

## 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:**  
John Meersman, Chair  
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**Committee Chairpersons:**  
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**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune  
**RCIA:** Dave McCune 865-457-5015  
**Religious Ed:** Amanda Dials, Julie Keller  
**Social Action:** Connie Mikeal

## 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 past Wednesday, all those who made it to Holy Mass were signed with ashes. As always, Ash Wednesday begins the forty days of prayers, alms-giving, and fasting chiefly in preparation for the Resurrection of Our Lord. The Church is leading her children to "metanoia" (Greek for repentance), urging the re-ordering of our priorities, challenging our values, ideals and ambitions through fasting, prayer and self-control.

The First Reading reveals how the merciful God selects Noah and his family to establish the Covenant. Not unlike Noah's striking rescue from the flood, we too are immersed in waters of Baptism, cleansing us of sin and fusing us with Christ. In this somewhat obscure Second Reading from St. Peter, we the faithful are encouraged to endure persecution for the purpose of bringing us nearer to God. Our Psalm enjoins us to be guided by our Lords' paths, which are narrow and known by few.

Contemplating St. Mark's stark simplicity, this Gospel account occurs immediately after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. We follow and track our Lord as He faces and defeats the tempter. His forty days of prayer and fasting usher in the onset of Jesus' Messianic mission. "The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." These powerful words spoken by the priest on Ash Wednesday call directly to us. Carving out those quiet moments to additional penance and prayer can help us assess our relationships with family, friends, working colleagues and also our parish community.

To enrich our Lent, let us review ways to make this a time of interior conversion. Consider any of these gentle invitations towards spiritual growth and Christian maturity: a) participate in daily Mass when possible, b) set aside some part of the day for personal prayer, c) read some scripture alone or better still, with others, d) set aside some money we might otherwise spend on ourselves for meals or various superfluous habits and donate it to a charity, e) abstain from some bad and difficult addictions, f) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, g) participate in the 'Stations of the Cross' on Fridays, h) visit the sick or those in nursing homes, i) commit to doing an act of charity, kindness or mercy at least once a day. Above all, may I strongly recommend spending at least one hour with our Lord weekly. No time is ours; all time belongs to Him! He is the source of our strength.

Holy Lenten Season!

## 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

**OFFICE CLOSED:** *The parish office will be closed on Mon., Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents' Day. It will reopen 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.*

**ROSARY RECITATION:** *Join Chantal Milne in saying the rosary at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday of Lent beginning Feb. 18. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.*



**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** *This weekend (17/18) for the Black and Indian missions. Your donations help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the U.S.*

**CCW** will have Christine White from Catholic Charities come speak about opportunities to serve and be served in the Diocese. The talk will be on Tues. Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm. CCW will have a short meeting afterwards.

**RENEW:** *This group meets weekly at 10:30 Friday mornings in the parish hall.*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

*6:30 p.m. Fridays  
during Lent:*

- **Feb. 23:** Parish Council
- **March 2:** CCW
- **March 9:** RCIA
- **March 16:** CCD
- **March 23:** Spiritual Life
- **March 30:** (Good Friday) Fr. Julius

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Jared Hall & Jason Lawrence who stayed after the Mardi Gras party to clean up. Our CCW ladies were wiped out after all their preparations for the event.

*St. Therese received a note from our former parish secretary, **Virginia Knowles**, reporting that she is settled in and happy to be back with family and friends in Savannah, Georgia. She conveyed her thanks to everyone who contributed so generously and to those who attended and prepared food for her reception.*

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Chair of St. Peter

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 24-25, 2018

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
R. Spurlock  
H. Bentz

Sunday: G. Paynter  
J. Pubillones  
B. Stephens

#### Lectors:

Saturday: A. Brown  
Sunday: P. Chiaro

#### Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus  
S. Helus

Sunday: K. Godfrey  
S. Godfrey  
A. Powers

#### Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee  
K. Lenz

Sunday: A. Yonce  
E. Yonce

#### Cantor:

Saturday: Debbie  
Sunday: Beth

#### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat., Feb. 17:** +Vincent Ruggers by Sue Haese

