

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 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday/Thursday: 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph, Norris

Wednesday/Friday: 8:30 a.m. at St. Therese, Clinton

Parish Pastoral Council:

John Meersman, Chair

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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.

Gospel Reflection

LUKE 6:27-38. AN END TO RECIPROCITY

It is natural to reciprocate—to help those who help you and hurt those who hurt you. “Do unto others as they do unto you” is simple justice, and has been enshrined in law at least since the Code of Hammurabi (18th Century B.C.), which specified an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

Reciprocity is a natural, commonsense way to order one’s life, and is far more enlightened than the aggressive, selfish approach that many people favor today. “Do unto others as they do unto you” has morphed into “Do unto others *before* they do to you” and simply “Do unto others!” We live in a world where powerful and wealthy people use power and wealth to accumulate even more power and wealth—with little regard to the effects on other people. As a wealthy rancher is reputed to have said, “All I want is what’s mine—and what adjoins it.” In many circles, such aggressive behavior is not only condoned but is celebrated. In some cases, truly evil people deliberately inflict injury on others for no apparent reason. We can understand the person who would steal something of value. It is more difficult to understand a person who would set fire to a church because of racial hatred or shoot a passerby for a quick thrill.

In such a dog-eat-dog world, reciprocity seems positively enlightened. It does not seek to inflict injury except in cases where injury is deserved. Its goal is fairness. The bad person suffers, and the good person prospers. It is as it should be.

And yet Jesus tells us that reciprocity is not kingdom behavior. Just as God goes beyond justice to mercy, we are to do the same. It is a hard lesson, one that goes against the grain. It is *un*-natural. We can move beyond justice to mercy, but only through the grace of God.



Source: www.sermon-writer.com.

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 warmly welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church. Celebrate the gift of faith with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered parishioners. If you are not registered and would like to belong to this happy family of worshipers, please fill out the registration form and bring to the office, or call us at 865-457-4073.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
ST. THERESE (Fr. Richard):
 8:30 am & 7:00pm
ST. JOSEPH (Msgr. Bill):
 7:00 pm



OLD PALMS:
Need a way to properly dispose of your old palms from years past? Bring them to church and place them in the marked jar in the parish hall. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. The last weekend to bring them in is March 2 and 3.

Please note that we will not have First Weekend Fellowship next weekend since the CCW Mardi Gras event will be on Saturday, March 2 after 5:00 pm Vigil Mass.

LENTEN MISSION

“Come to me and I will give you rest”

Sin, Grace, Prayer, Penance
 Preparing for Easter
 Saturday, March 9 at
St. Therese Parish
 9:00 am—3:00 pm
 Lunch Provided

The Mission will be led by Carlos Taja, Associate Director/Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis at the USCCB. He has led various workshops and presentations on theology, evangelization and catechesis for laity and clergy. Carlos also led a Mission here at St. Therese 3 years ago that was well at-



tended and highly acclaimed. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 02/17/2019	Offertory Collection Last Year 02/18/2018	Offertory Collection for Jan 2019	Offertory Collection for Jan 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019
\$2,462.00	\$2,097.00	\$20,839.70	\$11,461.00	\$13,264.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$ 280.00

Jan 2019	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Dec 2018	Loan Dec 2017
\$979.00	\$1,707.00	\$ (728.00)	\$109,937.29	\$125,637.80

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Sun, Feb. 24: St. Matthias, Apostle
Mon., Feb. 25: St. Walburga
Tues., Feb. 26: St. Alexander
Wed., Feb. 27: St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
Fri., Mar 1: St. Katherine Drexel

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

March 2 & 3

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
 A. Brown
 Sunday: J. Pubillones
 G. Paynter
Lectors:
 Saturday: M. Haka
 D. Helus
 Sunday: T. Smith
 T. Papa

Altar Servers:

Saturday: B. Helus
 C. Helus
 S. Helus
 Sunday: A. Kuhens
 M. Lawrence
 S. Thais
Ushers:
 Saturday: J. Klee
 D. McCarthy
 Sunday: M. Gudino
 J. Gudino
Cantor:
 Saturday: D. Stepp
 Sunday: M. Tuskan
Music:
 Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., Feb. 23: Special Intention by Ron & Monica Spurlock
Sun., Feb. 24: † Jerry Mikeal by Connie Mikeal
Wed., Feb. 27: Tom & Kathy Baker by Tom Baker
Fri., Mar 1: Laura Ruggers by Sue Haese
Sat. Mar. 2: † Don Zenner by Sue Haese and Cathy Hundley
Sun. Mar 3: Laura Ruggers by Sue Haese

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Sun., 5:30—7:30 p.m.: CCD—Decision Point , includes dinner
Mon. 10:30 a.m.: Renew meeting
Tues., 9:30 a.m.: Bible Study
Wed., 6:15 p.m.—8:00 p.m.: CCD Challenge & Conquest Team Leaders
Wed., 6:30 p.m.: RCIA Meeting
Thur., 7:00 p.m.: Scripture Study

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: "No Greater Love"

**Wednesdays of Lent,
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Join us for a video study program as Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before. All are welcome! **Cost: \$25.00 for book/workbook** Please contact **Cathy Hundley 865-209-2335**

**SECOND COLLECTION—
ASH WEDNESDAY, MAR. 6:**
**Collection for Aid to the
Church in Central & Eastern
Europe (CCEE)** This collection provides aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 8: First Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Mar. 9: Lenten Mission "Come to me and I will give you rest" 9am-3pm
Mar. 30: Game Night hosted by Family/Parish Life, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES Cumberland Deanery:

