

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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Communications: Olivia Kuhens

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Religious Ed: Cathy Hundley

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

Grace and peace!

Our liturgy this Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time takes us *back* and exposes the history of "original sin" as an offense against God. Referring to the rejection of God's love in today's readings means violating God's Commandments, distancing ourselves from Him, and thus closing our hearts to Him. Hence this spiral that is illustrated in our readings this weekend that blocks God's freely offered pardon and forgiveness.

The First Reading depicts the sin of disobedience heralding the onset of evil by our first parents, Adam and Eve. Our Catechism states that with the first sin, man "chose himself over and against God, against the requirements of his creaturely status and therefore against his own good" (n.398). The consequences? Now man fears God, who is seen as a burden to be freed of.

In the Second Reading, Paul declares to the Corinthians that the many adversities of his missionary work became God's plan for his spiritual growth; his sufferings, offered with Jesus for the Salvation of the world. Our Gospel passage reveals a sad misunderstanding by Jesus' own relatives coupled with rejection, criticisms, and slander by the Sanhedrin-led scribes and Pharisees. This seemingly unfair treatment and criticism of our dearest Lord gives us courage when we face unfair treatment and criticism in our lives. How heartrending that this often comes from friends, coworkers, parishioners, and even our own families, companions who fail to listen and to understand the message of love, grace, and encouragement that we offer to them. This liturgy challenges and comforts us to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Our task is to speak the truth and oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior, even in our dear ones.

Plainly, we need to live as members of God's family. In this reading, we see how Jesus crosses cultural boundaries by opening his arms to all people. Let us continue to treat each other with love and respect. "For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Hence, let us pay closer attention in our treatment of one another, particularly in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Amen.

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



WELCOME!

St. Therese Catholic Church, as a happy faith community, welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church.

Celebrate the gift of our faith with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered. If you are not registered and want to belong to our 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

FRANCISCAN SISTERS MISSION APPEAL: *Sr. Dativa of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette from Tanzania, Africa, will be visiting our parish June 23 and 24 to make an appeal for the Franciscan Sisters Missions in Tanzania, Africa. The collection has been approved by Bishop Stika. Your donations help unemployed young people learn appropriate skills to care for the elderly, delivering meals, administering medication, and providing companionship.*



PLANTS NEEDING HOMES: *There are a dozen or so plants in the parish hall that are free to a good home. Some are lilies from Easter that need to be planted; others are houseplants that need to be re-potted. Please help yourself!*

ALTAR FLOWERS: *If you would like to donate toward an altar arrangement in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office at 865-457-4073 or Olivia Kuhens at kuhensliv@gmail.com.*

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 06/03/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 06/04/17	Offertory Collection for May 2018	Offertory Collection for April 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$3,644.00	\$4,660.00	\$13,374.00	\$18,612.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$100.00

31-May-2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Apr. 2018	Loan Apr. 2017
\$1,091.00	\$1,707.00	-616.00	\$120,467.61	\$137,128.57

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon., June 11: St. Barnabus
Wed., June 13: St. Anthony of Padua
Thur., June 14: St. Basil the Great
Fri., June 15: St. Germaine

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

June 16-17, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: H. Bentz
 A. Brown
 P. Chase
 Sunday: B. Bonham
 B. Hunt
 D. Terheyden

Lectors:

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

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
 S. Helus
 Sunday: J. Palacios
 I. Palacios
 M. Lawrence

Ushers:

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

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., June 9: Everette Coronel by Carmen Pemberton
Sun., June 10: Mass for the People
Wed., June 13: +Margaret Mojica by Dolores Hight
Thur., June 14: +Fr. Nicholas Afanasev by Leonard Nugent
Fri., June 15: Russell Haese by Sue Haese
Sat., June 16: +Bill Brede by Sue Haese
Sun., June 17: Mass for the People

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

Announcements and Information



FAREWELL RECEPTION: A Farewell Reception for Father Julius will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24, in the parish hall. Please confirm if you and your family will be attending by indicating on the sign-up sheets at the back of church. Any individuals or families available to set up before the event and/or clean up after are encouraged to sign up on the sheets as well. Your participation in this event is greatly appreciated. Let's give Father Julius a joyous send-off!

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: The Spiritual Life Committee will be leading the rosary next Sunday, June 17, beginning at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to come and pray.

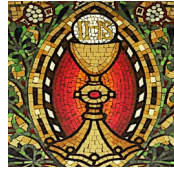


SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Thursday evening Scripture Study will continue to meet at 7 p.m. weekly in the parish hall during the summer. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass. Participants read the coming Sunday readings and have discussion. For more information, contact the parish office or Pete and Jean Chiaro.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: The parish bulletin currently has space available for three advertisements. If you have a business or know of someone who has a business that they

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Word of the Lord, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that the Scriptures were written by a faith-filled community under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.



