

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:

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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,

On this second Sunday of Lent, it is no coincidence that the valleys and hills of the Liturgy become a metaphor for our Lenten journey. Moving us from last Sunday's desert experience into the "mountain of transformation," today's Feast of Transfiguration especially invites us to pray and work through the Divine Spirit; a summons to transform our own lives during this holy season.

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis presents the ultimate sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. God puts Abraham's faith to the test; how fortuitous that God passes him in his willingness to even return to God what God gave him: his only son Isaac. As recompense, God magnifies his blessings: "I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies..." It is from this very reading that I am frequently reminded of the tears in my mother's eyes when I finally decided to become a priest. Traditionally, the first born [myself] should marry and look after the younger ones until they can fend for themselves. But with great discernment I chose to serve God. Today like Abraham, my parents are gratified that they allowed me to answer the call from God. The liturgy of the Second Reading likens the sacrifice of Abraham to that of God offering his only begotten Son for the sin of the world. We, too, are thus drawn into reflecting upon what we are sacrificing during these weeks of grace.

Today's Gospel reading, the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, provides us with one of the most magnetic and captivating windows into the Divine! Scripture scholars speculate that Moses and Elijah were probably discussing "the exodus" that Jesus will undertake before reaching the "Promised land," passing through the most horrific suffering. But today on this mountain, Jesus is revealed in his divinity as a most glorious figure, far greater than Moses and Elijah. No doubt it was a radical and transforming moment for the Apostles to behold the ineffable light! In seeing what was concealed beneath our Lord's fleshly exterior, Peter could say, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" It is always amazing to be in the presence of the Lord and, like Peter, not want to let go of it.

Our dear Bishop F. Sheen frequently repeated, "There can be no Easter Sunday without Good Friday." Thus the experience of the Transfiguration can be a lesson to Christians that suffering is a necessary part of the journey, but it is not the terminus. The key is not to get discouraged or scandalize. Rather, keep the faith and pray for the strength, because we are all created for the "Promised land."

Blessed Lent!

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

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP: *Please make plans to join us next Saturday (March 3) after Mass for First Weekend Fellowship. If no one signs up to host Sunday (March 4), there will be no gathering after that Mass. Hosts are in charge of setting up and getting drinks. All charges can be reimbursed if you submit your receipts to the office.*

2018 MASS INTENTIONS: *We now have a form for requesting Mass intentions. If you wish to have Mass said for a loved one, please pick up a blue form from the sign-up table in the parish hall and follow the instructions.*

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.*

HOLY THURSDAY: *At the Mass of the Last Supper (7 p.m. March 29), Fr. Julius will wash the feet of twelve parishioners. If you are interested in being one of those twelve, please add your name to the*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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

- **Feb. 23:** Parish Council
- **March 2:** CCW (Mary's Way of the Cross)
- **March 9:** RCIA
- **March 16:** CCD (for children and adults)
- **March 23:** Spiritual Life (with musical presentation by the choir)
- **March 30:** (Good Friday) Fr. Julius

list on the sign-up tables in the parish hall.

ALTAR SERVERS: *A training session will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, specifically for those serving at any Mass during Holy Week. Lunch will be provided.*

EASTER FLOWERS: *Donations for Easter flowers to beautify our church may be made with the envelopes provided on the sign-up tables in the parish hall. The last day to donate in honor of or in memory of a loved one is Palm Sunday (March 25).*

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.

March 3: Katharine Drexel, founder of Xavier University in New Orleans

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

March 3-4, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: A. Brown
P. Chase

Sunday: J. Anderson
J. Chiaro
P. Chiaro

Lectors:

Saturday: C. Hundley

Sunday: J. Pubillones

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBD

Sunday: B. Milne
C. Milne
R. Dials

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock

Sunday: L. Albrecht
T. Albrecht

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson

Sunday: M. Tuskan, Choir

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz

Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., Feb. 24: +Maggie Adkins
by Fr. Julius

Sun., Feb. 25: +Florence O'Bryant,
by Pat Gambrell

Wed., Feb. 28: +Anthony Pagan,
by Maureen McMyler

Thurs., March 1: +Vincent Rugers,
by Sue Haese

Fri., March 2: +Kathleen Bodkin,
by Maureen McMyler

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 02/18/18	Offertory Collection Last Year 02/19/17	Offertory Collection for January 2018	Offertory Collection for December 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$xxxxxxxx	\$xxxxxxx	\$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

