

## St. Therese Catholic Church

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*Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika*



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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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Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

### **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

**RCIA:** Dave McCune 865-457-5015

**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.

## Easter Message from Pope Francis

*Speaking off the cuff at the Easter Sunday Mass in front of an estimated 80,000 faithful in St. Peter's Square last weekend, Pope Francis said that he was moved to say three things inspired by the Gospel proclamation:*

### **God surprises us**

The women had gone to anoint the Lord's body and instead found themselves standing before a surprise. When God announces something, it is always a surprise, because our God is a God of surprises, Pope Francis said.

It has been that way from the beginning of the story of salvation with Abraham: one surprise after another. God does not know how to make an announcement without surprising us. Surprise moves our hearts and touches us where we do not expect.

### **Responding quickly to God's surprises**

The second thought is the haste of the women. God's surprises demand an immediate response. Peter and John ran to the tomb. The shepherds on the night when Christ was born ran to see what the angel had revealed to them. The Samaritan woman also ran to say to her people, "This is something entirely new. I have met a man who has told me everything that I have done — and the people knew what she had done," Pope Francis said. Andrew did not waste time to go to Peter to say that he had found the Messiah. People left whatever they were doing — "the housewife leaves her potatoes in the pot. Sure they will be burned, but the important thing is to see the manifestation of the proclamation."

The Pope added that there is one person in the Gospel who takes his time, who does not want to take a risk. This is Thomas. But the good Lord waited for him in the same way that he waits patiently for those people who do not get up and respond to the surprise announcement right away.

### **What about me?**

Pope Francis' third thought is a question: What about me? "Do I have a heart open to God's surprises? Am I able to go quickly, or do I always hang back and excuse myself until tomorrow?"

"What does a surprise say to me?" Pope Francis asked. John and Peter ran to the tomb, and the Gospel says they believed. Pope Francis said that Peter's belief was "a bit mixed with remorse for having denied the Lord."

The Pope concluded his homily saying that now it is our turn to ask "what about me today in this Easter 2018? What about you?"

Source: [vaticannews.com](http://vaticannews.com)

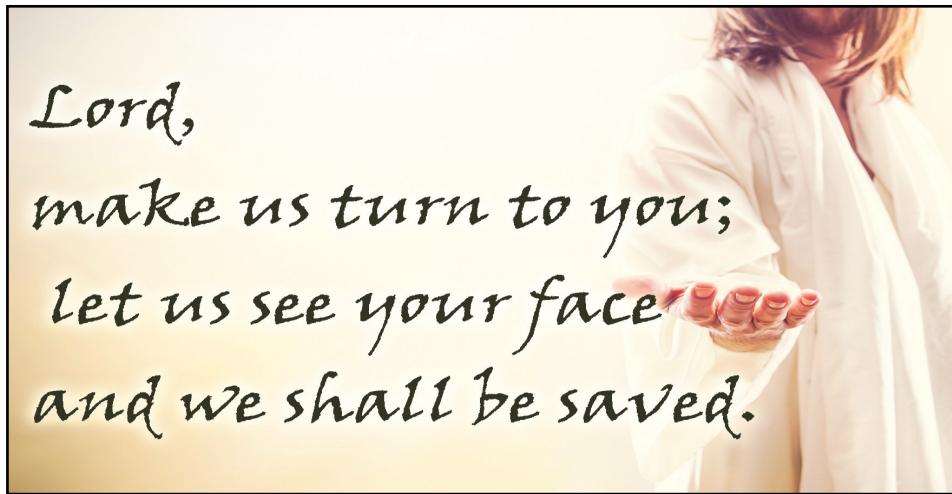
## Sacraments

**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

Lord,  
make us turn to you;  
let us see your face  
and we shall be saved.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** *There are three classes left (April 15, 22, and 29). Children will be learning about the Mass — what we do and why we do it. The end-of-the-year celebration will be 6 p.m. Sunday, May 6 (no classes that morning).*

**CCW SPRING TEA:** *CCW is hosting a Spring Tea for ladies of all ages at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in the parish hall. A sign up list is available.*



