid images locked indelibly on our hearts. I was in Columbia, S.C., that sad morning. The pains can still be so real that one can easily liken it to one of the most significant events in this nation's history, where personal freedom was challenged and the need for forgiveness a difficult but indispensable grace.

This unforgettable event brings our readings this weekend to life since they concern forgiving our offenders and getting reconciled with them. Sirach, in the First Reading, reminds his listeners that holding onto wrath and anger can create an impenetrable shield between God and man. There is an old saying that harboring unforgiveness or bitterness is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. Our Second Reading from St. Paul also elicits the crux of forgiveness; since we belong to Christ whose own model of forgiveness towards his executioners set the bar high, we are soundly directed to imitate His works.

Our Gospel narrative this weekend is the parable of the two debtors. Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the more extreme debtor in the parable since we commit sins every day, hence, the need for God's forgiveness every day. Inscribed in our hearts is the *Our Father*: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you."

This weekend, let us reflectively consider forgiving and forgetting our resentment towards others particularly in light of our eternal salvation, considering the shortness of our life span. To me, this parable offers us the indispensable condition which makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness. What God expects from us is limitless forgiving and an ability to overlook faults and to keep on loving even in the face of insults.

Curiously, if it happens that we cannot forget some of the hurts or anger we have experienced, we can still make the choice to forgive and pray for our offenders. Imploringly, with God's grace, we become capable of forgiving our offender. This clemency dramatically changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories.

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

**NEW PPC COUNCIL /MEMBERS:** President: John Meersman, Vice President: Anthony Papa, Secretary: Maureen McMyler, Member: Jean Chiaro, Other Members: Sue Thais, George Paynter. **AND APPRECIATIONS TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Stan Bielecki & Olivia Kuhens

**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.

**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.

**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

Please bring in your baked goods Wednesday & Thursday during set up and Fri. morning before sale starts.

**Special thanks** to Kathryn Lore for helping to organize the donations in the parish library on Monday, September 11th.

<b>WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY</b>				
Offertory Collection Last Week 09/10/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 09/11/16	Offertory Collection for August 17	Offertory Collection for July 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,545.00	\$2,989.00	\$14,498.00	\$13,986.00	\$15,000.00
<b>BUILDING FUND/LOAN</b>				
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. 19:** St. Januarius  
**Wed., Sept. 20:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions  
**Thu., Sept. 21:** St. Matthew  
**Sat., Sept. 23:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

September 23-24, 2017

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: A. Brown  
 K. Burns  
 P. Chase  
 Sunday: J. Pubillones  
 O. Kuhens  
 L. McCune

### Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman  
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 Sunday: M. McMyler

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus  
 S. Helus  
 Sunday: A. Powers  
 R. Keller  
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### Ushers:

Saturday: D. McCarthy  
 J. Ferguson  
 Sunday: D. McCune  
 P. Chiaro

### Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
 Sunday: B. Job

### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Wed., Sept. 20:** Karen Liker by Sue Haese  
**Thu., Sept. 21:** +Bill Young by Pat Gambrell  
**Fri., Sept. 22:** +Gerald Coggin by Sue Haese  
**Sat., Sept. 23:** +Lleno S. Burgos, Sr. & Larry Thomas' Birthday by Zynthea Thomas  
**Sun., Sept. 24:** April Gillies by Anthony & Patricia Papa

## Announcements and Information

**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.**



**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 serve. Contact Jean Chiaro for details at 742-5137.

### 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.

### **SENIOR MOMENTS:**

**Thurs., Sept. 21** Lunch at Gondolier 11:30 a.m.

**Thurs., Oct. 5** Lunch at Austin’s Steak & Buffet 11:30 a.m.

**Thurs., Oct. 19** Lunch at Los Caballeros 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to Pandy 865-659-6929

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** To donate altar flowers in honor of or in memory of contact Olivia Kuhens or the parish office.

### 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!**

### **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. 17:** Anthony Aloï

**Sept. 18:** Adam Thais

**Sept. 22:** Ralph Collins

**Sept. 23:** Adelina Hall

**Sept. 23:** Larry Thomas

*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.

### 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](mailto:psimoneau@dioknox.org) or [865-862-5753](tel:865-862-5753).

### 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](http://www.CrossvilleOktoberfest.com) for more information.

