

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
Sue Thais
Jean Chiaro
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

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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,

As ever, our world hungers for brilliant leaders who speak with authority, like our Lord Jesus in today's Gospel according to Mark. Accordingly, this weekend's collective readings are centered on the keys of Divine Authority both within the Old Testament and through the early Church life and ministry of Our Lord.

In our First Mosaic Reading this weekend from Deuteronomy, "a prophet like me" is understood in a messianic sense, one who would come for the peoples' deliverance. New Testament scholars believe this passage is chosen for today's first reading because it refers to Jesus, the "preacher with authority." We also observe in the Second Reading how St. Paul exercises his God-given authority as the *Apostle to the Gentiles* sent to re-educate the people in Corinth that marriage is indeed a holy state ordained by God and that it is a life-long partnership according to the teaching of the Lord.

In our Gospel, Mark describes one model Sabbath day in Jesus' early public life. We see our Lord enter the Synagogue as a practicing Jew yet with wondrous teaching authority. He drives out an evil spirit and with this exorcism displays an influence over the invisible world as much as over the visible one. People immediately notice Jesus' divine command as he explains the scriptures with ease and confidence, using his authority to motivate, liberate, and heal. As we too are in awe of Jesus' authority especially in these days, can we approach him with trusting faith, recognizing him as sovereign of our lives?

We can and must inwardly look to Him so that He may free us from those "unclean spirits" that keep us from praying, loving, and sharing. Perhaps we need to identify the destructive evils of intolerance and discrimination: jealousy, addictions, selfishness, anger, resentment, arrogance and hostility. May we turn to the power and teaching of Jesus in faith and humbly ask him to set us free us from the imprisonment that renders us deaf, dumb, blind, lame, and paralyzed, physically and spiritually. Amen. Joyous Weekend!

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

“One Church for One Another” *The Bishop’s Appeal 2018 begins with a mailing that many of you have received or will soon receive. This is from Bishop Stika asking for a generous pledge to this year’s Appeal. Your gifts not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Knoxville, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has blessed us abundantly with all we have. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and Diocese. Our parish goal is \$13,000.00 with your support we can reach and exceed this goal. Thank you in advance for your support.*

CCW MEETING on Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall will be to discuss the upcoming Mardi Gras Party and other items. As always, treats are welcome.

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP will be on Feb. 3 & 4th. Some parishioners are asking that it be more of a pot luck meal than just finger foods. Let Jean Chiaro have your thoughts and opinions about this change.

SENIOR MOMENTS: will be meeting at Shoney’s on Feb. 1st and at Austin Steak House on Feb. 15th. Please RSVP to Martha at 865-494-8530.

Old Palms: Please bring your old palms from last year back to the church so they can be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Last day to bring in palms is Monday, February 12th. Thank you.

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

| Offertory Collection Last Week 1/21/18 | Offertory Collection Last Year 1/22/17 | Offertory Collection for December 2017 | Offertory Collection for November 2017 | Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17 |
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| \$2,764.00 | \$2,057.00 | \$ 18,165.00 | \$10,581.00 | \$15,000.00 |

BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$ 490.00

| November 2017 | Budget | +/- Month | Loan Nov. 2017 | Loan Nov. 2016 |
|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| \$ 945.00 | \$1,707.00 | -\$762.00 | \$128,240.66 | \$143,625.51 |

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:
 Wed., Jan. 31: St. John Bosco
 Fri., Feb. 02: The Presentation of the Lord:
 Sat., Feb. 3: St. Blasé; St. Ansgar:

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

February 3-4, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: H. Bentz
 S. Bieleski
 A. Brown
 Sunday: J. Anderson
 J. Pubillones
 D. Terheyden

Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman
 J. Meersman
 Sunday: B. Lauer

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
 S. Helus
 Sunday: R. Dials
 R. Keller
 R. Keller

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
 R. Spurlock
 Sunday: E. Clevestine
 J. Clevestine

