

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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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:

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Social Action: Connie Mikeal

Spiritual Life/Liturgy: 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,

Two Sundays back, when we observed our "ministry Sunday," it was most encouraging that several parishioners stepped forward to volunteer their talents for our parish. Contemplating this penultimate Sunday particularly as we near the liturgical end of Ordinary Time, and our yearly Thanksgiving as a nation, today's Liturgy of the Word reminds us of the end of all things, prompting us to prepare an account for all the talents God has given to us in this life. As we regard our talents, I think it is also good for us to reflect on the many rich ways we can celebrate our nation in thanksgiving.

The 'worthy wife' in the Book of Proverbs is a portrait of responsible readiness, demonstrating those God-given gifts with "the fear of the Lord," almost a Martha/Mary blend! The good St. Paul continues that thread in the Second Reading by advising the Thessalonians to 'stay awake and be sober', encouraging and uplifting each other as they wait for the "day of the Lord." We do not need to figure out *when* Jesus will return, but to live in such a reverent way that we may be ready at all times. It is our attitude and actions toward our neighbors that will be foremost, coupled with struggle and sacrifice. These are like arrows pointing us toward the Second Coming of Advent.

In praying with Matthew 24-25, Jesus relays a series of parables that portray different teachable qualities for the end of time. Our parable today of the prosperous man going on a journey and entrusting his property to three servants, "each according to his ability," is a reminder of the gifts God has given to each and every one of us. Have we used these gifts to benefit others, or have we hugged them to ourselves for fear of losing them (not unlike the third servant)? We even detect that the two servants' reward grew into greater intimacy, worthier safekeeping, and a sharing in their master's joy! Isn't this good reason to come and join our new members in sharing your talents with our faith community?

One of our greatest treasures is our ability to love! Each of us has been given this gift in conjunction with that abundant gift of Faith. Our responsibility as baptized Christians is not just to preserve and "keep" the Faith, but to promote and add value to our Faith by living it out in a way that can produce fruits to share with others. Above all, in that which we do and say, let us never forget the day of reckoning lies ahead, and to be ready to go out and meet Him like Zacchaeus did! Joyous Sunday and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sacraments

Baptism: By appointment. Please call the church office at least 4 weeks prior to desired baptism date.

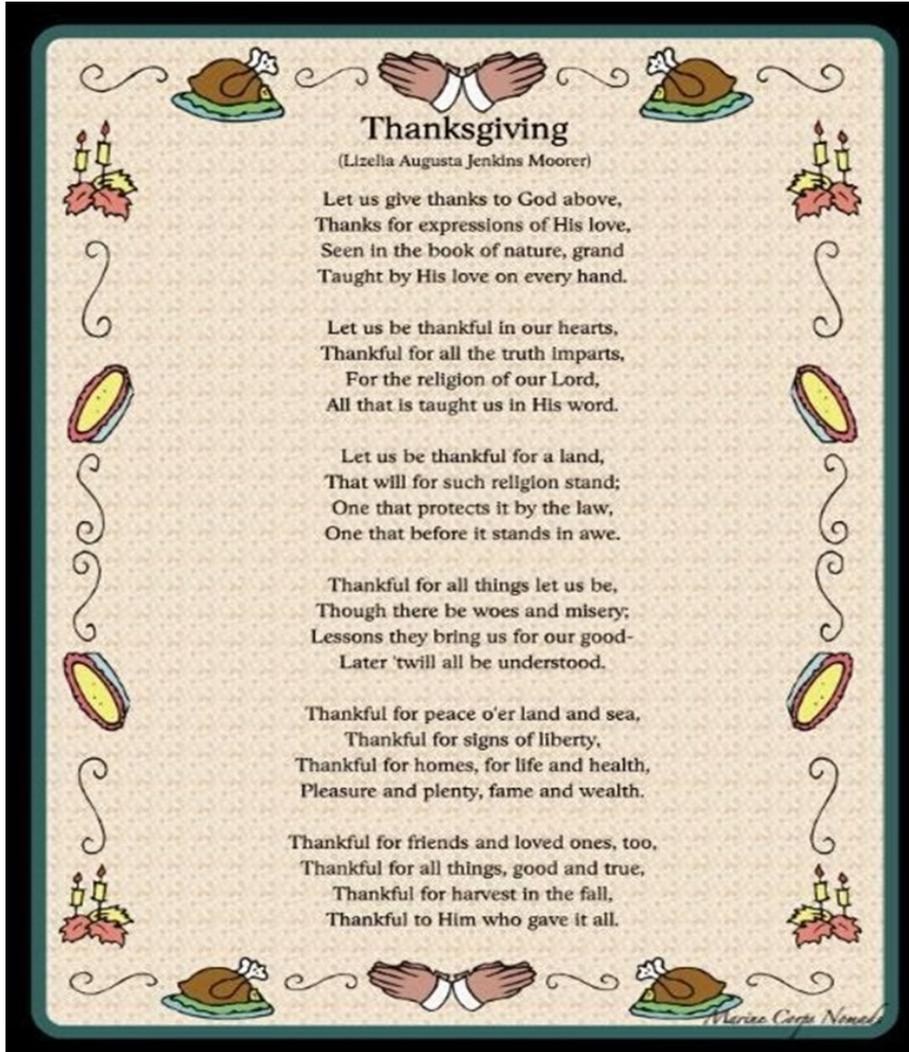
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Matrimony: A four-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

