

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)

Finance Board:

Don McCarthy, Chair

Dave McCune

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Committee Chairpersons:

Communications: Olivia Kuhens

Hospitality: Fran Pisano, Maria Gee

Music Director: Mary Tuskan 865-254-8346

Parish/Family Life: Jennifer Brown,
Deidra Hall

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 behalf of our parish staff, Maureen, Chris, our office assistant Olivia, and I extend warm wishes to you and your dear families on this blessed celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, our most central feast in the Church. We have every reason to be joyous as Christians, in that we are alive today to honor this remarkable occurrence as the basis of our Faith. That is why St. Paul writes: "*If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain*" (1 Cor 15: 14).

I am particularly grateful to all of our volunteers throughout the past Holy Week ceremonies. In various ways, you have demonstrated your love for our faith community through your time and treasures. We as a parish are extremely grateful to you and your families in the roles you played to make our weekly worship – and especially this year's Easter festivities – solemn and reflective.

We are so humbled by our faith. No founder of any other religion left an empty tomb like Jesus. Neither the Jews nor the Romans could even disprove Jesus' Resurrection by revealing the dead body of Jesus, for they found none. The Apostles and the early Christians became absolutely firm about the Resurrection of Jesus. Otherwise, they would not have faced martyrdom for a dead leader lying in the tomb.

Therefore, today's celebration of hope is one of renewal and encouragement for a world awash in doubt and sorrow. It re-inspires us that life is worth living! Within this context, Easter gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer. Easter confirms the resplendent message that we are a "Resurrection People!" This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our harmful habits, addictions, anger, or pride. In eliminating those sins, we become an open conduit for Jesus' outpouring love.

Given that Christ's Resurrection grants us the assurance of seeing our loved ones again, we pray to be equally graced with the strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. We are invited to live a joyful and peaceable life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives.

Finally, in the understanding that this is the greatest act of God's demonstration of His love for humanity, we too need to live lives of love in the power of Jesus' Resurrection. Each time we try to practice Christian charity, mercy, and forgiveness, we fight against temptations. Let us reaffirm that we share in the Resurrection of Jesus here and now.

A Very Joyous Easter!

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



HE IS
Risen

CCW BAKE SALE: *The CCW Bake Sale was a big success! Thank you to all who contributed their time and baking talents. A special thank you goes to Miranda Lawrence — her dad, too! — whose decorating skills were greatly appreciated!*

FISH FRIES:

Fr. Julius appreciates all our volunteers and attendees during the Lenten Fish Fries. We realized \$2,593 in with expenditures of \$903, leaving a net profit of \$1,690!



SUNDAY SCHOOL: *There are four classes left (April 8, 15, 22, and 29). The end-of-the-year celebration will be 6 p.m. Sunday, May 6.*

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP: *Please plan on joining us for First Weekend Fellowship next weekend, April 7 and 8, after each Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share, if possible.*

THANK YOU: *Fr. Julius wishes to sincerely thank all those who donated flowers for the Easter season. A special thank you to the decorating committee. The church would not be beautiful without your overwhelming supports.*

SOCIAL ACTION: *During the month of April, the group is collecting canned fruit. Please drop your donations off in the designated box in the parish hall.*

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 03/25/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 03/26/2017	Offertory Collection for March 2018	Offertory Collection for February 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,722.00	\$4,482.00	\$12,289.00	\$12,418.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$340.00

28-Feb-2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Feb. 2018	Loan Feb. 2017
\$1,067.00	\$1,707.00	-\$640.00	\$124,333.25	\$138,451.39

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

April 7-8, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Haka
B. Hatmaker
D. McCarthy

Sunday: J. Chiaro
P. Chiaro
J. Anderson

Lectors:

Saturday: C. Hundley
A. Brown

Sunday: G. Paynter
J. Paynter

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
S. Helus

Sunday: M. Gudino
C. Milne
B. Milne

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock

Sunday: A. Yonce
E. Yonce

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., March 31: Mass for the People of St. Therese
Easter Sunday: +Thelma Czarnecki, by Peg Chase

Tues., April 3: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

Wed., April 4: Communion Service

Thurs., April 5: 9 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

Fri., April 6: Communion Service

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

Announcements and Information



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our parish would like to welcome our newest members — Alexander Parkinson and Dena Helus — who officially joined the Church on Easter NIGHT!