St. Therese - Thurs., Mar. 21 7 pm
St. Teresa of Kolkata-Tues., Mar 26 7 pm
St. John Neuman-Thurs., Mar 28 6pm
St. Alphonsus-Thurs., April 2 7pm
St. Francis of Assisi-Thurs., Apr 4 7pm
KCHS-Thur., Apr 4 10:40 am-11:45am

LENTEN FISH FRY
will be starting up soon, beginning with the first Friday of Lent, March 8, at



5:00 pm. Assistance for setup and breakdown will be greatly appreciated, please contact the parish office 865-457-4073.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"My CHILD, you need not know much in order to please Me; only love Me dearly. Speak to Me as you would talk to your mother, if she had taken you in her arms. Have you no one to recommend to Me? Tell Me the names of your relations, of your friends; after each name add what you wish Me to do for them. Ask a great deal: I love generous hearts that forget themselves for others." Blessed Sacrament Pamphlet, with ecclesiastical approval
Saint Therese offers Eucharistic adoration and benediction after the 8:30 am Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Ralph Collins, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, Evelyn Collopy, Edna LaMotte, Joelle Duncan, Ron Schramm, Tom & Kathy Baker, Josie Mantione, William Hobbs, Joanne Carey, Diane Zwicker, John Thais, George Krebs, Bobbie S., Wolfe family, Walter Ferguson, Doris Bucklaew, Jennifer Korell, Russell Haese, Lydia Hatmaker

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:

Matthew Carroll, 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:

Jean Meersman Feb 25
Becky Hatmaker Feb 27
Mason Murphy Feb 28
Donald Wrasman Feb 28
Carl Von Buelow Mar 2

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





Bishop Richard Stika



The Diocese of Knoxville News



Catholic Charities
of East Tennessee, Inc.

Dear St. Therese Church,
On behalf of all those served by Catholic Charities of ET, thank you for your recent donation of Baby Care Items for Pregnancy Help Services. Thank you so much for your generosity and for thinking of the needs of others. Your gift allows us to continue to "provide help and create hope" for those in need.

With much appreciation, Lisa Healy, Int. Ex Director



34th ANNUAL
Catholic Charities
Dinner

An Emerald Occasion

The 34th annual Catholic Charities dinner, "An Emerald Occasion," will be held on Thursday, March 14, at The Knoxville Hilton (501 W. Church Ave.). This popular annual event brings together more than 400 of Knoxville's finest for an evening of fun and fellowship. Proceeds from the event benefit Catholic Charities of East Tennessee. Cocktail reception begins at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. The evening includes a cocktail reception, silent auction, and a dinner, as well as a program focusing on the work of CCETN in our community and a special presentation of the Pope Francis Service Award. This year's award will be presented to Kristin Farley, News Anchor on WATE 6 On Your Side. Kristin is an inspiring individual whose outstanding heart for service inspires all who know her.



Now accepting nominations for the **Longest Married Couple** The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment is searching for the **Longest Married Couple** from each parish. The winners will receive a **Certificate of Achievement** in June. The longest married couple in our diocese will be submitted to Worldwide Marriage Encounter for their search of the longest married couple in each state and the nation, **Longest Married Couple Project (LMC)**.

For the last four years the Diocese of Knoxville has had the Longest Married Couple in the State of Tennessee. Winners of the LMC Project are selected solely from nominations submitted and may not be submitted two years in a row. If you would like to nominate a couple for this honor please submit their names, their wedding date and what parish they belong to by Tuesday, April 30, 2019 to Marian Christiana at (423) 892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org

EMAIL SCAM ALERT from Diocese of Knoxville:

There is no doubt that technology can make our lives easier. Unfortunately, there are unscrupulous elements out there always trying to corrupt good things. Over the past several months, some of our priests have been impersonated with emails that can look remarkably official. If you receive an email requesting help, contact that person or the parish office for clarification. Do not respond to the email, and don't purchase items or send money based on an unexpected electronic request. These email requests should always be treated suspiciously.

JOB OPENING - Saint Joseph School

PK-8 Spanish Teacher Saint Joseph School is accepting applications for a part-time Spanish Teacher to complete the current 2018- 2019 school year. Ideal candidates would be faithful Catholics, have active teaching licenses, have proven experience in the classroom and a commitment to high expectations and meeting the needs of diverse learners. Teachers with an ESL certification are preferred. For more information about Saint Joseph School, please visit www.sjsknox.org or <https://www.facebook.com/sjsknox>.

DIOKNOX
THEOLOGY ON TAP
March 7th • 7 PM • Bearden Beer Market
FROM WEST POINT TO THE CONVENT:
A STORY OF CONVERSION
Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM
Food trucks will be available. Young adults 18-35 are welcome.

DoCat Workshop Announcement

On March 30th, the **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry** will be hosting a workshop for Young Adults on the DoCat. The DoCat is a great source for learning about the Social Doctrine of the Church and how to live it out! It will begin at 9AM and end at 6PM in the youth room at the Cathedral (711 S Northshore Dr, Knoxville). The cost is \$15 which includes lunch and a copy of the DoCat! Contact Erica Pereira at epereira@dioknox.org or at (215)390-0963 to register. Pope Francis desires for millions of young people to be missionary disciples of Social Doctrine of the Church. How will you respond?