

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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## **Bishop of Knoxville:**

*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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## **Committee Chairpersons:**

**Communications:** Olivia Kuhens

**Hospitality:** Fran Pisano, Maria Gee

**Music Director:** Mary Tuskan 865-254-8346

**Parish/Family Life:** Jennifer Brown,  
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**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.

## Fr. Julius' Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace from the Eternal City!

I am writing this reflection from the Vatican City, the smallest state in the world! I was privileged to have an audience with the Holy Father Pope Francis last Wednesday at St. Peter's Square in Rome. The Holy Father blessed me and requested that I extend the same to you, my parishioners at St. Therese in Clinton and St. Joseph in Norris. Reminding me of my vocation, the Holy Father urged me to serve others in that very special way that comes through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Our readings this week-end continue to return us to the events of the Resurrection, as we grow daily in awareness of God's presence within us and all around us.

Our First Reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, is Peter's second sermon addressing the Jewish assembly at the Portico of Solomon in Jerusalem. Peter compellingly declares how the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the Crucified and Risen Jesus, challenging the Jews to turn toward God so that their grievous sins may be wiped away. In the Second Reading, John answers doubts raised by the heretics of his time, asserting the fundamental Christian doctrine that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins.

In the same vein, our Gospel describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to his apostles who were in the locked Upper Room of the Cenacle. We see Jesus remove the doubts of his apostles about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus *unpacks* how the prophecies had been fulfilled in him, and commissions them to bear witness to him: to preach "*repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name*" after receiving the Holy Spirit. Of course the important key since the resurrection and appearances of Jesus is that of giving peace to his Apostles. We are called to be men and women of peace, with that deep desire to sincerely want to know Him.

We are all called to share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: the same Jesus who, in the Upper Room of the Cenacle, prepared the disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration, and repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. In the "Liturgy of the Word of God," Jesus speaks to us; in the "Liturgy of Bread and Wine," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions and His gifts of consecrated bread and wine.

In the call to witness, the Christian's daily life is directed at ways of experiencing and sharing the risen Lord with our neighbors. Like the disciples, let us learn to recognize the presence of Jesus in our own homes, in our vocations, within the faith communities of St. Joseph and St. Therese, our nursing facilities, hospitals, schools, indeed wherever we find ourselves. Let us be witnesses to the Resurrection!

Happy 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



**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



**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There are two classes left (April 22, and 29). Children will be learning about the Mass this month — 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).

### COUNCIL OPENINGS:

PPC will have two vacancies starting this summer. Each parish council member serves three years, attends monthly meetings, 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.

**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.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Thurs. April 19:** Pope St. Leo IX  
**Sat., April 21:** St. Anselm

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

April 21-22, 2018

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: C. Hundley  
S. Bieleski  
A. Brown

Sunday: B. Hunt  
O. Kuhens  
L. McCune

#### Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman  
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Sunday: P. Chiaro  
J. Pubillones

#### Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus  
S. Helus

Sunday: M. Lawrence  
A. Powers  
R. Dials

#### Ushers:

Saturday: J. Ferguson  
D. McCarthy

Sunday: C. Tucker  
D. McCune

#### Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

#### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat., April 14:** Carl Von Buelow by Stan & Barb Bieleski

**Sun., April 15:** Michael Clayborn by Cathy Hundley

**Wed., April 18:** Joel Johnson by the Seay family

**Thurs., April 19:** +Thelma Czarnecki by Pat Gambrel

**Fri., April 20:** +Doc & Opal Romanoski by Romanoski Family

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 04/08/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 04/09/17	Offertory Collection for March 2018	Offertory Collection for February 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$3,767.00	\$2,294.00	\$12,289.00	\$12,418.00	\$15,000.00

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$160.00

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

**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!



**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 (Office staff will not be able to unload items) or before or after Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**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.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **10 a.m., Tuesday, April 17:** Bible Study
- **11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19:** Senior Moments

**ADORATION:** Consider increasing your prayer life by spending an hour with our Lord. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Friday after the 9 a.m. daily Mass.

**SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:** Please note that the 7 p.m. Thursday night Scripture Program will not meet on Thursday, April 26. Meetings will resume the following week.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection on April 28 and 29 for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

### 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, George Krebs*


### 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 16:** Toni Ferguson  
**April 17:** Clay LaMotte  
**April 18:** Ruth Ann McIntyre

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





Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

• **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.

• **ST. MARY'S LEGACY CLINIC NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:** St. Mary's Legacy Clinic will offer orientation for new volunteers 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Church of Divine Mercy. To learn more about volunteering with the mobile clinic, go to <https://stmaryclinic.org/volunteers/>

• **AN EVENING WITH THE SISTERS AT MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CONVENT:** All young women ages 18-



30 are invited to an evening of prayer, dinner, and conversation with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, 4:40-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26 at the Mary, Mother of Mercy Convent (6832 S.

Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN). Please arrive by 4:40 p.m. This event provides an opportunity for young women to get to know the Religious Sisters of Mercy and to learn more about discerning religious life. Please RSVP to Erica Pereira at [epereira@dioknox.org](mailto:epereira@dioknox.org) or (865) 584-3307, Ext. 5768.

• **COUPLES 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](mailto:christine.h.blair@gmail.com). When registering, please include the number and ages of your children for nursery capacity purposes. Registration is limited.

*Extended Hours*  
 Sundays  
 4/8-5/6  
 1PM-7PM



To accommodate our customers during this busy Sacramental season, The Paraclete will be open 1-7 p.m. Sundays between April 8 and May 6. Come on in! As always, our regular business hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



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

### YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMS

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

**Summer High School Youth Camp** at Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center for all youth entering Grades 9-12: June 4-8, 2018. *Registration Deadline: Friday, June 1*

#### 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

*Registration deadline: Friday, June 1*

**Challenge and Conquest Camps** for youth entering grades 5-8: July 17-19, 2018 (Girls) July 24-26 (Boys)

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.