

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,

I knew someday I would be writing my final reflection for both our St. Therese and St. Joseph faith communities. This is the weekend. Through our Almighty God, I write to express my sincere appreciation to Bishop Stika of the Knoxville Diocese, through whom all our paths have crossed. I can never thank you all enough! For those of you who had the grace to make me feel at home miles and miles from my native land, what a legacy! So, in the spirit of the liturgy this weekend that speaks of the gift of life, I urge and challenge you to be grateful for our health in body and soul and to use God's gifts of life in a healthy and responsible way.

Our First Reading reminds us that God fashions us for life "in the image of his own nature," but Satan in his jealousy engenders death, which results from sin, that eternal separation from God. The reading also suggests that the *goal of our lives on Earth is to know, love, and serve God here, wholesome in body and soul, to share God's immortal life forever. In the Second Reading, St. Paul asks the Church in Corinth to show equality towards the Jewish community in Jerusalem during a famine, the kindness and compassion that Jesus expresses in His healing ministry, together looking out for one another.*

In the Gospel, Mark depicts two of our Lord's health-restoring miracles: the healing of a woman suffering from a chronic bleeding affliction, and the restoring of Jairus' deceased daughter to life. These healings demonstrate Jesus' desire that *all peoples may aspire to a full life in Him. They reveal Jesus as a generous, kind, and compassionate God who wills that men should live their wholesome lives abundantly. We see further proof of the divine power and the infinite mercy of our Savior towards the trusting faith of these two archetypes. It is possible that the faith of the synagogue leader might have been defective and the faith of the woman a bit superstitious, but Jesus amply rewards their defective faith by granting them health and life. What a hopeful statement, that even in our defective faith, we too might be granted such abundance!*

As Christians, therefore, we need to accept God's call to health and holiness. Knowing by faith that Jesus accepts us as we are, let us bring before Him our bodily illnesses and spiritual wounds, asking for His healing touch. When we visit physicians this week, let us not forget to offer a prayer to Christ *the Divine Healer that we have chosen the right doctor and that he or she makes the correct diagnosis, prescribes the optimum treatment, and gives us the right medicine. But let us never forget Jesus, the ultimate healer.*

Finally, remember that we Christians need to continue Christ's healing mission by tending the sick, praying for their healing, boosting their morale with our loving presence, and offering words of encouragement and inspiration. As I make my exit to St. Joseph the Worker in Madisonville, Tenn., I remember St. Augustine's farewell instructions to his Church, when he said, "Beloved, as we part from each other, may we never part from the love of God." May the good Lord continue to bless and keep you ALL! Amen!

Arrivederci!!!

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



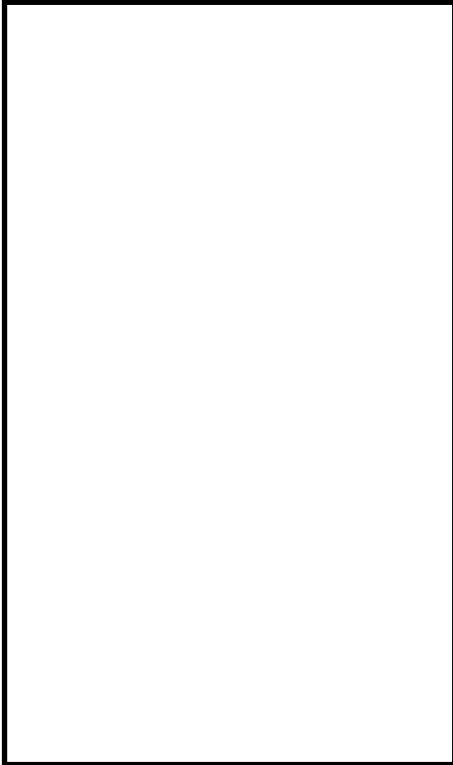
St. Therese Catholic Church, as a happy faith community, welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church. Celebrate the gift of life with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshipers, please stop after Mass by the church hall or the parish office to pick up a registration form or call us at (865)457-4073. Fr. Julius



FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:

Please make plans to attend the first weekend fellowship next weekend, Saturday,

July 7th, after Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. There will be a small reception to welcome our new Parish Administrator, Fr. Richard Armstrong. Our host families will be providing drinks. Currently, we have no one signed up to host the Sunday afternoon First Weekend Fellowship on the 8th. Please sign up in the parish hall if you are interested.



WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 06/17/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 06/25/17	Offertory Collection for May 2018	Offertory Collection for April 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$3,750.00	\$3,326.00	\$13,374.00	\$18,612.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$130.00

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

Tues., Jul 3: St. Thomas, Apostle
Thu., Jul 5: St. Elizabeth of Portugal, St. Anthony Zaccaria
Fri., Jul 6: St. Maria Goretti
Sat., Jul 7: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Jul 7-Jul 8, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
 A. Brown
 P. Chase
 Sunday: J. Pubillones
 D. Terheyden
 J. Anderson
Lectors:
 Saturday: J. Meersman
 J. Meersman
 Sunday: G. Paynter
 J. Paynter

Altar Servers:

Saturday: S. Haese
 Sunday: A. Powers
 C. Milne
 B. Milne
Ushers:
 Saturday: A. Goodman
 C. Hundley
 Sunday: D. McCune
 C. Tucker

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
 Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: T. Keever
 Sunday: P. Russell

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., Jun 30: 50th Anniversary Mass for Stan & Barb Bieleski
Sun., Jul 1: +Paul Mikeal by Connie Mikeal
Wed., Jul 4: Katherine Baker by Thomas Baker
Thu., Jul 5: Mandy Flores by Leonard Nugent
Fri., Jul 6: +Margaret Bushman by Roy & Chris Converse

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



"The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself.

Indeed, 'only in adoration can a profound and genuine reception mature. And it is precisely this personal encounter with the Lord that then strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist, which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another.'"

Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis, paragraph 66

Saint Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9:00 am Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.



Warm wishes for Stan & Barb Bieleski for a Happy 50th Anniversary and may God continue to bless you and your loved ones with health and happiness!

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thur., 7 p.m. Scripture Study

Sat., 9:30 a.m. Finance Mtg

SPECIAL THANK YOU from John Thais and his family for all the prayers and support for him during his recent illness and hospital stay. John is doing much better and says that he was fortunate to have been aware of the early warning signs of stroke and now he is recuperating at home and is doing much better, and praise God—he is slowly getting stronger every day!



FOOD CITY GIFT CARDS:

Be sure to use these gift cards when shopping and purchasing gas! They make great gift cards as well. They can be purchased after every Mass on Saturday and Sunday. They are also available 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Mon.—Thur. at the parish office.



The parish office will be closed on Wed., July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday. Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

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:

Jul 1: Christina Mantione
Tiffany Rodriguez

Jul 5: Robert Hatmaker
Alene Morris

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





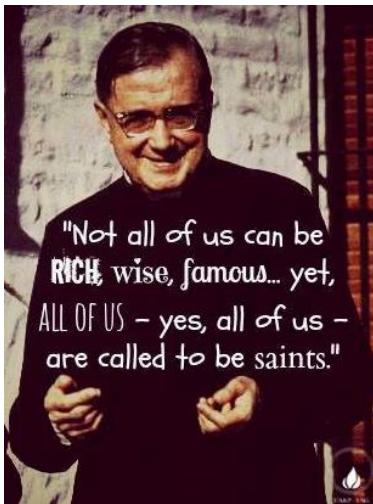
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EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN:

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



ST. JOHN PAUL II STOLE NOW DISPLAYED IN CATHEDRAL:

Bishop Richard F. Stika stands with His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali after workers placed a stole worn by St. John Paul II on permanent display next to the former pope's statue in the south transept in the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The stole, worn on many of St. John Paul II's international trips, was a gift to the Diocese of Knoxville from His Eminence Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz when he visited Knoxville in March for the Mass of Dedication at the new cathedral.

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN:

An Evening of Recollection 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. This event will take place Thursday, July 12 at the Diocese of Knoxville Chancery at 7 p.m. with Father Pontian leading. For details, please contact Garrick Henderson at garrickhenderson@hotmail.com or 865-809-0063.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: St. John Neumann School's Aftercare Program is seeking individuals that enjoy interacting with children. This paid position operates from 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM Monday through Friday when school is in session. Less than five days per week and flexible hours are available. Applicants must be 18 years or older. For more information please e-mail Lynn Oravitz at Lynnbuddie@chartertn.net or call 865-679-1536.

MAY 2018

St. Therese, Clinton

Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$14,950.00

Collections to Date: \$10,015.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$2,985.00

2018

**BISHOP'S
APPEAL**

ONE CHURCH FOR
ONE ANOTHER