HEALING SERVICES: Fr. Bill Kiel will be at St. Therese for his annual healing services after 7 p.m. Masses on Monday, April 16, and Tuesday, April 17.

FAIRY GARDENS: CCW

will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at Willow Ridge, 97 Oak Ridge Turnpike, to create fairy gardens. A brief meeting will be first, and we will meet outdoors, so please dress accordingly.



RUMMAGE SALE: CCW's Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28. Donations may be dropped off during office hours or before or after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BULLETIN SPONSORS:

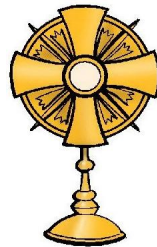
We have spaces available for your business to advertise with us! Contact the office to discuss placing an ad.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL OPENINGS:

PPC will have two vacancies starting this summer. Each parish council serves 3 years, attends monthly meetings with other council members and our pastor, and is involved in parish activities. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please write a letter of your intention to Fr. Julius by May 6. After nominations are received, we will have an election by parishioners. To serve in this role, you must be a registered member of St. Therese parish. Please feel free to discuss any questions with current or past parish council members.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

In his Apostolic Letter "On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy," Pope John Paul II tells us that "the risen Lord ... calls the faithful together to give them the light of His Word and the nourishment of His Body as the perennial sacramental wellspring of redemption." St. Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9:00 am Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.



IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Russell Haese, Lydia Hatmaker, 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, 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:

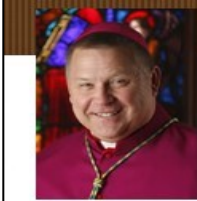
April 1: Joyce Borne
April 2: Muiler Gudino
Ronald Powers
Debbie Stepp
April 5: Riley Dials
Kenneth Hix
Olivia Kuhens

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

LOOKING AHEAD:



- State of the Parish: Father will deliver his annual address on Wednesday, May 2.
- Parish Picnic: Sunday, May 20, after 11 a.m. Mass



Bishop Richard Stika



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JOB OPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE:

- 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.
- St. John Neumann Catholic School has paid positions in their aftercare program available. Applicants must be over 18 years of age. Monday through Friday from 2:30-6:00 p.m. Less than five days per week position is also available. For more information, please contact Lynn Oravitz at 865-679-1536.

• **CATECHETICAL DAY — COURSE 2:** This free event, 9-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1580 St. Thomas Way in Lenoir City, is open to catechists, coordinators of youth ministry, RCIA directors/team members, faith formation facilitators, and any who are interested in broadening their understanding of Church teaching. There is no charge for the event and lunch will be provided. Contact Fr. Richard Armstrong at 865-584-3307 or go to the Knoxville Diocese events calendar for more information and registration forms.

• **DEDICATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ALTAR:** Bishop Stika will bless the Blessed Virgin Mary altar in the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 711 S. Northshore Drive, on the transferred Solemnity of the Annunciation at 7 p.m. Monday, April 9. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the south transept of the new cathedral, was transported from the original Sacred Heart Cathedral.

• **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.kdcccw.org.

• **KDCCW MASS:** Bishop Stika will celebrate a special Mass for the Knoxville Diocese Council of Catholic Women at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 711 S. Northshore Drive. All ladies of the diocese are invited. A sign-up list for St. Therese is available in the parish hall.



BISHOPS APPEAL 2017:

A special message to the parishioners of St.

Therese from Bishop Stika:

"Congratulations on a job well done!

St. Therese has exceeded the

2017 Bishop's Appeal goal!

- **Parish Goal:** \$13,000
- **Total Committed:** \$15,925.00
- **Collections to Date:** 15,925.00
- **Collections Needed to Reach Goal:** \$0

• **KIDS HELPING KIDS FUN WALK:** Come for an afternoon of fun, food, and festivities at Catholic Charities of East Tennessee's 20th annual "Kids Helping Kids" Fun Walk 1-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6, at Knoxville Catholic High School, 9245 Fox Lonas Road NW. The afternoon includes a one-mile fun walk around Knoxville Catholic High School,

plus a fun fest featuring inflatables, games, original art, live music, and complimentary refreshments. Proceeds from the event support the Columbus Home Children's Services. Go to <https://ccetn.org/event/kids-helping-kids-fun-walk-2018> to register.



• **THE PARACLETE:** The Paraclete contains many sacramental items for the season and specializes in rosaries, crucifixes, Bibles, books, and much more. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Visit them at 417 Erin Drive, Suite 110 in Knoxville or online at paracletecatholic.org.