

ST. Therese Catholic Church

701 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd.
Clinton, Tennessee 37716

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

Bishop of Knoxville:

Most Reverend Bishop Richard Stika

Parochial Administrator:

Father Julius Abuh - Rectory 865-457-1317

Pastoral Associate:

Sister Yvette Gillen 865-207-7070

Secretary : Karen Baird

St. Therese Church Office: 865-457-4073

Parish website :

www.saintthereseclinton.org

Parish Facebook: Sainttherese Clinton

Weekly Mass Schedule:

Sat. Confessions 4:45 –5:15 P.M **Mass** 5:30 P.M.

Sun. Mass 10:15 A.M.

Tues. Mass 6:30 P.M.

Wed. Mass 9:00 A.M.

Thurs. Mass 9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 12 noon.

Fri. Mass 9:00 A.M.

Pastoral Council

Chairperson:

Becky Hatmaker

Vice Chairperson:

Cathy Owens

Council Secretary:

Peg Chase

Jerry Brown

Linda McCune

Henry Bentz

Fr. Julius Abuh

(ex-officio)

Sr. Yvette (ex-officio)

Finance Board

Chairpersons:

Don McCarthy

Becky Hatmaker

Dave McCune

Monica Spurlock

Fr. Julius Abuh

(ex-officio)

Sr. Yvette Gillen

(ex-officio)

Karen Baird

(ex-officio)

Committee

Chair persons

Liturgy:

Sister Yvette

Parish/Family

Life: Thais Family

Parish Plant :

Fred Jackson

Religious Ed:

Sister Yvette

Social Action:

Connie Mikeal

Spiritual Life:

Peg Chase

Building:

Joyce Klee

Hospitality:

Office Hours

9 A.M.—1:30P.M.

Mon—Thurs

9A.M.-12 N Fri

Administrator's Desk:

Many years ago, a rider came across some soldiers who were trying to move a heavy log without success. The corporal was standing by as the men struggled. The rider asked the corporal why he wasn't helping. The corporal replied, "I am the corporal; I give orders." The rider dismounted, went up and stood by the soldiers and as they were lifting the log, he helped them. With his help, the log got moved. The rider quietly mounted his horse and went to the corporal and said, "The next time your men need help, send for the Commander-in-Chief." After he left, the corporal and his men found out that the rider was George Washington.

In the series of readings that we have been following the past Sundays from the Gospel of Mark, we have been watching Jesus the Healer making his reputation. However, once Jesus had been able to draw the crowds by his healing, Mark shifts his emphasis to Jesus the Teacher.

That is still the context for this weekend's reading from Mark except that for the Old Testament reading, we have turned to the Book of Wisdom and its description of the 'just' person. In this first reading, we see into the mind of people who dislike the rich. Maintaining their power base, they call the just obnoxious; they are angry that the 'just' do not agree with what they, the 'wicked', are doing, all the while feeling inferior because the 'just' let them know they are doing wrong

The reading from James is also very appropriate today because the Apostles themselves were showing signs of jealousy and selfish ambition, and the result was leading to argument and conflict. They were trying to decide which of them would have the highest place of honor in the new kingdom that Jesus was to set up – who was the greatest among them. This conflict which was sensed by Jesus, but not openly admitted to by the Apostles, became the source of a new teaching for Jesus: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

To receive God, Jesus says, you have to lower yourself and accept the powerlessness and helplessness of a child. We often forget as adults what it is like not to be able to provide for oneself, and when we do forget that, we forget what we owe to God.

Jesus placed all his trust in God. Jesus was like a little child. Think of his prayers at Gethsemane and on the cross – his helplessness and his total reliance on God. That is why he can say that we welcome **him** when we welcome a child unselfishly, and in receiving him, receive the one who sent him. Note that Mark here does not tell us to become like little children as we hear elsewhere in Scriptures, but to receive children, to welcome children, to give hospitality to children. This act lowers a person because nothing can be given back in return (except perhaps, love) and that is what receiving Jesus is all about.

