

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 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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George Paynter
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Committee Chairpersons:

Communications: Olivia Kuhens
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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,

This weekend's liturgy offers us God's standing invitation to the perpetual joy of the Heavenly Banquet and a loving warning to stay ever ready by constantly *wearing the wedding garment*, being in a state of grace as our Church teaches.

The First Reading from the prophet Isaiah is frequently used in our funeral liturgies that offer comfort and hope to families of the deceased. Describing the Messianic banquet which Yahweh is preparing for His people, specifically on 'this' mountain, Isaiah submits that the invitation is for all peoples, over all nations. In the Second Reading, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a providing God who, in Jesus, gives His Church everything needed to enable His followers to participate in the Heavenly banquet.

Our Gospel this weekend expands the theme of the all generous and loving Father who invites us into His Kingdom. Given that this parable is used in context within the Jewish religious and civic leaders, Jesus accuses them of rejecting God's invitation to His Heavenly banquet, even coming 'without a wedding garment.' Failing to receive the Good News preached by Jesus, declining the offer to reform their lives, stirs up the repeated setbacks that occurred in Israel through the prophets up to and including John the Baptist. Although the *Gentiles have been grafted in*, we are all every bit as susceptible to the same blindness the Hebrews had to God's presence.

The Church offers us the opportunity to accept or reject God's invitation to holiness. By creating man in His image God confers on us the power to know and love Him, inscribed in our very hearts! In the sacrament of Baptism that gateway where we receive the sanctifying grace, in the Holy Eucharist wherein we are gifted in experiencing the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a cherished opportunity to be in Jesus' presence, and always through the proclamation of The Word of God in daily and Sunday liturgies, these are always available to us, in and out of season.

Therefore, knowing how privileged each Catholic must feel at every Mass, we encourage the faithful to continue to apply this holiness even in one's daily occupations knowing that in every earthly affair we must be guided by a Christian conscience since it is all in God's dominion. 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

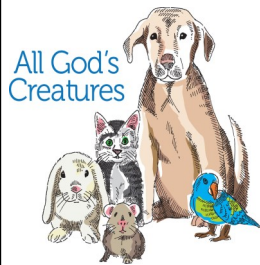
In the Parish

TRUNK OR TREAT:

There will be a trunk or treat event on



Saturday, October 28th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is open to the public, so invite your friends and family to join us in the church parking lot.



All God's Creatures

BLESSING OF PETS:

On Saturday, October 21st at 10 a.m.

there will be a blessing of pets. So bring your fur babies to the St. Therese parking lot to be blessed.

CCW BAKE SALE



October 21 & 22

RCIA: *RCIA meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room during the month of October. For more information, contact Dave McCune at dadcune@aol.com*

SCRIPTURE PROGRAM: *The Scripture Program meets on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the Parish hall. Contact Jean Chiaro for additional information.*

RENEW GROUP: *Renew will now be on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the Parish Office basement conference room. Contact Patty Wilson for more information.*

BIBLE STUDY: *Bible study has started their fall group on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the parish hall. Contact Maryellen McWilliams for further details.*

MASS INTENTIONS: *If you would like a mass intention, the parish office now has 2018 available, as well as the rest of this year. Book early in order to get the dates you want.*

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 10/08/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 10/09/16	Offertory Collection for September 2017	Offertory Collection for August 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,627.00	\$2,672.00	\$14,399.00	\$14,498.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week: \$791.00

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. 16: St. Hedwig;
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Tue., Oct. 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Wed., Oct. 18: St. Luke the Evangelist
Thu., Oct. 19: Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
Fri., Oct. 20: St. Paul of the Cross

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:
October 21-22, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: H. Bentz
A. Brown
P. Chase
Sunday: B. Hunt
O. Kuhens
L. McCune

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Haka
Sunday: B. Lauer

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA
Sunday: R. Dials
R. Keller
R. Keller

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Ferguson
D. McCarthy
Sunday: M. Gudino
J. Gudino

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Oct. 18: +Otis Borne by Joyce Borne
Thu., Oct. 19: Ron & Flo Schramm Intentions
Fri., Oct. 20: Louis Folcik by Sue Haese
Sat., Oct. 21: Maggie Adkins by Ron & Monica Spurlock
Sun., Oct. 22: +Tony Skeen by Chantal Milne

Announcements and Information

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



MINISTRY WEEKEND:

This year's weekend will be Nov. 4-5. Representatives of the major committees & organizations will be available after Masses to answer questions about parish activities & volunteer opportunities. Plan to enjoy refreshments & consider volunteering for one or more ministries for only a 1 year commitment.

SENIOR MOMENTS:

Thurs., Oct. 19, 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Los Caballeros.
Thurs., Nov. 2, 10 a.m. Breakfast at Shoney's
Please RSVP to Pandy at 865-659-6929

ORDER ADDITIONAL PARISH DIRECTORIES: Contact Olivia or the parish office if you would like to order any additional directories (\$10 each). They will be available soon.

WORLD MISSION 2ND COLLECTION:

There will be another 2nd collection for World Missions on Sat., Oct. 21 & Sun., Oct. 22nd. This collection supports the pastoral & evangelizing programs and needs of nearly 1200 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Funds are distributed in the Holy Father's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 Church offers adoration and benediction at 9:30 am Fridays



IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, 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 16: Yolanda Halouma

October 17: Raeann Bray

October 17: Regan Keller

October 19: Jenny Paynter

October 20: Magdalena Monterrat

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please contact the parish office.



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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!

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.

JOURNEY OF HOPE

A free Journey of Hope divorce support seminar is coming to your area! This Saturday workshop is a one day divorce healing seminar from 8 a.m.-3p.m. Deacon Walt Otey will present an overview of the Journey of Hope program based on the book "Divorced. Catholic. Now What?" Attendees will view DVD presentation The Voices of Hope, and participate in discussion to lead them through the struggles of divorce. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge to attend. Books will be available for sale. Purchase not required for seminar. Host parishes, dates & reservation contacts are: St. Dominic in Kingsport on Sat., Oct. 28, contact Paul Vachon at paul@ammatn.com & St. Alphonsus in Crossville on Sat., Nov. 11, contact Sara Carey at sara@stalonline.org,

MASS & REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS WITH BISHOP STIKA

The Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment has planned something special for all couples married in the Catholic Church and their families.

Three churches will host a Mass & luncheon honoring married couples. Couples will have an opportunity to reaffirm their vows and receive a blessing. Commemorative certificates will be distributed at the luncheon and a photo of each couple with Bishop Stika will be taken and mailed to your home. Masses are:

Sat., Nov. 11, 2017 at 11 a.m. Register by Nov. 2nd. Holy Spirit Church, 10768 Dayton Pike, Soddy Daisy Tn 37379

Sat., Feb. 10, 2018 at 11 a.m. Register by Feb. 1st. Immaculate Conception Church 414 W. Vine Avenue, Knoxville, Tn. 37902

To register and for more information, contact: Marian Christiana mchristiana@dioknox.org or 423-892-2310.

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!

Attend one or all. 6:30—8:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church.

Date Nights will be held on the following Saturdays: 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.