**Sun., Feb. 18:** +Cindy McConkey-Cox by Molly Landmesser

**Wed., Feb. 21:** +Fr. Paul Krebs by Fr. Julius

**Thurs., Feb. 22:** Marian Rindos by the Landmesser Family

**Fri., Feb. 23:** +Robert Hulings by Maureen McMyler

**Sat., Feb. 17:** +Maggie Adkins by Fr. Julius

*Please contact the parish office if you would like a Mass intention in honor of or in memory of or for a special occasion.*

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 02/11/18	Offertory Collection Last Year 02/12/17	Offertory Collection for January 2017	Offertory Collection for December 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,211.00	\$3,002.00	\$13,447.00	\$18,165.00	\$15,000.00

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$490.00

December 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Dec. 2017	Loan Dec. 2016
\$1,492.00	\$1,707.00	-\$215.00	\$125,637.80	\$141,022.63

## Announcements and Information

**FLU SEASON:** Due to the flu outbreak and strong recommendations from area health officials, Bishop Stika is directing all parishes in the Diocese of Knoxville to suspend the distribution of the "precious blood" at Holy Communion until further notice. Also, no physical contact should be made in church during the exchange of the sign of peace. Thank you!

**POVERTY MEAL:** Thanks to all who made it a great success! A good time was had by all and we raised \$150 for our Needy Fund.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Want a closer read of the Bible? Join this group at 10 a.m. Tuesdays in the parish hall. All are welcome to be part of these weekly discussions.

**SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:** All are invited to attend the Scripture program, which meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the parish hall.

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY:** We have a grief support ministry to visit the sick and be with the dying and help those who are grieving. Call the parish office or Joanne Anderson (865-809-1837) if you would like to join this support group.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** The Bishop's Appeal, "One Church for One Another," has begun. Please be generous. **Our goal is \$13,000.00.** With your support, we can reach this.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Noon Sunday, Feb. 18:** Spiritual Life
- **6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19:** RCIA
- **6:30 p.m. Wednesday** Short CCW Meeting after BINGO

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT** is 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Friday after the 9 a.m. daily Mass. Consider increasing your prayer life this Lenten season by spending an hour with our Lord. **How one soul coming before the Blessed Sacrament can change the world:** "One day before her holy hour, Jesus showed [Blessed] Dina Belanger a multitude of souls on the precipice of hell. After her holy hour, Jesus showed her the same souls in the hands of God. He told her that through holy hours of prayer a multitude of souls go to heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell as one person can make up for what is lacking in the lives of others...Eucharistic Adoration is the outpouring of God's Divine Mercy on the world!"

<http://www.therrealpresence.org/eucharst/tes/quotes10.html>

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Sunday School will have a Pajama Party at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21.
- Fr. Bill Kiel will be coming to St. Therese for his annual healing services after Masses on Mon. April 16 & Tues., April 17, at 7 pm each day.

### 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 and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, Patricia 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:

**FEB 19:** Sarah Godfrey, Mary Ellen McWilliams, Laurel Ravenstahl, Cheryl Scott  
**FEB 23:** Susan Haese  
**FEB 24:** Jonathan Boswell

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





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## The Diocese of Knoxville News

• **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EAST TENNESSEE** has immediate job openings in the East Tennessee area including Columbus Home (Knoxville) full-time Youth Care Specialists, Bi-lingual Counselor (Chattanooga), full-time Residential Living Assistants at Samaritan Place (Knoxville), and a part-time Program Leader for the Pregnancy Help Center (Lafollette). For more information, please visit the CCETN website at: [www.ccetn.org](http://www.ccetn.org) under the "Jobs" tab.

