

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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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! In exchange for the liturgical celebration of the 12th Sunday of the year, today has been replaced with the ancient feast day and nativity of St. John the Baptist. Like this forerunner of Jesus who prepared Israel for her Messiah, our First Reading comes from the prophet Isaiah, usually referred to by Old Testament scholars as "Servant Songs" of Second Isaiah. This passage was chosen most obviously for its reference to the servant having been named from his mother's womb (see Luke 1:60). But the passage also expresses important aspects of John's career as a prophet to God's people and a light to the nations.

The Second Reading attests to this mission of John the Baptist, who publicly acknowledges his role as the Messiah's herald; his role was to prepare Israel to receive the Messiah by inviting the people to accept the baptism of repentance.

In harmony with the liturgy, our Gospel reading resembles an Advent reading as it describes the birth of John the Baptist, his circumcision, and naming ceremony on the eighth day. For John, the day of his birth marked a sacred but mortal life.

In the presence of friends and relatives, this infant's father, Zechariah, miraculously regains his power of speech after declaring in writing, "John is his name." The name John means "God is gracious." God is indeed gracious to humanity as we experience the mystery of his salvation.

In his account of the birth of John the Baptist, St. Luke highlights the greatness of Jesus, the subsidiary position of John as precursor of the Messiah and the herald of God's coming kingdom.

We just marked Mother's and Father's Day in our country. Our parents – both living and gone to eternal rest – are very important to us. So, in today's liturgy, the Church invites us to pray for our parents and to be gracious for the gift of life, the training they have given us, and all the sacrifice, love, and affection they have lavished upon us. Let us ask God's pardon if we are, or were, ungrateful to them, do/did not take proper care of them in their illness or old age, or ever inflicted pain on them. I can relate to my parents, who had very little in terms of worldly possessions yet made sure their offspring never lacked.

As we pray for our physical parents, we also need to remember and pray for our godparents who, by Baptism, made us children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, heirs of heaven and members of the Church. Above all, every Christian is invited to have the courage of our Christian convictions as John the Baptist did, to become heralds of Christ, by our transparent Christian lives.

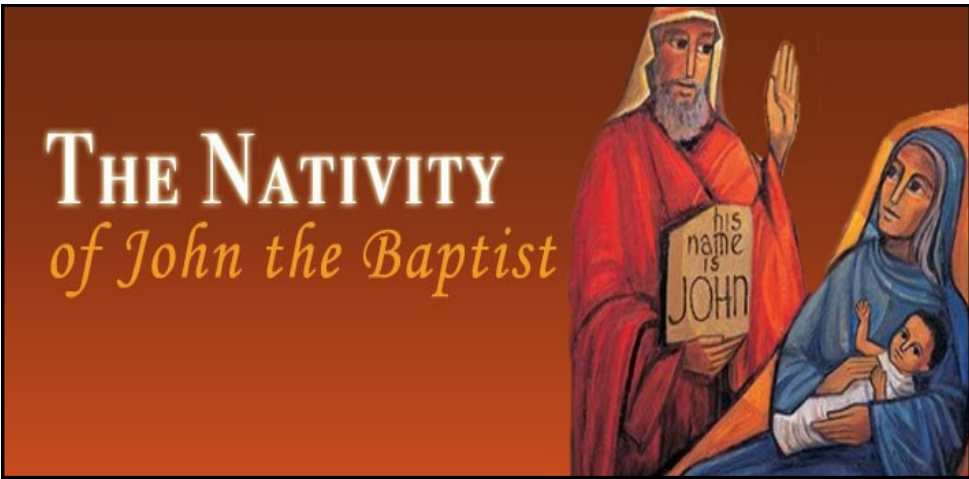
Finally, as my stay with you gradually comes to an end, with genuine emotion, I want to thank all of you who have been behind the scenes of my farewell party these past weeks. It is my hope that, over time, I can express my true appreciation to every member of this family I have been welcomed into, in years to come. 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



THE NATIVITY

of John the Baptist



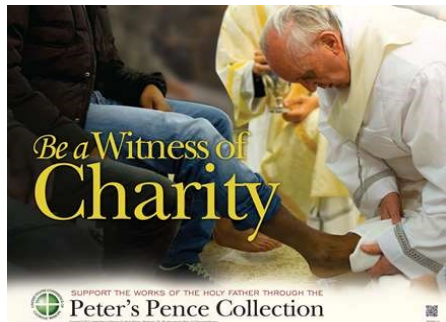
FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:

Please make plans to join St. Therese parishioners on Saturday, July 7, or Sunday, July 8, after both Masses for First Weekend Fellowship. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. Our host families will provide drinks.

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to donate toward an altar arrangement in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office (865) 457-4073.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection is taken up by Catholics around the globe and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. Please be generous.



