

## 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

Monica Spurlock

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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

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

**Religious Ed:** Amanda Dials, Julie Keller

**Social Action:** Connie Mikeal

## 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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Fourth Sunday of Eastertide, the universal Church devotedly observes, **Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Today our readings allude to Jesus, the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Those early Christians especially saw Jesus as fulfillment of their Jewish dream of a good shepherd (remember the young king David?), which had been integral to their identity.

'Filled with the Holy Spirit', and directing himself to the Jewish assembly, Peter proclaims the only true healing and salvation through *Jesus Christ the Nazarene.* Can you imagine hearing Peter condemn the people over their colossal resistance to the Truth?! In the first Letter of Saint John, as 'children of God', St. John tells us that we not only become the family of God, but that we will someday be like him!

In our Gospel response to the Pharisees' challenging Jesus' Messianic standing, Jesus' answer is "I am the good shepherd." Jesus assures them he knows his sheep and loves them so much that he is ready to die for them. This offers us both comfort and challenge: comfort in that Jesus the Good Shepherd knows each of us, provides for and loves us. The task for us is to become both *good sheep in our parish and good shepherds to those entrusted in our care.*

What are the duties of a good shepherd? They provide for their sheep, feed them, protect them from wild predators, and above all, love their sheep. As our shepherds, we must consider not only our Pope, Bishops and Priests, but also everyone entrusted with the care of others. Hence parents, teachers, medical practitioners, government officials, and politicians all model the shepherd. It is so critical for us in this role to maintain standards that require great dedication, commitment, sacrifice, and vigilance at all times.

We are never out of date as we pray for vocations to the holy priesthood and the consecrated life. We pray that the Good Lord sends good pastors after his own heart so that we may have more holy and spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Amen. With our youth, recall that Pope Saint John II prayed to open the minds and hearts of those young people discerning truth in their lives. 'Arouse in those whom you call the courage of love's answer': "Here I am, send me!"

Joyous Sunday!

## 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

**CONGRATULATIONS to St. Therese  
2018 Confirmation Candidate Ish Palacios, Jr!**



Ish Palacios Jr. chose Sebastian as his Saint name for Confirmation due to his love of sports and St. Sebastian is the patron Saint of athletes. He will be confirmed at the new Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Knoxville on April 21, 2018.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

May God's love be always in your heart to strengthen you along life's way!

**STATE OF THE PARISH:**

*Fr. Julius will be delivering the annual State of the Parish address on Wed., May 2 at 5:30 p.m. All parishioners are encouraged to attend! The meeting is expected to be about one hour, followed by a parish dinner catered and provided by the parish. Those who are coming from work are welcome to come when you available! A sign up sheet will be in the Parish Hall to RSVP for catering purposes.*



**COUNCIL OPENINGS:**

*The Parish Council meets with the pastor of St. Therese monthly to discuss plans, problems, ministries and Issues in our parish. Please email Fr. Julius at frjabuh@gmail.com and give a short written statement about your life in the church and why you would like to serve. Nominations are due by Sun., May 6 to be approved by Fr. Julius.*

**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**

**Mon., Apr 23: St. George**  
**Wed., Apr 25: St. Mark**  
**the Evangelist**  
**Sat., April 28: St. Louis De**  
**Montfort**

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

April 28-29, 2018

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday: P. Chase  
C. Converse  
M. Haka  
Sunday: C. Mikeal  
D. Nall  
G. Paynter

**Lectors:**

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
M. Gee  
Sunday: O. Kuhens  
B. Lauer

**Altar Servers:**

Saturday: H. Bentz  
Sunday: A. Kuhens  
J. Thais  
S. Thais

**Ushers:**

Saturday: J. Klee  
K. Lenz  
Sunday: T. Albrecht  
L. Albrecht

**Cantor:**

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: B. Job

**Music:**

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat., April 21:** +Margaret Bushman by Stan & Barb Bielecki  
**Sun., April 22:** Kevin & Michael Korell by Doris and Jennifer Korell  
**Wed., April 25:** +Kenneth Hohman by Romanoski family  
**Thurs., April 26:** +Joseph & Mary Zubrovich by Landmesser family  
**Fri., April 27:** Christopher Halouma (birthday) by Ahmed & Yolanda Halouma

**WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Last Week 04/15/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 04/16/17	Offertory Collection for March 2018	Offertory Collection for February 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$3,041.00	\$3,094.00	\$12,289.00	\$12,418.00	\$15,000.00

**BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$425.00**

31-Mar-2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Feb. 2018	Loan Feb. 2017
\$1,373.00	\$1,707.00	-334.00	\$124,333.25	\$138,451.39

## Announcements and Information



**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT** is 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Friday after the 9 a.m. daily Mass. Consider increasing your prayer life this Lenten season by spending an hour with our Lord. **How one soul coming before the Blessed Sacrament can change the world:** "One day before her holy hour, Jesus showed [Blessed] Dina Belanger a multitude of souls on the precipice of hell. After her holy hour, Jesus showed her the same souls in the hands of God. He told her that through holy hours of prayer a multitude of souls go to heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell as one person can make up for what is lacking in the lives of others...Eucharistic Adoration is the outpouring of God's Divine Mercy on the world!"

<http://www.therrealpresence.org/eucharst/tes/quotes10.html>

**CCW SPRING TEA:** A big thank you to all who attended and to all the fine ladies who brought delicious food and helped to make the Spring Tea a great success!

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **10:00 a.m. Tues., Apr 24:**  
Bible Study
- **6:30 p.m. Tues., Apr 24:**  
CCW Meeting
- **No Scripture Study Thurs.**

**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.

**ST. THERESE ANNUAL PICNIC:** There will no First Weekend Fellowship in May. Instead, please make plans to join us at the St. Therese Annual Picnic on Sunday, May 20, after Sunday Mass. More details to follow! Sign up sheets for helpers are in the Parish Hall!



### 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

### 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, Debbie Nall

### 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 25:** Tracy Smith  
**April 25:** Ronnie Spurlock  
**April 27:** Dave McCune  
**April 28:** Donald McCarthy



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





Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

### • MASS FOR THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:

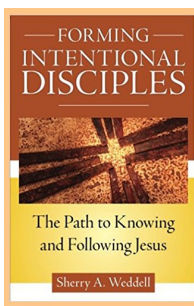
Bishop Stika will celebrate a special Mass for the Knoxville Diocese Council of Catholic Women at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 711 S. Northshore Drive. All ladies of the diocese are invited. A sign-up list for St. Therese is available in the parish hall.




### CHATTANOOGA 'SEARCH' WEEKEND RETREAT:

**SEARCH for Christian Maturity** is a retreat program that tries to help high school juniors and seniors see how they can be faith leaders in their schools and parishes. This is done by having the participants come to know God, themselves, and others in a more loving, personal way. SEARCH aim is to help Catholic high school juniors and seniors take a fresh look at their own faith journey, reflecting on their place within their families, schools, parishes and community as a disciple of Christ. This is accomplished through activities and experiences that lead participants to a renewed understanding of Christ at work in their lives.

May 4-6, 2018 (Application deadline: Monday, April 23, 2018) Refer to [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org) for more information.



**Forming Intentional Disciples through RCIA**  
*Transform the Process  
 Inspire the Parish*  
 June 15-16, 2018  
 St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
 Lenoir City



The Diocese of Knoxville Office of Christian Formation and Catherine of Siena Institute present "Forming Intentional Disciples through RCIA: Transform the Process – Inspire the Parish" for the RCIA Summer Conference, June 15-16 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Lenoir City. Cost is \$75 per person and includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please register to reserve your place.

## Extended Hours



Sundays

4/8-5/6

1PM-7PM



To accommodate our customers during this busy Sacramental season, the Paraclete will be open on Sundays between April 8 and May 6 from 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. Regular business hours are Monday through Saturday, 9AM to 5PM.

### FULTON SHEEN SOCIETY FOR YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES

June 30 6:00p.m.



Study and Fellowship for Families and Couples in their 20s, 30s and 40s

Matt and Christine Blair offer a monthly meeting at their home for families and couples who are interested in learning more about their faith and getting to know other families in the parish.

The meetings are held the last Saturday of each month from 6-8pm with a guest speaker who provides spiritual education on a particular topic.

The talks are followed by food and fellowship. Free child-care is provided for the children during the talk. Subscribe for Fulton Sheen Society emails through Flocknote by signing up through the Holy Ghost website, or you may contact Christine at [christine.h.blair@gmail.com](mailto:christine.h.blair@gmail.com) or (865) 356-2017 if you are interested in learning more about this group.