In the Parish

MASS TIMES

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.



WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 11/12/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 11/13/16	Offertory Collection for October 2017	Offertory Collection for September 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
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\$3,087.00	\$2,950.00	\$ 16,941.00	\$14,399.00	\$15,000.00
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BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$ 440.00

September 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Sept. 2017	Loan Sept. 2016
\$ 2,568.00	\$1,707.00	\$135.00	\$130,888.54	\$146,299.45

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tue., Nov. 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wed., Nov. 22: St. Cecilia

Thu., Nov. 23: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

Fri., Nov. 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

Sat., Nov. 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

MINISTRIES

SCHEDULE:

November 25-26, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: P. Chase
C. Converse
M. Haka

Sunday: C. Mikeal
D. Nall
B. Stephens

Lectors:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
Sunday: J. Pubillones

Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz
Sunday: R. Keller
R. Keller
A. Kuhens

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock
Sunday: P. Chiaro
B. Bonham

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed., Nov. 22: +Eleanor Hayes by Sue Haese

Fri., Nov. 24: +Lleno Burgos, Sr. by Larry & Zynthia Thomas

Sat., Nov. 25: Kathy Baker by Roy & Chris Converse

Announcements and Information

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"In the Eucharistic is all the power that created the universe and all the love that redeemed it!" - Msgr. Franklin Hurd (<http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/tes/quotes7.html>) St. Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.

WILLS & TRUSTS

Please remember your parish in your will or trust.

SENIOR MOMENTS

*Christmas Lunch at Harrison's at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7
RSVP with Pandy at 865-659-6926.*

COATS FOR THE COLD

The weather has already turned freezing and coats, scarves, hats, gloves are again needed for those less fortunate. Please look in your closets for any warm items that you can donate to this very needed cause. A box will be provided for your donations in the parish hall. Items will be accepted thru February 2018. Thank you.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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.

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.

SOCIAL ACTION

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;

Toys for the Holiday Bureau and food drive continuing to the middle of December.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Russell Haese, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron & Flo Schramm, 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:

Nov. 25: John Clevestine





Bishop Richard Stika



The Diocese of Knoxville News

From Bishop Stika: "Congratulations on a job well done!"

St. Therese has exceeded the 2017 Bishop's Appeal Goal!

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00 Total Committed: \$16,742.00

Collections to Date: \$14,130.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$0.00

DIVORCE SUPPORT

St. John Neumann Family & Parish Life is partnering with the Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment to offer Divorce Support.

Divorce & Beyond is a support group for Catholic men and women who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. You will find a safe environment to explore the myriad of feelings that divorce brings.

Join us as you experience hope and healing simply by listening and sharing experiences and insights with others. Divorce support helps you to understand what you are going through and learn from others who have gone through the same things. Divorce and Beyond will help to make divorce a growth experience.

We invite each one of you with a need for healing and help to move beyond separation and to participate in this 9-week Catholic-based program.

*Beginning Sunday, January 7 from 4:00-5:30 pm.
Meetings will be held at St. John Neumann parish.
Cost for supplies is \$15.00.*

For more information, contact your facilitator, Mary Coffey at 865-966-3237 or email mccoffey86@gmail.com.

To register, contact Marilyn Derbyshire, Family & Parish Life Ministry Coordinator, at 865-777-4312 or mderbysire@sjknnox.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.

One church is now left that 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., 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. "Date Night" 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 6:30—8:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church.

Date Night will be held on the Saturday, Dec. 2.

To register for this "Date Night" and/or to register for childcare, please contact Marian Christiana (Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment) at mchristiana@dioknox.org or 423-892-2310.