This weekend therefore, can we become a servant for someone, expecting no reward, except being close to Jesus? Think of someone with no status and no power, someone helpless? Can we do something hospitable to that person? We need to forget how highly we think of who we are and what the society think of us, thus we can better welcome everyone in and within our community like children.

Happy Sunday!

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:45–5:15 P.M. or by appointment

Baptism: By appointment. Please call the church office at least 4 weeks prior to desired baptism date.

Matrimony: A four month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

St Therese Operating Budget Fiscal Year (July 2012-June 2013)

Weekly Operating Budget	Collections Received Last Week	Budget Excess/(Deficit)
	\$1,995	
Yearly Operating Budget	Collections Received Year to Date	Budget Excess/(Deficit) Year to Date
	\$27,568	
Building Fund	Received Last Week	Year to Date
	\$170	\$6,270

Ministries Sept. 29&30

Lector
Sat. S. Bielecki
Sun. G. Paynter

Servers
Sat. A. Duncan, JD Carter, Sherry Carter, T. Gudina
Sun. M. Govelitz, A. Govelitz, A. Hundley, A. Webb

Eucharist
Sat. F. Jackson, G. Krebs, D. McCarthy
Sun. B. Bonham, C. Hundley, L. McCune

Ushers
Sat. R. Schramm, F. Schramm
Sun. V. Chiaro, F. Zelenka

Cantor
Sat. T. Ferguson
Sun. M. Tuskan

Music
Sat. J. Bentz
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If you are unable to minister on the assigned date please find your own replacement.

Mass Intentions

9/22- 9/30

Sat. 9/22

*People of St. Therese

Sun. 9/23

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Tues. 9/25

+ Bridget Ali

by Fr. Julius

Wed. 9/26

+LaDonna Koenig

by Bob & Laura Lauer

Thurs. 9/27

+Fr. Robert Drinan

by Leonard Nugent

Fri. 9/28

+LaDonna Koenig

By Mercy Associates

Sat. 9/29

+Ann Robbin's father

by Don Wrasman

Sun. 9/30

*People of St. Therese

RCIA Classes begin October 3rd at 7:00 P.M. If you know of any non-Catholic who is interested in learning about the Catholic faith please call the church office.

CCW Rummage Sale

Attention All Ladies Young and Old!

Donations Needed

Bring your donations to the church hall by Oct. 10th

We also need your donation of time:

Set-Up –Oct. 10th & 11th

The sale days Oct. 12th & 13th

Sign –Up sheets in the church hall

Please help with this major CCW fund raiser

Introduction to The Year of Faith

An adult-level, Faith Formation Course on faith and reason (science) will be offered for parishes in the Knoxville area over two Saturdays: October 13 and October 27; from 9 am to 11:30 am. The location is at St John Neumann Parish, Farragut in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Community Room. The course will be presented by Deacon Mike Gouge. Registration fee is \$10 to cover handouts, snacks and coffee. Contact Deacon Gouge at mgouge@tds.net if you plan to attend.

Please mark your calendars for the following important dates: Saint Joseph School Golf Tournament, Friday, October 12th at Three Ridges Golf Course. SJS Fall Festival, Saturday, October 13th on the Saint Albert the Great Parish Grounds

St. Joseph and St. Therese parishes are invited to attend a program on **Faithful Citizenship** sponsored by St. Joseph CCW on Sunday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Social Hall. The speaker will be Deacon Gary Brinkworth who spoke at the KDCCW Convention where he was well received. He will not endorse any candidate or political party. All parishioners are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Kristin Schramm, Louise Kendra, Rocky May, Helen Beckner, Patrice Thompson, Katie York, Lydia Hatmaker, Louise Poly, Heather Phillips, Sandy Boles, Miranda Lawrence, Barbara Bielecki,*

Jessica Parker, Ron Spurlock, Travis and Tyler Ervin, David Trent, Lee Welty, Jesse Baker, Bradley Adkins, Andrew Adkins, Tyler Buss, and Adrian Agbanlog who are on military assignment, and for all the other men and women currently serving in the military.