**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.*

**COUNCIL OPENINGS:** *PPC will have two vacancies starting this summer. Each parish council member serves three 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.*

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**Mon., April 9:** Annunciation Of Our Lord  
**Wed., April 11:** St. Stanislaus

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

April 14-15, 2018

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday: H. Bentz  
M. Spurlock  
R. Spurlock  
Sunday: J. Pubillones  
D. Terheyden  
B. Bonham

**Lectors:**

Saturday: S. Bieleski  
M. Haka  
Sunday: M. McMyler  
T. Papa

**Altar Servers:**

Saturday: TBD  
Sunday: K. Godfrey  
S. Godfrey  
T. Gudino

**Ushers:**

Saturday: C. Hundley  
C. Tucker  
Sunday: P. Chiaro  
K. Stewart

**Cantor:**

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: B. Job

**Music:**

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat., April 7:** +Maggie Adkins by Stan and Barb Bieleski  
**Sun., April 8:** Consecration of Russia to the Blessed Mother by Dolores and Jennifer Korell  
**Tues., April 10:** 9 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph  
**Wed., April 11:** Communion Service  
**Thurs., April 12:** 9 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph  
**Fri., April 13:** Communion Service

**WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Last Week 04/01/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 04/02/17	Offertory Collection for March 2018	Offertory Collection for February 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$5,169.00	\$5,185.00	\$12,289.00	\$12,418.00	\$15,000.00

**BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$605.00**

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

## Announcements and Information



**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.

**GARMENT COLLECTION:** In an effort to help formerly sex-trafficked women, CCW is collecting new or gently used bras. Please consider helping these women with simple necessities as they work to rebuild their lives. A box in the parish hall is available for your donations.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** CCW's Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28. Setup will be on Wednesday, April 25, and Thursday, April 26. Donations may be dropped off during office hours or before or after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:** Special appreciations this week go to Mike Haka & Josie Mantione for hosting Saturday and Pat Nageotte and Connie Mikeal for hosting Sunday. The 2018 sign-up sheet for First Weekend Fellowship is on the wall next to the kitchen. Host families or individuals are always needed. This is a fun and easy way to support your parish. Hosts set up drinks and food and help clean up after the event. All expenses are reimbursed.

**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. Please sign up in parish hall!



**FOR THE BULLETIN:** The deadline to get an announcement in the bulletin is 11 am Wednesday. If you want information on our website or Facebook, please add Olivia Kuhens to the request.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 21.
- State of the Parish: Father will deliver his annual address on Wednesday, May 2.
- Parish Picnic: Sunday, May 20, after 11 a.m. Mass



### 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 9:** Anthony Hundley  
**April 10:** Jean Chiaro  
Greg Darnell  
George Paynter  
**April 11:** Timothy Powers  
**April 12:** Bill Dials

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



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## The Diocese of Knoxville News

• **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](http://www.kdccw.org).

### 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](http://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.

• **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.

• **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.

• **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](mailto:epereira@dioknox.org) or register online: [Fiatyoungadultretreat.eventbrite.com](http://Fiatyoungadultretreat.eventbrite.com).



### St. Therese, Clinton Home Campaign

*Thank you!*

**Goal:** \$227,900.00

**Total Committed:** \$134,436.68

**Payments Collected to Date:** \$85,986.83

**Parish Share Received to Date:** \$42,292.84



**The Diocese of Knoxville**  
Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

### YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMS

There are several summer Youth Camps coming up in June, 2018. All camps are open to all youth in the Diocese of Knoxville:

**Summer High School Youth Camp** for all youth entering into Grades 9-12—June 4-8, 2018

#### **Summer God Camps at Harrison Bay State Park:**

- REACH God Camp for Youth entering grades 7 and 8 for both boys and girls—June 18-21, 2018
- Discover God Camp for Youth entering grades 5 and 6 for both boys and girls—June 21-23, 2018

**Challenge & Conquest Camps** for youth entering grades 5-8—July 17-19, 2018

For more information, go to [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org), click on EVENTS tab, hover over Categories on the left, scroll down and click YOUTH. All of the upcoming youth events will pop up.