

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 13:1-9

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.



Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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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.

EASTER FLOWERS: *If you would like to donate toward the flowers that will fill St. Therese on Easter morning in honor of or in memory of loved ones, please drop your donation in the place provided on the table in the parish hall. Envelopes can be found in your monthly mailing or you may use one provided in the back. Thank you, as always, for your generous contributions.*



ROSARY RECITATION

*Please join us in praying the Rosary before Mass next **Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m.***

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: *Parish & Family Life will be hosting a Game Night on **Saturday, March 30 after Mass, 6-8pm.** We will provide food and a variety of games. People are welcome to bring a game to share.*

FRIDAYS OF LENT: Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross

5:00-6:30 p.m.: *Join us for our weekly fish fries each Friday throughout Lent. Extra hands for setup and cleanup are always appreciated! Sign up in parish hall.*

6:30 p.m.: *Stations of the Cross led by Music/Choir on Friday, March 29*



WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 03/17/2019	Offertory Collection Last Year 03/18/2018	Offertory Collection for Feb 2019	Offertory Collection for Feb 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019
\$2,193.00	\$2,322.00	\$14,911.00	\$12,418.00	\$12,418.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$ 85.00

Feb 2019	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Feb 2019	Loan Feb 2018
\$1,673.00	\$1,707.00	\$ (34.00)	\$107,533.92	\$124,333.25

PARISH COUNCIL OPENINGS



PPC will have two vacancies starting this summer. Each Parish council member serves three years, and attends monthly meetings with other council members and our pastor, and is involved in parish activities. If you are interested in serving in this important role, please write a letter of intention to Fr. Richard by April 7. After nominations are received, we will have an election by parishioners. To serve in this role, you must be a registered member of St. Therese parish. Please feel free to discuss any questions with current or past council members.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Sun. Mar. 24: St. Gabriel
Mon., Mar 25: St. Dismas
Tues., Mar 26: St. Ludger
Wed., Mar 27: St. John Damascene
Thur., Mar 28: St. John of Capistrano

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

March 30 & 31

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock
 R. Spurlock
 Sunday: O. Kuhens
 L. McCune

Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman
 J. Meersman
 Sunday: P. Chiaro
 B. Lauer

Altar Servers:

Saturday: B. Helus
 C. Helus
 S. Helus
 Sunday: M. Lawrence
 B. Milne
 C. Milne

Ushers:

Saturday: C. Hundley
 A. Hundley
 Sunday: M. Gudino
 J. Gudino

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
 Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Mar. 23: † Don Zenner by Stan & Becky Hatmaker

Sun. Mar 24: † Don Zenner by Roy and Chris Converse

Wed., Mar. 27: George Krebs by Roy & Chris Converse

Fri., Mar 29: † Ray Alcorn by the Landmesser family

Sat. Mar. 30: † Walter Ferguson & family by Stan & Barb Bieleski

Sun. Mar 31: Mary Harris by Roy and 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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

- Sun. 5:30-7:30 pm:** CCD—Decision Point class.
Mon. 10:30 a.m.: Renew meeting in Administrative Bldg
Tues., 9:30 a.m.: Bible Study in parish hall
Wed., 6:15 p.m.: CCD—Challenge & Conquest with dinner served
Wed., 6:30 p.m.: Bible Study (No Greater Love) in Rectory
Wed., 6:30 p.m.: RCIA Meeting
Thur., 7:00 p.m.: Scripture Study



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: There will be a training for EMHC after Masses on **Sunday, March 24 and Saturday, March 30**, to review mandates for current EMHC and also instruction for those who are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Please contact Deacon Dan Hosford before training. (865) 603-9682

NOTE OF THANKS: Toni and Jim Ferguson would like to thank our St Therese parish family for all the love, prayers and support given to them during the illness and death of our son Walter. Blessing and Christ love to you all.

UPDATING PARISH COMMUNICATIONS



We are updating our way of communicating important parish news and information that needs to be passed along, such as funeral, event changes, etc. A form will be distributed this weekend at Masses for parishioners to complete, so if you didn't receive one, please pick one up in the parish hall and fill it out. Thanks!

EASTER CANDY St. Therese Parish & Family Life will host an Easter Egg Hunt after 11 a.m. Mass on April 21. All children younger than 10 are invited. Please consider donating candy to fill the Easter bags that will be available in the back of church that morning. All types of candy are welcome. Donations can be dropped in the pink basket on the table in the parish hall.



SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK-END is in support of the work of

Catholic Relief Serves (CRS), the international humanitarian agency of the US Bishops and Catholic community. Your donation will help develop world break cycle of poverty and provide emergency relief in wake of natural disasters and civil conflict.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE is asking parishioners to please consider bringing donations of canned protein items such as tuna, canned chicken, beef stew, etc. As always, ANY items are appreciated. A box is in the parish hall for donations!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES in Cumberland Deanery

St. Teresa of Kolkata, Maynardville	Tues., Mar 26 7 p.m.
St. John Neuman, Farragut	Thurs., Mar 28 6 p.m.
St. Alphonsus	Thurs., April 2 7 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi-	Thurs., Apr 4 7 p.m.
Knoxville Catholic HS-	Thur., Apr 4 10:40 -11:45 am

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m. led by Spiritual Life
 Lenten Fish Fry, 5:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 30: Game Night hosted by Family/Parish Life, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
April 5-6: First Weekend Fellowship

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, Doris Bucklaew, Jennifer Korrell, Russell Haese, Lydia Hatmaker, Jakob Rosetti

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:

Carl Helus	Mar 28
Jim Pubillones	Mar 28
Patricia Boswell	Mar 29
Amelisa Owens	Mar 29
Martin Strones	Mar 30

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



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The Diocese of Knoxville News



High School Catholic Youth Camp:

*All incoming 9th-12th graders

Dates: June 4-8, 2019

Where: Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center

Theme: The Lord Came in a Whisper – 1 Kings 19:12

Cost: \$220.00 per person

Includes: housing, all meals, snacks, activities, Guest Speakers, t-shirt and much more...

Meet Catholics your own age from all over the diocese, listen to inspiring speakers, learn about the new evangelization, celebrate liturgy, challenge yourself in a variety of ways, enjoy the sand volleyball or basketball courts or GaGa Pit. Pray the Outdoor Stations of the Cross or maybe just take some time to relax around the Campfire or overlook of the Hiwassee River. Most of all take time to review and renew your faith life.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, April 9, for those interested in a pilgrimage to Mexico September of 2020. The meeting will be held at the Chancery Offices at 6:30pm (805 S. Northshore, 37919.) This is a meeting to go over the proposed itinerary and gauge interest for a

journey to the holy and sacred sites of Mexico, including Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Morris, lisam@select-intl.com or 865-567-1245



DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE SUMMER CAMPS:

Harrison Bay State Park, June 2019

The Diocese of Knoxville Youth Ministry Office offers many opportunities for young people to come together during the summer to; meet teens their own age, celebrate life, explore nature and discern what is the will of God for their life. God Camps take place at the 1200 acre Harrison Bay State Park in Harrison, Tennessee in the Chattanooga Deanery. This camp ground features 24 rustic cabins and is limited to 144 persons each session. Space is limited to hurry and don't miss out.

God Camp activities will include swimming at the Olympic size swimming pool, outdoor sports, Camp fire, prayer services, the celebration of Mass, team building activities, group interaction or simply enjoy the park, some highlights include Four square, basketball, softball, volleyball, and horseshoes and the evening dance.

All camps are open to anyone in the Diocese of Knoxville. There are three different camps depending on the age of the child. Space is Limited – Registration now open

REACH for incoming 7th and 8th grade students June 24-27, 2019
Cost \$130.00 per person

DISCOVER for incoming 5th and 6th grade students June 27 – 29, 2019
Cost \$105.00 per person

More information can be found at www.dioknox.org/events



Abby Johnson keynote speaker :
“Unplanned” Movie based on her story

St. Mary Church Activities Building
1291 E Madison Ave
Athens, TN 37303

St. Mary Church in Athens is hosting a luncheon on **Thursday, April 11**, featuring heroine of the Pro-Life Movement, Abby Johnson as keynote speaker. Join us for a beautiful time of food and fellowship as well as inspiration and challenge from a heroine of the Pro-Life Movement. Hear the story of Abby Johnson, a leading voice in the fight for life in America, founder of And Then There Were None Ministries, and former Planned Parenthood director.

Abby will share her incredible journey, all about her dramatic exit from Planned Parenthood, and the truth about what goes on behind closed doors at PP facilities. Abby is an engaging, entertaining, and pointed speaker who will leave you inspired and hopeful.

There will be an opportunity to partner with Full Circle Medical Center for Women locally to help the women of our community choose LIFE! Please RSVP to Emily at (423) 744-3005 by April 4, 2019 or on Eventbrite

<https://tinyurl.com/Abby-Johnson> Movie

“Unplanned” is in theaters on March 29, 2019