

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:

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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,

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is traditionally observed the Thursday before the Seventh Sunday of Easter in the universal calendar; however, here in the United States, most dioceses have transferred the celebration to today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter. In addition to our Lord's remarkable occurrence, this Sunday also happens to be Mother's Day. We can all generously acknowledge that none of us would be alive if we had not been born of a woman; there is just no way we can ever adequately return the love and sacrifices mothers make for their children and entire family. Prayers and thanksgiving for not only our biological or adoptive mothers, but also those women who have never been mothers and yet brim with the ability and passion to nurture others. Similarly, consider our departed and also spiritual mothers. We honor them all on this Mother's Day.

Our First Reading gives an account of the events of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, which must have provided His Apostles with no little zeal. First, Jesus instructed *them to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit so that they might become his "witnesses to the ends of the earth" by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then a cloud took Jesus from the sight of the disciples, and two heavenly messengers in white garments gave them deep assurance of Jesus' "second coming" or return in glory. In the Second Reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we too will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord.*

Our Gospel reading captures that decisive moment just prior to our Lord's ascension to Heaven. With the final benediction and missionary command to his disciples, "to proclaim the Good News to the whole creation," "to be his witnesses," and "to make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19) we as Christians are also called upon to become proclaimers and evangelizers. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming; we preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

Finally, we all need to realize we have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of faith, hope, love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and preaching, giving us the mission to teach these to others. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings by our daily study of the Bible and the rich teachings of the Church. While we experience His grace in personal prayer, works of charity, and reception of the sacraments, it falls to us to convey Our Lord to others, aided by the Holy Spirit. May the Jesus who has ascended fill us with his spirit to continue his mission, coupled with a blessing for all mothers. Amen.

Joyous Ascension!

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



Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

Amen.
Catholic.org

ST. THERESE ANNUAL PICNIC: *Please make plans to join us in one week for the annual St. Therese Parish Picnic after Mass on Sunday, May 20! Each family is asked to bring a dish or dessert to share. There will be games with prizes for kids of all ages! If you would like to help out, please sign up in the parish hall on the First Weekend Fellowship sign-up board.*

END-OF-YEAR DINNER: *The ladies of the CCW will dine at Calhoun's in Oak Ridge at 6:30 p.m. on May 15. Please reserve your place on the sign-up sheet in the parish hall.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: *A very special appreciation to all those who have increased their regular weekly donations to our faith community. The past week's collections have seen an increase in the weekly contributions. Last week's deposit, including home campaign and kitchen donations, was \$5,659.00! We are truly thankful for your gifts and all you share with our parish!*

SENIOR MOMENTS: *The group will gather for lunch at the Golden Oak in Oak Ridge at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 17. R.S.V.P. to Charlene McDonald at 865-457-3818 if you plan to attend.*

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 05/06/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 05/07/17	Offertory Collection for April 2018	Offertory Collection for March 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$4,092.00	\$3,678.00	\$18,612.00	\$12,289.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$50.00

30-Apr-2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Mar. 2018	Loan Feb. 2017
\$1,540.00	\$1,707.00	-167.00	\$123,150.17	\$137,128.57

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Thurs., May 10: St. Damien de Veuster
Sat., May 12: Saints Nereus and Achilleus
Sun., May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

May 19-20, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: H. Bentz
S. Bieleski
A. Brown
Sunday: B. Bonham
B. Hunt
O. Kuhens
Lectors:
Saturday: J. Meersman
J. Meersman
Sunday: J. Pubillones
P. Chiaro

Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz
Sunday: K. Godfrey
S. Godfrey
M. Lawrence

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock
Sunday: L. Albrecht
T. Albrecht

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., May 12: +Thelma Czarnecki by Stan and Barb Bieleski
Sun., May 13: +Leah Ray by Leonard Nugent
Wed., May 16: +April Gilles by Anthony and Trish Papa
Thurs., May 17: Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre by Leonard Nugent
Fri., May 18: Pat Gambrel by Stan and Barb Bieleski
Sat., May 19: +Millie McCall by Kelly Lenz
Sun., May 20: Karah and Sarah Godfrey, by Michael and Dorothy Terheyden

Announcements and Information

NIGERIAN ORPHANAGE KITCHEN RENOVATION: *The Parish Councils of St. Therese and St. Joseph are requesting donations for urgent building renovations, particularly the kitchen food preparation area, at the Nigerian orphanage supported by Fr. Julius. Special envelopes for donations are on the table in the parish hall. Please place donations in the offertory or drop them off at the parish office no later than Sunday, June 17. Donations are strictly voluntary and will be used only for the Nigerian orphanage. Any size donation is appreciated.*

BABY BOTTLES: *The Social Action committee will be collecting baby bottles filled with loose change to benefit Choices Resources Center. Bottles will be distributed Mother's Day and collected on Father's Day.*

ANGEL DRIVERS NEEDED: *To aid our homebound parishioners, there is a need for volunteers to minister to and assist the elderly and homebound parishioners who may need basic physical and emotional support, a ride to Mass, doctor visits, someone to pick up groceries, or do light house cleaning. If you feel you would be able to help in any way, please sign up in the parish hall. If you know of a parishioner who may need assistance, please contact the office at 865-457-4073 or email office@saintthereseclinton.org*



MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **6:30 p.m. Tues., May 15:** CCW Dinner at Calhoun's
- **11:30 a.m. Thur., May 17:** Senior Moments
- **7 p.m. Thur., May 17:** Scripture Study



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

When we go to Eucharistic adoration, we meet the same Jesus who suffered and died on the Cross; who rose again and appeared to the Apostles; who ascended into heaven; who is seated at the right hand of His Father; and who, with the Father, sends us the Holy Spirit. Our Eucharistic Lord is not a passive object for our adoration: He is living; He sees us, listens to us, answers our prayers, and showers us with graces when we adore Him.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: *The Spiritual Life Committee will be leading the rosary monthly beginning at 10:30 on the third Sunday of each month. We will start Sunday, May 20. All are welcome to come and pray.*

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:

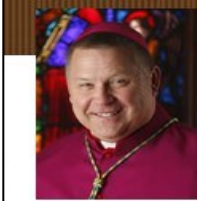
*Andrew Adkins, Bradley Adkins, Jesse Baker, Matthew Carroll, Zach Gillies, Jon-Michael Hatmaker, Brandon Parker, and Lee Welty who are on military assignment. **Names are added and taken off both **In Your Prayers** and **Remember Our Military** lists on a monthly basis. If you would like a name re-added, please call the office to resubmit the name for another month. Thank you.*



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

May 14: Zynthea Thomas
Janice Watkins
May 17: Antoni Hipp
Philip Wrasman
May 18: Jackie Bentz

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



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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.

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 childcare 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 or (865) 356-2017 if you are interested in learning more about this group.

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 kdccsyouthretreat@gmail.com



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, click on EVENTS tab, hover over Categories on the left, scroll down and click YOUTH. All of the upcoming youth events will pop up.