

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

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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 Fifth Sunday of Easter and final Sunday in April, our liturgy continues to display the various acts of witnessing to the resurrection of Our Lord. Today the Church emphasizes the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing the virtues of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness. As a community of faith bearing witnesses here at St. Therese, all are invited to our State of the Parish Address this coming Wednesday.

The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles growing from their close bond with the Risen Lord. We read how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee – Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church – into that fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the unflinching apostle to the Gentiles. In the Second Reading, John, in his First Letter to the Church, explains that only by clinging to Christ, putting our faith in him, doing what is pleasing to him, and drawing spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially His stronghold of love. We must maintain a supernatural union specifically with Him, through Eucharist, the Sacraments and the intercession of Mary, to have any success in our spiritual endeavors.

In our Gospel, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their upholding it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent – as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this agricultural image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like.

When we prune our flowering plants, we do this for the end goal of health and beauty, not as an act of punishment. We too might look to *reduce from our lives everything contrary to the spirit of Jesus, renewing our daily commitment to Christian ideals. Practicing this in small increments such as self-control over our excessive appetites, moments of needless pride, and unsafe habits can move us closer to glorifying the Father. Haven't you noticed that when Jesus prunes us, especially during those great moments of distress, He also purifies and strengthens us to face the pain and suffering? It seems that we grow more in these moments than we do in the easy times.*

Befriending people of different cultures, races, religions, and orientations in our culture enables us to prune away our selfish and prejudicial tendencies as we treat others in society with Christian charity. I believe many within our community have realized we have so much to learn from fellow human beings of different extractions from us.

What vice do you want to prune this week that will enable you to remain a part of the Risen Lord?

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

In the Parish



The month of May is a special time to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother. We honor Mary in our prayers and devotions to her, especially in our recitation of the Holy Rosary.

ST. THERESE ANNUAL PICNIC: *There will no First Weekend Fellowship in May. Instead, please make plans to attend the annual parish picnic on Sunday, May 20, after 11 a.m. Mass. More details to follow! Sign-up sheets for helpers are in the parish hall.*

CCD CELEBRATION: *Sunday School students and teachers will have an end-of-the-year celebration at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the parish hall. All students and friends are invited to attend. There is no class that morning.*

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

COUNCIL OPENINGS: *The Parish Pastoral Council has two openings this spring. The group meets with the pastor of St. Therese monthly to discuss plans, problems, ministries, and issues in our parish. If you are interested in serving your parish in this capacity, 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 Sunday, May 6, to be approved by Fr. Julius.*

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon., April 30: St. Pius V
Tues., May 1: St. Joseph the Worker
Thur., May 3: Sts. Philip and John, Apostles

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

May 5-6, 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 27: Michael Clayborn by Cathy Hundley
Sun., April 28: People of St. Therese
Wed., May 2: Richard Ulery by Stan and Barb Bielecki
Thurs., May 3: Lincoln Eckert by Dolores Hight
Fri., May 4: Teresita A. Agbanlog by Ahmed and Yolanda Halouma

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

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

MINISTRY REMINDER:

As summer approaches and vacations begin, please remember to check the ministries list at the back of church. If you are scheduled for a ministry and will be out of town, kindly arrange for a substitute and indicate that information on the list.

GRADUATION SEASON:

During the month of May, please remember in your prayers all our graduates — kindergarten through college — as schools begin holding their spring commencement ceremonies. Many blessings to all those finishing one chapter of life and beginning another, and may God be with them in their journeys!



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

SECOND COLLECTION:

On May 13, a second collection will be taken up for the Catholic Communication Campaign in its work of evangelization. Working to keep the Gospel message in the world, CCC provides Catholic content for radio, the Internet, television, and print publications. Please be generous in the collection and support this important work. Fifty percent of the

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT is 9:30-10:30 a.m.

every Friday after the 9 a.m. daily Mass. Consider spending an hour with our Lord by spending this time with Him.



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.therealpresence.org/eucharst>

funds collected will also assist the Diocese of Knoxville’s communications office in our local projects.

WORD AMONG US: *St. Therese has purchased the “Word Among Us” monthly booklets for parishioners at a cost of \$5 each, but any donations would be greatly appreciated! There will be a box for contributions in the parish hall.*

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:

May 1: Mark Eisenhauer
May 2: Peighton Hundley
May 6: Donald Zenner

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



Bishop Richard Stika



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ADULT CONFIRMATION: Bishop Stika will celebrate a Diocesan-Wide Confirmation Mass on Sunday **May 20, 2018** at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any adult (18 and over) who has had the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation, but has not been confirmed, can receive the sacrament on this date. Interested candidates should call their parish office for more information. Roster and other info can be found here: <https://dioknox.org/offices-ministries/christian-formation/adultconfirmation-2/>. The sacrament will be recorded in parish registers with reference that it occurred at the Cathedral. Parishes will be responsible for sending notice of the Confirmation to the parish of Baptism.

CATHOLIC SCOUTING RETREAT AT WHISPERING RIVER RESORT: Knoxville Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is sponsoring a Catholic Scouting Retreat. set up is Friday, September 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. Older Scouts (6th grade and up) Participants will learn more about their faith while working on their religious awards. Cub Scouts and other youth (grades 1st through 5th) are invited to attend our day program. Registration deadline for regular registration is August 15, 2018. The fee is \$25. The deadline for late registration is September 5 and the fee for that is \$35. Contact Kimberly Turnmire, Youth Retreat Director at (865) 936-0235 or kdccs-youth-retreat@gmail.com

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.



"YOUR FAITH ANEW"



His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali will be speaking at the "Your Faith Anew!" meeting at St. John Neumann Church following the 6 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, May 23.

The topic is: "The Sacred Heart of Jesus: The Devotion, the Theology, and the Meaning In the Life of the Faithful." There will be a potluck to follow in the pavilion. For more information, contact David Russell at 865-247-5997.

MARRIED COUPLES: Saul had a rough start as a disciple, but was able to redeem himself. In your marriage, we can sometimes hit rough patches, but



forgiveness is what keeps us attached to the true vine. Stay connected to each other by learning how to better use the tools of communication and forgiveness A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend focuses on this, and other tools. The

next WWME Weekends are scheduled for June 15-17 and August 10-12. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME. For information on Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial see enriquecetumatrimonio.org

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MOMS: Did you know that the Diocese of Knoxville has a **Catholic Mom's** group? This group is for women who share their vocation and Catholic faith to come together as a community to support the domestic church. Whether you are expecting your first baby or a mom nin times over, all moms are welcome to join us for prayer, play dates, and other fun activities. To find us, log in to Facebook and request to join [Knoxville Catholic Moms](#).