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., Jan. 27: For the Sick of the Parish by Ron & Monica Spurlock
 Sun., Jan. 28: +Phyllis Rolph by Pat Gambrell
 Wed., Jan. 31: +Mel Chase
 Thu., Feb. 01: Bill Brede by Sue Haese
 Fri., Feb. 02: +April Gillies by Anthony & Patricia Papa

Announcements and Information

ST. THERESE MARDI GRAS PARTY will be held on Saturday, February 10, after the 5 p.m. mass. Prepare for the upcoming Lenten Season with a Mardi Gras Party reflecting the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten Season. More

PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY NEEDED: Secretary will work directly with Fr. Julius & parish groups. Duties include, but not limited to: receptionist, develop documents, mail, email, update website, phones, etc. Must have high school diploma & 5 years secretarial experience. Strong knowledge of Microsoft Office, familiar with or ability to learn Diocese of Knoxville policies, PDS Church Office, maintain confidentiality, planning & organization, time management, interpersonal skills, attention to detail. Hours: Mon.-Thur., 8:30-2:30 with 30 minute unpaid lunch. Contact Fr. Julius at the parish office 457-4073 or send comprehensive bio to frjabuh@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners, Given the severity of the flu virus this season, I as your pastor, and after some consultations, am implementing the following measures:

1. Regular Communion under both species is suspended until March, 2018. However, I might be providing one cup for those who wish to continue to receive under both species.
2. No holding of hands during the Our Father
3. Use caution during the sign of peace if you think you or family members may have been exposed to the flu virus already.

Fr. Julius

“When the shepherds and Magi came to adore Him, they brought Him so much joy with their humble visit to Bethlehem that their visit has been praised and retold down through the centuries. God has never stopped honoring them for honoring His Son in Bethlehem. So too, your humble visit to Jesus today, in the Blessed Sacrament, brings Him so much joy that it will be retold for all eternity, and bring the world closer to His promise of peace on earth.”
(Fr. Martin Lucia, SS.CC, Rosary Meditations from Mother Teresa of Calcutta, p20) Saint Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Russell Haese, 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, Zach Gillies, 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:

Jan. 29: Phillip Nall
Jan. 31: Aimee Shelly
Feb. 01: Robert Morin
Feb. 02: Maristel Abenir
Feb. 02: Karah Godfrey
Feb. 02: Lydia Hatmaker



Bishop Richard Steika



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SAVE THE DATE: *St. Joseph School* will be hosting our 19th Annual MARDI GRAS fundraising event on **Saturday, February 24th**, from **6:00-11:00pm** in the **French Quarter** (aka SJS Gym & Performing Arts Center). Come and enjoy a fabulous dinner buffet (provided by **Wilson Catering**), silent & live auction, music, dancing & lighting provided by the award winning **Ogle Entertainment**, and have fun with opportunities to win over **\$3,000** in **Door Prizes**. Some of the Door Prizes will include **\$2,000 worth of tuition** giveaways (good for Saint Joseph School or Catholic High School), a **CASH** giveaway, & a year's supply of **Chop House restaurant gift cards**, among other prizes.



PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND: Extended deposit deadline March 20, 2018. Come join Pope Francis in Dublin, Ireland, for the World Meeting of Families and then tour the Emerald Isle, the Land of Saints and Scholars, with Fr. Mike Nolan as our spiritual guide. This pilgrimage is sponsored by the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment. We leave August 21st and return on September 1st. The itinerary includes a mass with Pope Francis and visits to many holy and beautiful sites such as Glendalough, the Rock of Cashel, the Cliffs of Moher and Our Lady of knock shrine just to name a few. Mass will be offered daily. For a full description of the itinerary, please go to <https://dioknox.org/marriage-preparation-and-enrichment/> or contact Marian Christiana at 423-892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org

RETRouvaille WEEKEND: You Can Help Your Marriage— 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it 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 March 2-4, 2018, call 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631, email nrv3043@gmail.com or visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

An Emerald Occasion

March 22, 2018

The Knoxville Marriott

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