SIGN-UP TABLES: *As a testament to the active ministry life at St. Therese, the numerous sign-up sheets for all groups and parish events have been organized onto two tables, and there is something for everyone. Please visit the tables and consider signing up to help or participate in scheduled events.*

SPECIAL SCRIPTURE CLASS: *For one weekend only (March 10-11), the Thursday night Scripture Study Team will be leading a free class titled "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass." The two-day session will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 11. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the parish hall at one of the sign-up tables. If you have any questions, please contact Pete or Jean Chiaro at (865) 742-5137.*

CHOIR PRACTICE: *If you are interested in singing at any Mass during Lent, Holy Week, or on Easter, then join our musicians. Practice will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday beginning Feb. 28.*

PENANCE SERVICE: *A joint penance service will be held at St. Joseph Church for both parishes at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 19.*

CCW RETREAT: *Members of the CCW are considering a group retreat to Casa Maria Convent and Retreat House on July 20-22, in Ironwood, Ala. For women of the parish interested in attending, an informational meeting will be held after Masses on March 3 and 4.*

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.*

EASTER EGG HUNT: *The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 1. The event is open to all children, grandchildren nieces, nephews, and friends age 10 and younger. Stop by the sign-up tables in the parish hall to see how you can help by donating toward the egg hunt or small reception after Mass.*

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services, March 10-11. Your donations help provide food for the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and relief for struggling communities.
- Fr. Bill Kiel will be coming to St. Therese for his annual healing services after Masses on Monday, April 16, and Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. each day.
- State of the Parish: Father will deliver his annual speech on May 2.

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.



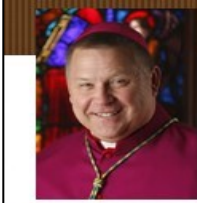
***Names are added and taken off both **In Your Prayers** and **Remember Our Military** lists on a monthly basis. If you would like a name re-added, please call the office to resubmit the name for another month. Thank you.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Feb. 25: Jean Meersman
Feb. 27: Becky Hatmaker
Feb. 28: Donald Wrasman
March 1: Carl von Buelow
March 3: Victoria McCarthy

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 under the "Jobs" tab.

- **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 under "Events" for forms and more information.

- **RETRouvaille WEEKEND:** Twenty-five percent of surveyed couples say they are happily married. For everyone else, there is Retrouvaille, which helps couples rebuild their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on March 2-4, call 800-470-2230 or 615-523-0631, email nrv3043@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

- **DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** The dedication Mass for the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and its altar at 711 S. Northshore Drive is fast approaching. Final vespers service and the transfer of relics will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at the original cathedral. There will be a vigil with the relics at the new cathedral at 7 p.m. Friday, March 2. Both events are open to the public and require no ticket. The Mass of Dedication at the new cathedral is noon Saturday, March 3, and a ticket is required for admission that day. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., when the Cultural Ensembles will begin and perform until 11:30. The Diocesan Choir begins at 11:30, and the Mass of Dedication starts at noon, Bishop Stika presiding.

- **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.

- **FAMILIES ON FIRE:** Are you looking for a way to live your faith in a deeper way? Gather every second Sunday of the month with fellow Catholic families shortly after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Neumann, 625 St. John Ct., Farragut. This month's meeting is noon-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. Potluck starts at noon in the St. John Neumann school cafeteria followed by an activity. This month it is Family Holy Hour with Evangelizing Sisters of Mercy. Please RSVP to Adline Letizia at adeline.letizia@gmail.com or call 865-405-8832.

- **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. Join Pope Francis in Dublin, Ireland, for the World Meeting of Families and then tour the Emerald Isle and the Land of Saints and Scholars with Fr. Mike Nolan. Departure is Aug. 21, and return is Sept. 1. The itinerary includes a Mass with Pope Francis and visits to many holy sites such as Glendalough, the Rock of Cashel, the Cliffs of Moher and Our Lady of Knock Shrine. Mass will be offered daily.



- **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. Vallie Smith Collins will be the featured speaker. To register or for more information, visit ccetn.org or call Ashley Pacilio at 865-963-4727.

- **HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE: MODEL AND GUIDE FOR WOMEN TODAY:** All are welcome to the 2018 Women's Convention on April 12-14. This event is sponsored by the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and will be at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Chattanooga. Sign-up by March 17 for early bird registration. For more information and registration materials, visit us at www.kdccb.org.