

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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Communications: Olivia Kuhens
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Parish Plant: Dave McCune
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Religious Ed: Amanda Dials, Julie Keller
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,

On this Third Lenten Sunday, our liturgy inspires us to further our Covenant agreement with Jesus by becoming the people of the *New Covenant*. Just this weekend, we've witnessed a prototype in the dedication of the new Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Bishop Stika in Knoxville. This worship space supports our spiritual growth as it is an example of pure dedication and place of encounter with the Living God. Hopefully all of us will have an opportunity to receive The Body of Christ in this new and holy house of worship.

Our First Reading from the Book of Exodus reminds us that the Ten Commandments are the backbone of our personal and spiritual life, just as they formed a rule of life for the Israelites. According to the Council Fathers, we become the *New Israelites* through Baptism. With our Second Reading, St. Paul reminds both us and the young Church in Corinth how neither signs nor reason can equate with the power and wisdom of God.

In today's Gospel, we see another dimension of Christian love in Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple from the dishonest money-changers. Unlike the ancient Israelites, Jesus addresses the abuse of His Father's Temple, how it had been turned into a "noisy market place" by the animal merchants and a "hideout of thieves" by the money changers. The mission of a temple is clear – a place of prayer and uniting with God. In this moment, an amazing inauguration was to occur, that Jesus would now become the New Temple.

Since our Lenten penances are intended to please God, it is with great reverence for our Church that we recognize our Lord's physical indwelling. Out of this relationship with God comes mutual love, respect, and a desire for one another's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. We do not come to the Church with a business mind but with a mind to love and serve God, allowing His Body and Blood to transform us.

The temple cleansing by Jesus confirms St. Paul's admonition that we are God's temples because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by acts of laziness, ungratefulness, and impurity. Let us cleanse it by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, using the many windows of opportunity I have opened for confessions during this Lenten season. Our general confessions are 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, at St. Joseph in Norris, but between now and then, feel free to make any appointment with me. With Confession, we see yet one more way to remove any obstacles to making our Church a holier place.

Happy 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

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP: *Thank you to Jackie and Henry Bentz and Dave and Linda McCune for hosting First Weekend Fellowship on Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in being a host for this important ministry, sign up on the list next to the kitchen.*

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

6:30 p.m. Fridays during Lent:

- **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

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

Weds., March 7: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

Thurs., March 8: St. John of God

Fri., March 9: St. Frances of Rome

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

March 10-11, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: C. Converse
M. Haka.
B. Hatmaker

Sunday: B. Bonham
O. Kuhens
D. Terheyden

Lectors:

Saturday: T. Ferguson

Sunday: T. Papa

Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz

Sunday: A. Kuhens
J. Thais
S. Thais

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Ferguson
D. McCarthy

Sunday: K. Stewart
C. Tucker

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Weds., March 7: +Andrew Rindos, Jr. by the Landmesser family

Thurs., March 8: +Alice von Buelow by Anna von Buelow

Fri., March 9: +Thelma Czarnecki by Zynthea Thomas

Sat., March 10: +Thelma Czarnecki by Stan and Becky Hatmaker

Sun., March 11: Michael Korrell by Doris and Joanne Korrell

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offerory Collection Last Week 02/25/18	Offerory Collection Last Year 02/26/17	Offerory Collection for February 2018	Offerory Collection for February 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,615.00	\$3,291.00	\$12,418.00	\$13,666.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$490.00

January 2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Jan. 2017	Loan Jan. 2018
\$1,178.00	\$1,707.00	-\$529.00	\$139,778.80	\$124,333.25

Announcements and Information

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

SPECIAL SCRIPTURE CLASS: *Next weekend (March 10-11), the Thurs. 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 Sat., March 10, and 1-3 p.m. Sun., March 11. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the parish hall. Questions? Please contact Pete or Jean Chiaro at 742-5137.*

SECOND COLLECTION: *The second collection next weekend (March 10-11) is for Catholic Relief Services. Your generous donations provide funds for the relief work of refugee and immigration groups.*

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 Wed.*

REMINDER: *Next weekend is Daylight*



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT *is 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Fri. after the 9 a.m. daily Mass.*

"Through [Eucharistic] adoration, the Christian contributes mysteriously to the radical transformation of the world and to the germination of the gospel." -Pope John Paul II, "Letter to the Bishop of Liège", 1996

BISHOP'S APPEAL: *The Bishop's Appeal, "One Church for One Another," continues through March. 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 Mon., April 16, and Tues., April 17, at 7 p.m. 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, 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.

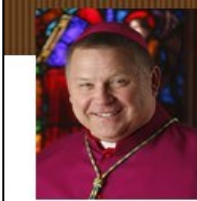


***Names are added and taken off both **In Your Prayers** and **Remember Our Military** lists on a monthly basis. If you would like a name re-added, please call the office to resubmit the name for another month. Thank you.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

March 4: Sherrie Zaring
March 6: Joanne Anderson
Evelyn Collopy
Amanda Dials
March 7: Rory Brewer
March 8: Lorene Daniels
Reagan Hunt
March 9: Pat Nageotte
Ruth Zenner





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• **NUEVO PROGRAMA CATOLICO EN LA RADIO:** Escucha el programa del Padre Julián Cardona “Creciendo Juntos en nuestra Fe Católica” en la estación WKZX 93.5 FM todos los domingos a las 8 a.m. en Knoxville, Lenoir City, Oak Ridge, New Market, Alcoa, Loudon, Madisonville, Harriman, Crossville, Philadelphia y Norris. Llame al 637-4769 y deje su pregunta para que el Padre Julián la responda durante la programa. También lo puede escuchar por internet.

• **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.

• **HOLD ME TIGHT WORKSHOP:** This 2-day workshop (10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 17, and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, March 18) at St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Cleveland, Tenn., is a positive, research-based program for all married couples that want to strengthen and deepen their relationship and for pre-marital couples that want to prepare and learn how to make love last for a lifetime. You will take home tools that you can keep using in your relationship. The workshop will be facilitated by Lee University’s Marriage and Family Therapy Interns. Cost is \$30. Preregistration is required by Saturday, March 10. Contact Alicia Bradshaw at abrads02@leeu.edu or 423-299-3688 to register or for more information.

• **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 cctn.org or call Ashley Pacilio at 865-963-4727.

• **TEA WITH THE RELIGIOUS SISTERS OF MERCY:** All young women 18 and older are invited to a mid-morning tea with the Religious Sisters of Mercy on Saturday, March 24, from 10:45 a.m.-noon at Mary, Mother of Mercy Convent, 6832 S. Northshore Drive in Knoxville. Please RSVP to Erica Pereira at epereira@dioknox.org or 865-584-3307.

• **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.kdccw.org.

• **FIAT RETREAT:** The Diocese of Knoxville invites all young adults (18 and older) to the Fiat Retreat, which focuses on the topics of discernment and vocation. What is the Lord calling you to do with your life? How will you respond? Will you be able to respond like Mary and give your Fiat: “May it be done to me according to Your word”? The retreat begins 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, and ends Sunday, May 20, with Mass at 2 p.m. in the Christ the Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, Tenn. Cost is \$40. This retreat will be in English. Another retreat will focus on the same topics in Spanish on April 13-15. To save your spot, can contact Erica Pereira at epereira@dioknox.org.