Consequently, the Scriptures must be interpreted with this view in mind. However, certain modern scholars approach the Scriptures with preconceived notions that are hostile to the faith and divorce the text from its proper context. For instance, a fundamental premise underlying much of modern biblical scholarship is that the Divine does not intervene in human history. This premise completely negates the message and meaning of the Scriptures; and it largely explains many of the false statements we hear today that question the divinity of Jesus, the miracles He performed, and His real presence (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Do not allow scholarship that is fundamentally flawed to seep into your mind and water down your faith. Approach the Eucharistic Jesus with awe and reverence during Mass and frequent adoration.

would like to advertise in our bulletin, have them stop by the parish office for pricing or call 457-4073.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

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, Evelyn Collopy, Edna LaMotte, Joelle Duncan



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:

June 13: Joelle Duncan
June 16: Jonas Dillon-Sauer
June 16: Scott Helus
June 17: Luke LaMotte

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



Bishop Richard Strick



The Diocese of Knoxville News

• **EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN:** Father Pontian will lead an Evening of Recollection for any interested men at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Diocese of Knoxville Chancery, 805 S. Northshore Drive in Knoxville. The evening consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, examination of conscience, the sacrament of reconciliation, personal prayer, and a meditation based on the writings of St. Josemaría to help men practice their faith in the ordinary circumstances of their lives. A short talk on virtue and light refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish hall. For details, please contact Garrick Henderson at garrickhenderson@hotmail.com or 865-809-0063.

NOTE: A second Evening of Recollection for Men will be at 6:45 p.m. Friday, June 22, at St. Peter Chanel Church in Roswell, Ga. Contact Steve Pacitti at snpacit@gmail.com or 865-277-9816 for more information.

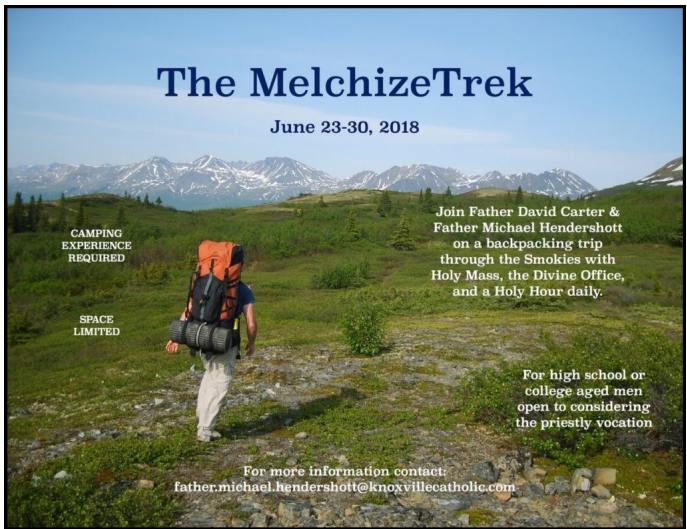
• **EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN:** Father David Carter will lead an Evening of Recollection for any interested women at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Chattanooga. The evening provides women an opportunity for quiet time and reflection and meditation in the presence of Our Lord in an atmosphere of peace and quiet. The evening consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, examination of conscience, the sacrament of reconciliation, and personal prayer. A meditation on the writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá will be presented to help women practice their faith in the ordinary circumstances of their lives. The evening will conclude with a short talk on virtue and light refreshments served in the parish hall. For details, please contact Nancy Fisher at 423-803-0257.

• **SUMMER CHALLENGE SURVIVOR CAMP FOR GIRLS:** The Diocese of Knoxville offers incoming 5th-8th grade girls the unique opportunity to come together to meet teens their own age, celebrate life, explore nature, and discern what is the will of God for their life. The camp is July 17-19 at the newly developed 52-acre Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, Tenn. Cost is \$105 per person. Space is limited, and registration is open. For more information, e-mail Margaret Merrill at marg.anne.merrill@gmail.com or go to <https://dioknox.org/calendar/>.



The MelchizeTrek

June 23-30, 2018



CAMPING EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

SPACE LIMITED

Join Father David Carter & Father Michael Hendershott on a backpacking trip through the Smokies with Holy Mass, the Divine Office, and a Holy Hour daily.

For high school or college aged men open to considering the priestly vocation

For more information contact:
father.michael.hendershott@knoxvillecatholic.com

The MelchizeTrek is a weeklong backpacking trip in the Great Smoky Mountains for young men who are open to considering a priestly vocation. Participants will be expected to hike on moderate trails approximately 7 miles per day. Daily activities will include Holy Mass, praying the Divine Office, and a Holy Hour. Fr. Michael Hendershott and Fr. David Carter are looking for six men ages 14-21 to join them June 23-30 in an experience that is designed to encourage the integration of morality, values, spiritual faith, scripture, and vocation in the lives of these young men who will be asked to commit to their own continued discernment as they return home and live out a life open to the will of God. Cost is \$175 and registration deadline is Sunday, June 10. For more information, contact Fr. Hendershott at father.michael.hendershott@knoxvillecatholic.com.

• **SUMMER CHALLENGE SURVIVOR CAMP FOR BOYS:** The Diocese of Knoxville offers incoming 5th-8th grade boys the opportunity to come together with peers, celebrate life, and learn to live the great adventure with Christ at their side. The camp is July 24-26 at the 52-acre Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center, 250 Locke Lane, Benton, Tenn. Cost is \$105 per person. Space is limited, so register now. For more information, e-mail Margaret Merrill at marg.anne.merrill@gmail.com. For forms and additional details about this or the girls' camp, go to <https://dioknox.org/calendar/>.