This Week at St. Therese

Tues. 9/25 6:30 P.M. Mass

Wed. 9/26 9:00 A.M. Mass

Thurs. 9/27 9:00 A.M. Mass

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament after Mass

Fri. 9/28 9:00 A.M. Mass

Sat. 9/29 5:30 P.M. Mass

Sun. 9/30 10:15 A.M. Mass

Remember our parishioners who are in the hospitals & nursing homes:

Louise Kendra is at Brakebill Nursing Home in Knoxville

Eleanor Lux & Mary Alice

Eisenhauer are at Morning Pointe

Louise Poly is in Mabel Rose Estates in Papillion, NE

Joan Nelson is at Five Star Residence of Hollywood in Hollywood, FL.

Call the church office for these addresses.

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays

Robert Job-9/24

Michael Kuhens-9/29

Anniversaries

Pete & Jean Chiaro-9/23

If you do not see your special date above you might need to update your parish registration.

Knights Of Columbus

Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday Oct. 14
5:00 P.M.

Next Meeting:
Tues. Oct. 16
7:00 P.M.

St. Therese Women's Group

The St. Therese Women's Group will meet the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30 P.M.

Next Meeting is Monday
October 8th
BINGO Night

SENIOR MOMENTS

Senior Moments will meet at St. Therese in October

Oct. 5—"Bingo" 10AM-12Noon

Oct. 19—Genealogy Presentation by Pellissippi Genealogical and Historical Society

ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

Food City and Kroger gift cards are available after Mass and in the church office. St. Therese receives 5% of every card

Bible Study Next class:
Tues. Sept. 25 @ 10A.M.
Revelations

Religious Education

Preschool -High
School classes

Classes are Sunday mornings @ 9:00A.M.

High School Activities

Activity calendars will be passed out at class





Bishop Richard Stika



The Diocese of Knoxville News

September 23, 2012

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If anyone wishes to be the first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Mark 9:30-37

Annulment seminar. An overview of the annulment process, Sunday, September 30, 2:30 -4:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Shea Room, Presented by Rev. James David Carter, *Simultaneous translation in Spanish is available.* Questions? Marian Christiana, Coordinator of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment, (423) 892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org

There is a “**Beginning Experience weekend**” coming up on October 5-7, 2012. The weekend is for anyone whose marriage has ended through death, separation or divorce. It is designed to be a time of closure on the past and to renew hope for the future. Location: Alex Haley Farm in Clinton. Cost: \$150 before September 1. Financial aid is available. Contact the parish office or Marian Christina @mchristiana@dioknox.org

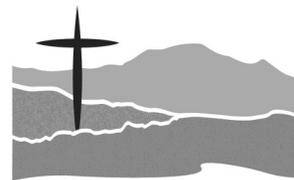
If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to help with a **Rachel’s Vineyard** healing and recovery retreat October 12th – 14th, 2012 in private retreat center in Athens, TN. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510 sandi@cctn.org or Catherine McHugh (865) 696-7720 peace4lilith@aol.com. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times..

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A teacher with a bag of candy in front of a class of young students who ask “Who wants to be first?” will likely see a sea of wildly waving hands and shouts of “Me, me, me!” A teacher who has given an assignment to memorize The Declaration of Independence who ask the same question is likely not to see any hands at all and eyes looking down at the desk. How children and adults respond to the question, “Who wants to be first?” often depends on whether the activity involved is pleasant or unpleasant, a treat or a task. When we are challenged to be the *first to serve others* and respond to God’s generosity by sharing our talents, abilities, and resources with others, do we shout “Me, me, me!” and rush to be first? Or do we turn away, turn on the television, or play tennis or golf, or spend hours texting our BFF-of-the-day? When we are standing with others waiting to enter into the presence of God, will Jesus look at us and say, “You first!” or will he point to someone else?

Catholic Charities offers confidential **Therapeutic Counseling Services** by licensed therapists. Services are provided on an income-based sliding fee scale and are available to anyone in the community. All therapists are FOCCUS certified for pre-marital sessions. Call Catholic Charities’ office at 865-524-9896; or go to www.cctn.org to contact a counselor in your area.



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