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- Wed, June 27:** St. Cyril of Alexandria
Wed., June 28: St. Irenaeus
Fri., Jun 29: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Sat., Jun 30: The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Jun 30-Jul 1, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

- Saturday: D. McCarthy
M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock
Sunday: D. Nall
G. Paynter
B. Stephens
Lectors:
Saturday: M. Gee
C. Hundley
Sunday: O. Kuhens
T. Papa

Altar Servers:

- Saturday: TBD
Sunday: K. Godfrey
S. Godfrey
M. Lawrence
Ushers:
Saturday: M. Haka
J. Mantione
Sunday: M. Gudino
J. Gudino

Cantor:

- Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: TBD

Music:

- Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: TBD

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat., Jun 25:** +Mary Gabriel by Anna Von Buelow
Sun., Jun 26: Missa Pro Populo
Wed., Jun 27: Chuck Getsi by Dolores Hight
Thu., Jun 28: Russell Haese by Sue Haese
Fri., Jun 29: Peter Sy (Birthday blessings) by Carmen Pemberton

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 06/17/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 06/18/17	Offertory Collection for May 2018	Offertory Collection for April 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$3,750.00	\$2,032.00	\$13,374.00	\$18,612.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$365.00

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

Announcements and Information

"And behold,
I am with you
always,
to the end
of the age."

Matthew 28:20



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

When we go to Eucharistic Adoration, we meet the same Jesus whom Mary brought into the world, whom the shepherds found lying in a manger, whom Mary and Joseph nurtured; the same Jesus who called the Apostles to follow him, who taught the multitudes, who performed miracles, who said He was the light and life of the world, who for love of us suffered and died on the Cross; that same Jesus who rose again and appeared to the Apostles, who ascended into heaven, who now is seated in glory at the right hand of His Father, and who, in union 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.

—Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D., *Divine Intimacy*, Med. 201, pp 602-603.

St. Therese Parish offers adoration and benediction after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH UPDATE EMAILS:

WEEKLY UPDATES!

St. Therese parishioners receive regular weekly email updates on Thursdays pertaining to events and announcements that are important to the parish. If you are not receiving the emails and would like to be added to the weekly Parish Update contact list, please contact the parish office at (865) 457-4073.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursday evening Scripture Study will continue to meet during the summer. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass!



SATURDAY MASS-SACRISTAN NEEDED:

The current Saturday evening mass day will be leaving the parish on June 30, so St. Therese parish is seeking 1-2 replacements interested in learning to be a Sacristan. Please contact the parish office 865-457-4073 or at office@saintthereseclinton.org

BULLETIN SPONSORS:

We have spaces available for your business to advertise with us! Contact the parish office to discuss placing an ad.

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, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, Patrice Thompson, Evelyn Collopy, Edna LaMotte, Joelle Duncan, Ron and Flo Schramm, John Thais



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 24: John Kelsey
Ellen Saganich
June 25: Anna Powers
June 26: Cathy Hundley
June 29: Sylvia Bonham

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





Bishop Richard Slika



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MASS CELEBRATING ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA:

A Mass for the feast day of St. Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei, will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on June 26 at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father John Orr will be the main celebrant with Father Pontian Kiyimba, AJ, concelebrating. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Garrick Henderson at 865-809-0063

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN:

An Evening of Recollection provides women with an opportunity for reflection and meditation in the presence of Our Lord in an atmosphere of peace and quiet. The evenings consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, examination of conscience, the sacrament of reconciliation, and personal prayer. A meditation based on the writings of St. Josemaría Escrivá will also be presented to help women practice their Catholic faith in the ordinary circumstances of their lives. The evening concludes with a short talk on virtue and light refreshments served in the parish hall.

The event will be held at the Diocese of Knoxville Chancery on June 28 at 7 p.m. and led by Father Pontian. For details, please contact Lisa Campbell by email or at 865-455-4795



Diocese of Knoxville Men's Conference

Saturday, August 25
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
All Saints Church, Knoxville

"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men." - John F. Kennedy

Join us for the Diocese of Knoxville Men's Conference from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25 at All Saints Catholic Church in Knoxville.

Speaker Nic Davidson will present Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body and its place in the spiritual life of men. The day will include Holy Mass, conferences, small group discussions, and Q&A. Snacks and lunch included.

The conference is free of charge. Donations will be accepted.

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." ~



God Gives
Joy to My
Youth

Ministries Day

August 18, 2018

All Saints Catholic Church • Knoxville

Workshop Descriptions and Registration will be available in July at www.dioknox.org

Open to all who share the Catholic Faith ...

Parents & Student Youth Leaders • Coordinators of Youth Ministry • Liturgy & Ministry Teams • RCIA Teams • Directors of Religious Education • Adult Educators • Catechists & Assistants



MARRIED COUPLES: Learn how you and your spouse can be like the healing hands of Jesus to each other. Techniques for requesting and granting forgiveness are available to you, as well as how to keep the need to a minimum, at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

The next WWME Weekends are scheduled for August 10-12 and September 28-30. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

JOB OPENING—CATHOLIC CHARITIES Catholic Charities of East Tennessee has immediate job openings in the Knoxville area including Development Administrator, Samaritan Place Program Leader, and Care Specialists at Columbus Home Group Home. For more information, please visit the CCETN website at: www.ccetn.org under the "Jobs" tab.