

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:

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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 want to begin my reflection this weekend by expressing my delight and appreciation to our Family and Parish Life co-chairs – Jennifer Brown and Deidra Hall – and all who helped in the organization and participation at our “Trunk or Treat” on Saturday. There seems to have been unprecedented participation! I believe we are all stirred by the central theme of today’s readings, principally to actively express our love for God by loving our neighbors.

In our First Reading from Exodus, we listen to an early reference to our Lord’s second greatest commandment – namely, love of one’s neighbor. Reminding the Israelites about their bondage in Egypt, the Lord especially underscores how that experience must predispose them to the love of the underprivileged, especially the widows and the aliens. For just as God protects them and repeatedly treats them kindly, so they are to protect and treat others with this same kindness.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul seems to pour out his heart upon these new Christians. He is filled with joy at hearing how they stand fast by their new faith and mutual love, pointing out that their faith seems to have bolstered the faith of other Christians even in nearby Macedonia and Achaia. Could this be an example for us? Can we be all about uplifting our neighbors?

In our Gospel today, Jesus seamlessly unites the two primary commandments to love God and one’s neighbor, which we know to be of supreme importance in the Christian life. When Jesus reminds these people of their intensely historical precept to ‘*love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,*’ it is to underline that this love must engage the whole person, his heart, soul, and mind. Loving our neighbor as ourselves hearkens back to that reading from Exodus, with the tough reminder that as God’s children we all bear God’s image, and to honor God’s image is to honor Him.

This means placing God’s will ahead of ours in all things, making that paramount in our lives. Every day we can acknowledge this love from God, this total dependence on Him, by keeping these commandments, offering many little prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and petition. The great sweeteners are those gifts of reading and meditating on Sacred Word, hearing the Sacred Tradition, staying true to the Magisterium, and accepting His invitation to join Him in the Sacrifice of the Most Holy Mass.

St. John says, “If anyone says I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20). Friends, we need to see God in everyone. Since we are all the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we can readily give expression to our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves them. How vital it is to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone without discrimination based on race, gender, age, social status, or personality. For me, the act of forgiveness makes me that much more aware of God’s love. We can express that love towards others through encouragement, selflessness, and praying quietly to God for their soul.

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

MINISTRY WEEKEND:

Stop by after Mass on Nov. 4-5 for refreshments and Ministry Weekend. Representatives of the major committees and organizations will be available to answer questions about activities and volunteer opportunities. Consider volunteering for one or more ministries for only a one-year commitment.

ALTAR SERVER MEETING:

11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 in the parish hall for all current altar servers and anyone interested in becoming an altar server. All current altar servers are required to attend. Pizza and drinks will be served.

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:

Please make plans to join us Nov. 4 & 5. Parishioners are asked to bring a small dish to share. This is also Ministry Weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS:

If you would like a Mass intention, the parish office has 2018 dates available as well as the rest of this year. Call now to get the dates you want.

APPRECIATIONS

For Trunk or Treat organization by Jennifer Brown, Deidra Hall, John Meersman and all the other volunteers who decorated their vehicles, brought candy, dressed up in costumes, and ran the different venues. Without our "family" it could not have been accomplished.

CCW FAMILY GAME

NIGHT: *Friday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Games for all ages, so bring the kids and friends. Hot dogs, sandwiches, chips & drinks will be provided. Families asked to bring your favorite sweet or dessert. Sign up in parish hall for a head count for food.*

Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays. It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.

— Pope Francis

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 10/22/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 10/23/16	Offertory Collection for September 2017	Offertory Collection for August 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,315.00	\$2,846.00	\$14,399.00	\$14,498.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$ 280.00

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:

Wed., Nov. 1: All Saints Day
Thu., Nov. 2: All Souls Day
Fri., Nov. 3: St. Martin de Porres
Sat., Nov. 4: St. Charles Borromeo

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

November 4-5, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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

Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman
J. Meersman
Sunday: J. Paynter
G. Paynter

Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz
Sunday: M. Lawrence
L. Lawrence
T. Gudino

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee
K. Lenz
Sunday: A. Yonce
E. Yonce

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed., Nov. 1: +Alijandro Eugenio by Thomas & Carmen Pemberton
Thu., Nov. 2: The Hunt Triplets by Brian & Betsy Hunt
Fri., Nov. 3: Stephanie Gross' Intention by Virginia Knowles
Sat., Nov. 4: +Emma Marquez by Annie Goodman

Announcements and Information

SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:

The Scripture Program meets at 7 p.m. Thursday nights in the parish hall. Contact Jean Chiaro or the parish office for additional information.

QUIET, PLEASE: *As you enter the parish hall for Mass, please be considerate of those already in church who may be praying by keeping the noise level low.*

NEW DIRECTORIES: *The new parish photo directories have arrived. Contact the parish office if you would like to order any additional directories (\$10 each).*

SENIOR MOMENTS: *We will be having breakfast at Shoney's at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2.*

Lunch at Golden Oak Grill Buffet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.

RSVP with Pandy at 865-659-6926.

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 TIMES

- **All Saints' Day** (Wednesday, Nov. 1) – 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mass at St. Therese
- **All Souls Day** (Thursday, Nov. 2) – 9 a.m. Mass at St. Therese
- **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, Nov. 23) – 9 a.m. Mass at St. Therese with small reception to follow with coffee and doughnuts provided by the CCW.

SOCIAL ACTION: *Will be collecting baby items thru the end of October.*

November begins the Toys for the Holiday Bureau and food drive for the holidays;

December starts with items for Senior Center Christmas Baskets, such as small hygiene items like shampoo, perfume, gloves, socks, scarves, and food items to fill out the baskets; with the Toys for the Holiday Bureau and food drive continuing to the middle of December.

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. All are welcome.



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, Alys-sa 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:

Oct. 31: Michelle McLean
Nov. 1: Jessa Asbell
Nov. 3: Maren Lin
Nov. 3: Nathan Lin
Nov. 3: Kathryn Lore
Nov. 4: Heather Job



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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!

FALL FAMILY JAM

Join Catholic Charities of East Tennessee on Saturday, Nov. 11th from 1 to 6 p.m. for an afternoon of live music, food, and family fun at the Stables at Hunter Valley Farms—to benefit our Children’s Services! Visit cctn.org for tickets and more information.

VETERAN’S MASS

November 12 at 9 a.m. Bishop Stika invites all veterans and those serving in the military to join him in celebrating a diocesan Veterans’ Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sun, Nov. 12 to honor and pray for all our veterans and those currently serving in the Armed Forces. Veterans & military members are encouraged to wear their uniforms, if they fit! More information contact Paul Simoneau, psimoneau@dioknox.org or 865-584-3307.

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. 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.