

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
Anthony Papa, Vice Chair
Maureen McMyler, Secretary
George Paynter
Sue Thais
Jean Chiaro
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

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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,

Today ushers in the beginning of Holy Week. In celebrating both the Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday, Mother Church honors the tragedy and the triumph of the Cross. Looking at our liturgy, we reflect these by contrasting moments of heightened glory and suffering – the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers and the unjust drama of his trial culminating in his crucifixion. It is a week we contemplate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for humanity. How fitting if each of us would identify an area requiring extra sacrifice this week.

Both of our First and Second Readings bring such tenderness and poignancy that open our hearts to the Passion narrative. We listen with an interior ear as the prophet Isaiah describes the suffering Servant of Yahweh, the life and mission of Jesus foreshadowed. The profound Christological hymn evoked by St. Paul, Christ's humiliation and then exaltation, issues an invitation to imitate the meekness and love of our Lord.

The first part of St. Mark's Passion narrative describes the royal reception which Jesus receives from the Jews as they process with him the two miles from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. With agonizing hearts, we are challenged to examine our own lives through Peter who denies Jesus, Judas who betrays Jesus, Pilate who disregards his conscience, Herod who mocks Jesus, and those Jewish leaders trying to protect their ranks by getting rid of Jesus.

As we begin Holy Week today, I propose five areas of thought for our contemplation. 1) Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem? 2) Am I as God expects me to be, producing fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness; or am I continuing to produce bitter fruits of injustice, pride, racism, hatred, jealousy, indifference, and selfishness? 3) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart respectively each time I receive him in the holy eucharist or will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with his whip? 4) Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week, walking with him all the way throughout the observances of this week, not merely showing up for Easter Sunday? Finally, Are we like the meek donkey that carried Jesus? I invite all to carry and radiate Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to your families and communities. Will you consider that extra sacrifice you can make for someone this week?

Blessings for a prayerful Holy Week!

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.

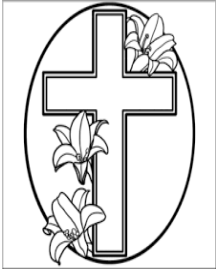
Matrimony: A six-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

In the Parish

St. Therese Catholic Church, as a happy faith community, welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church. Celebrate the gift of life with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshipers, please stop after Mass by the church hall or the parish office to pick up a registration form or call us at (865) 457-4073. Fr. Julius



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).



THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help beautify the Parish and grounds during the **Parish Cleanup** this week. Your service is gratefully appreciated! Dave McCune, Olivia, Alana & Jude Kuhens, Jerry Brown, Becky Hatmaker, Jennifer Korell, Anna Von Buelow, Sue Haese, Adam Hamby (St. Joseph), Anthony Papa, Don McCarthy, Norman Hunt, Jim Ferguson, Julie, Ryan & Regan, Keller, Cindy Tucker, Tan-ya, Lee, Savannah, Jacob & Tucker Brown. God bless you!

ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Fr. Julius will be leading Holy Week Service at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Clinton on Wednesday, Mar 28 at noon. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Lunch will follow the service with a \$5 donation.

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO

Offertory Collection Last Week 03/18/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 03/19/2017	Offertory Collection for February 2018	Offertory Collection for January 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,322.00	\$2,686.00	\$12,418.00	\$11,461.00	\$15,000.00
BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$448.00				
January, 2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Jan. 2018	Loan Jan. 2017
\$1,411.00	\$1,707.00	-\$296.00	\$124,333.25	\$139,778.80

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Holy Week and Easter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Holy Thurs: P. Chase
L. McCune
B. Hatmaker
Good Fri: C. Mikeal
Easter Vigil: O. Kuhens
C. Mikeal
D. McCarthy
Easter Sun: B. Hunt
D. Terheyden
B. Stephens

Lectors:

Holy Thurs: M. McMyler
Good Fri.: E. Yonce
O. Kuhens
P. Chiaro
Easter Vigil: M. Spurlock
A. Brown
C. Hundley
T. Papa
G. Paynter

Easter Sun: J. Pubillones

Altar Servers:

Holy Thur: J. & S. Thais
M. Lawrence
A. Kuhens

Good Friday:

-Stations: B. Milne
L&M Lawrence
-Service: J&S Thais

Easter Vigil: J&S Thais
M&L Lawrence

Easter Sun.: B&C Milne
T&M Gudino

Ushers:

Holy Thurs: M & R Spurlock
Good Fri.: C. Hundley
M. Haka

Easter Vigil: J. Klee
K. Lenz
Easter Sun.: J. Gudino

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
Sunday: B. Jobb

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Announcements and Information



Easter Egg Hunt

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.*

CCW BAKE SALE: *Celebrate Palm Sunday weekend with a tasty treat! Cakes, pies, and more will be available to tempt your palate. The CCW Bake Sale will be Saturday, March 24, and Sunday, March 25, before and after Mass. Be sure to stop at the Bake Sale tables and check out the variety of delicious delicacies available!*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES:

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

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SUPPORT FOR THE



ORPHANAGE: *Several safety issues have been noted in the daily operations at the orphanage in Nigeria, mainly in the preparation of*

food. Currently, food is prepared over an open fire, unsheltered, close to where the children play. In order to ensure the safety and health of the children, the parish councils of St. Therese and St. Joseph have set a combined goal of \$5000 to support renovations and equipment purchases. We need your help to reach that goal before Father travels to Nigeria in August. Donations of any size can be made at the church office, in the basket at the back of the church, or in an envelope during collections. Thank you for making a difference!

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.*



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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., March 24: +Thelma Czarnecki by Stan & Becky Hatmaker

Sun., March 25: Pomery family by Landmesser family

Wed., March 28: +Bernard Pagleo by Stan & Barb





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The Diocese of Knoxville News

2018 WOMENS CONVENTION: Hail Mary, Full of Grace: Model and Guide for Women Today

April 12-14, 2018 St. Stephen Church, Chattanooga, TN. There is still time to sign up for Convention. Come for spiritual renewal and rekindling of friendships.. ALL ARE WELCOME!! For more information and registration materials, visit us at www.kdccw.org St. Therese CCW will provide the registration fee. Sponsored by the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women



JOB OPENING—CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Catholic Charities of East Tennessee has immediate job openings in the Knoxville Area at the Office of Immigrant Services and Columbus Home programs. For more information, please visit the CCETN website at: www.ccetn.org under the “Jobs” tab.

• 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.



• 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.



•ST. MARY'S LEGACY CLINIC: The St. Mary's Legacy Clinic currently has a need for the following: Nebulizer machines and tubing, as well as medications. All medications must be sealed and unopened, at least six months from expiration. Call our Nurse Manager Melissa at 865-212-5570 with any specifications. Please visit our website at www.stmarysclinic.org and follow us on Facebook to see updates and announcements from the mobile clinic. Thank you for your support.

• PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND 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 and give your Fiat: “May it be done to me according to Your word”?

