

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 fifth Sunday of Lent, I want to recall all the endless prayers and sacrifices my parents made for me and my siblings to ensure that we had a good education. For my parents, those years were painful, yet today I am sure of the consolation as they experience having made those sacrifices for us. Our readings this weekend point us to ponder sacrifice: Here we are confronted with the approaching death of Jesus, which the author of the Second Reading considers a perfect priestly sacrifice and John considers the moment of Jesus' "exaltation and glorification."

In the First Reading from Jeremiah, the Lord speaks about a second covenant, a new one for the house of Israel, this one written upon their hearts. Noting how the first covenant written in stone was broken, God now gives us a new nature in Jesus Christ through his life, death, and resurrection. Such a beautiful passage on the humanity of Jesus! Within the Second Reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews once again emphasizes that mysterious turn of events, that it is through Jesus' suffering and death, in obedience to his Father's will, that Jesus becomes our source of eternal salvation.

In the Gospel, allusions to the passion and death of Jesus heighten as John focuses our hearts on the interior struggle of Jesus. By accepting the cup of suffering that would inaugurate the new and everlasting covenant, Jesus accepts the cross as his "hour," *the stepping stone to his passion, death, resurrection, and exaltation. We recognize that his "hour" is the way he glorifies his Heavenly Father and is thus extolled by his Father. Jesus did say to his Mother Mary at the beginning of his ministry, "My hour has not yet come" As we've progressed through our Lenten penances, the "hour" is one week away!*

As Christians, we need to understand that that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through suffering and service. Salt yields its taste by dissolving in water. A candle imparts light by burning its wick and melting its wax. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Saint Mother Teresa gave up her comfortable teaching career with just 17 cents in her pocket and began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in Calcutta. You as loving parents sacrifice yourselves so that your children (your treasures) can use the many opportunities God gives them to help them grow in goodness and holiness. Just as married couples know, each spouse must frequently die to their own desires. Let us pray that we may sacrifice our attachments to things of the world and say 'yes' to Jesus. Blessed 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 six-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

In the Parish

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).*



Fr. Julius visits Ron & Flo.
Thank you for your generosity!

FISH FRIES: *Thank you to all our volunteers and attendees. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall if you can help set up, bring food, serve, or clean up. Every Friday of Lent at 5pm*

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.*

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.*

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.*

CCW MEETING: *on Tuesday, March 20 in the parish hall. After a brief meeting, we will be learning the fine art of Cake Decorating. Plan to attend for an enjoyable evening. All supplies provided. Free!!*



LAPTOPS FOR THE NEEDY: *Father Julius is in need of gently-used laptops to donate to members within and outside our community. If you have any spares to give away, please consider bringing them to the church office.*

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Sat., March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri., March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

March 24-25, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: C. Hundley
H. Bentz
S. Bielecki

Sunday: D. Nall
G. Paynter
B. Stephens

Lectors:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
Sunday: B. Lauer

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
S. Helus

Sunday: I. Palacios
J. Palacios
M. Lawrence

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee
K. Lenz

Sunday: M. Gudino
J. Gudino

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
Sunday: B. Jobb

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., March 17: +Thelma Czarnecki by Fr. Julius

Sun., March 18: Intentions of Paul & Dolores Hight by Fr. Julius

Weds., March 21: +Maggie Adkins by Fr. Julius

Thurs., March 22: +Andrew & Anna Rendos by Landmesser family

Fri., March 23: +Tony Skeen by Chantal Milne

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 03/11/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 03/12/2017	Offertory Collection for February 2018	Offertory Collection for January 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,962.00	\$2,913.00	\$12,418.00	\$11,461.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$360.00

January, 2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Jan. 2018	Loan Jan. 2017
\$1,411.00	\$1,707.00	-\$296.00	\$124,333.25	\$139,778.80

Announcements and Information

PENANCE SERVICE:

A joint penance service will be held at St. Joseph Church for both parishes at 7 p.m. on Mon., March 19.



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.

SPRING CLEANING: Your help is needed for the parish spring work week. It is called a "work week" this year because those who sign up can decide within their groups which days and times are best for them to do the work. (You are NOT expected to work all week.) The work has been divided into six categories. You are requested to sign up for one of the categories. All supplies will be furnished. If there are no volunteers, the work will not be done.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

NO RCIA Meeting
on Monday, Mar 19

- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday:**
CCW Meeting, Parish Hall
- **7:00 p.m. Thursday:**
Scripture Program

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.

CCW BAKE SALE: There will be a CCW Bake Sale after both masses on Sat., Mar 24, and Sun., Mar 25. Bring your sweet tooth!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES:

The schedules for Altar Servers and for Ministries for Holy Week are available for pick up in the parish hall.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 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, Patrice Thompson, Wanda & Will Bertrand

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.

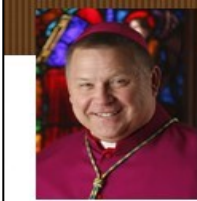


**Names are added and taken off both *In Your Prayers* and *Remember Our Military* lists on a monthly basis. If you would like a name re-added, please call the office to resubmit the name for another month. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

March 18: Joseph Maimone
March 23: Michael Haka
Carl Owens

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



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The Diocese of Knoxville News

• **TWO NIGHT LENT PRESENTATION** : Mon., Mar. 19 & Tues, Mar 20. All Parishes in the Knoxville Diocese are invited to attend a two-night Lenten Presentation on *Forgiveness and Mercy* at St. Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir City, TN. Special guest presentation by Deacon Dave Pecot. No registration is required, please feel free to come and bring a friend! Refreshments and cookies will be available at 6:15 pm.



• **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.



• **COUPLE PRAYER SERIES: TOGETHER WITH JESUS:** Do you want to learn an intimacy that can change your marriage? Join us for the upcoming Couple Prayer Series and learn how to more fully enjoy the life-changing intimacy of praying together as husband and wife. Shawna and Warren Hunt and co-facilitators Rob and Treasa Valente will present

the series at All Saints Catholic Church from 6-8 p.m. beginning Sunday, April 8. The series is six consecutive Sunday evening sessions through Sunday, May 20 (skipping Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13). Childcare, pizza and drinks will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Matt and Christine Blair at (865) 356-2017 or christine.h.blair@gmail.com. When registering, please include the number and ages of your children for nursery capacity purposes. Registration is limited and ends Monday, April 2.

• **PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND SHRINES OF MEXICO:** Led by Father Steve Pawelk, this pilgrimage will travel to several shrines throughout Mexico from April 9-16, including the Santuario de Santo Toribio Romo, the Basilica of the Virgin of San Juan de Los Lagos, the Guanajuato statue of Cristo Rey, and mission churches of St. Juniper Serra. The pilgrimage will conclude in Mexico City, with a visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Tlupetlac, the site of the fifth apparition to Juan Diego's uncle, Juan Bernardino. Cost is \$1,990. For more information, registration forms, and schedule of events, contact Lisa Morris at 865-567-1245 or lisam@select-intl.com or go to dioknox.org/calendar.



• **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, sponsored by the KDCCW, will be at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Chattanooga. Sign-up by March 17 for early bird registration. CCW will provide registration fee. 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. 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 register, contact Erica Pereira at epereira@dioknox.org or register online: fiatyoungadultretreat.eventbrite.com.

What is the Lord calling you to do with your life? How will you respond? Will you be able to respond like Mary