• **MARDI GRAS:** St. Joseph School will be hosting its 19th Annual Mardi Gras fundraising event 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, in the French Quarter (SJS Gym & Performing Arts Center). There will be a dinner buffet provided by Wilson Catering, silent and live auction, door prizes, music, and dancing provided by Ogle Entertainment. Door prizes include \$2,000 worth of tuition giveaways (good for Saint Joseph School or Catholic High School), a cash giveaway, and a year's supply of Chop House restaurant gift cards, among other prizes.

• **WOMEN OF VIRTUE RETREAT:** Please join Sister Anna Marie McGuan, RSM, Director of the Office of Christian Formation, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at All Saints Church, 620 N. Cedar Bluff Road in Knoxville for a day of prayer and reflection on feminine models of virtue in Sacred Scripture. The day will open with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard F. Stika. This retreat is free of charge. Breakfast and lunch included. Please RSVP to reserve your place. Go to "Events" at [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org) to register. For questions, contact Sister Anna Marie at [srannamarie@dioknox.org](mailto:srannamarie@dioknox.org).

• **FULTON SHEEN SOCIETY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AND COUPLES:** For all families and couples in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Join us 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Matt and Christine Blair's house, 3701 Garden Drive in Knoxville to hear guest speaker Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM, speak on the Gospel of Mark, Part II. Matt and Christine Blair offer a monthly meeting at their home for families and couples who are interested in learning more about their faith and getting to know other families in the parish. The meetings are always 6-8 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month with a guest speaker who provides spiritual education on a particular topic. The talks are followed by food and fellowship. Free childcare is provided during the talk. Contact Christine at [christine.h.blair@gmail.com](mailto:christine.h.blair@gmail.com) or (865) 356-2017 if you are interested in learning more about this group.

• **YOUNG WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT:** Who am I? Who has God created me to be? The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia and University of Tennessee Vol/Catholic Sisters present this retreat March 2-4 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Lenoir City to help girls in grades 9-12 nurture their relationship with Christ and turn to Him for answers. \$40 registration fee. Register by Feb. 21. Visit [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org) under "Events" for forms and more information.



### 'COME BACK TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART'

In his message for the upcoming Lenten season, Pope Francis urged people to renew their enthusiasm for the faith, using this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as an opportunity to stoke the flame of charity in their heart.



"Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer," the Pope said in his message.

• **A CONVERSATION WITH THE CARDINALS:** His Eminence Cardinal Dziwisz, who served as Pope St. John Paul's personal secretary for 40 years, will recount and reflect on one of the most dramatic moments in world history when he joins Bishop Stika and three other prominent Catholic prelates for *Conversation with the Cardinals* to discuss the assassination attempt on the pope in 1981 and his eyewitness account that day. The event, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at the new Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, is free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.dioknox.org](http://www.dioknox.org).

• **AN EMERALD O'CCASION:** The 33rd annual Catholic Charities dinner "An Emerald O'ccasion," will be 5 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at The Knoxville Marriott (501 E. Hill Avenue). The evening will include the presentation of the 7th annual "Creating Hope" award to a deserving individual or organization for their outstanding service to Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Valie Smith Collins will be the featured speaker. To register or for more information, visit [ccetn.org](http://ccetn.org) or call Ashley Pacilio at 865-963-4727.

• **HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE: MODEL & GUIDE FOR WOMEN TODAY:** 2018 Women's Convention. All are welcome! April 12-14, 2018 Sponsored by the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, St. Stephen Catholic Church, Chattanooga, TN Deadline for early bird registration fast approaching, Sign-up by March 17 for early bird registration. For more information and registration materials, visit us at [www.kdcccw.org](http://www.kdcccw.org)

• **PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND:** The deposit deadline for this trip has been extended to March 20. For a full description of the itinerary, contact Marian Christiana at 423-892-2310 or [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) or visit <https://dioknox.org/marriage-preparation-and-enrichment/>.