

# St. Therese Catholic Church

## **Bishop of Knoxville:**

*Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika*



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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 & Thursday:** 9 a.m.

**Friday:** 9 a.m. (9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration)

## **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Stan Bielecki, Chair

Olivia Kuhens, Secretary

Maureen McMyler

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George Paynter

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Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **Finance Board:**

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## **Committee Chairpersons:**

**Communications:** Olivia Kuhens

**Hospitality:** Fran Pisano, Maria Gee

**Music Director:** Mary Tuskan (865) 254-8346

**Parish/Family Life:** Dials Family

**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune

**RCIA:** Dave McCune (865) 457-5015

**Religious Ed:** Amanda Dials, Julie Keller

**Social Action:** Connie Mikeal

**Spiritual Life/Liturgy:** Jim Ferguson, 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.

## Fr. Julius' Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to celebrate the joy of the risen Lord in our Resurrection narratives, our liturgy this third Sunday richly encourages one vital theme: No matter what happens in our lives, we are able to encounter the nearness of the Risen One by listening to his Word and in the Breaking of the Bread.

Our First Reading continues to highlight the activities of the early Christians as we witness the beginning of Peter's first public *catechesis* about Jesus how God raises Jesus from death, thus fulfilling the Messianic prophecies about the promised descendant of David. Among the Israelites, there was a widespread belief that God had "closed the heavens" after the last of the prophets, but we know that God's saving plan did not end on Calvary. In our Second Reading, Peter exhorts the early Christians to place their faith and hope in God who sustains them through the precious blood of his son and who has raised Jesus from the dead.

The Emmaus incident depicted in today's Gospel is the story of a God who will not leave us alone although we may be hurt and disappointed. Recall that the disciples on the road to Emmaus had walked away from the early community, going off on their own. That could be our story, but in His Mercy, our Lord brings us back to Him despite our little faith, just as He brought those two renegades back to Him in that First Celebration of the Mass. This means that we as Jesus' followers are to maintain contact with our Risen Lord through the Eucharist and in the Scriptures, enabling us to better understand his presence in the believing and worshipping community.

The risen Lord meets us on our Emmaus Road; He meets us in the ordinary and sometimes rough experiences of our lives and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. Therefore, we need to steer clear of making premature judgments because Jesus always has His own way of revealing Himself! How elusive, that we could actually miss out on opportunities of being blessed by Him. Like myself, we all have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, security, and restored family relationships. Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect the Risen Lord.

We meet Jesus daily in our life's journey. We are all invited to pray with an open heart to the Risen Christ in every liturgical Celebration of the Mass and to meet the risen Jesus living in all we meet, offering our humble, loving, and selfless service.

Happy Third Easter 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 four-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

## In the Parish

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Mon., May 1:** St. Joseph the Worker  
**Tue., May 2:** St. Athanasius  
**Wed., May 3:** Sts. Philip & James

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

**May 6-7, 2017**

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: D. McCarthy  
M. Haka  
B. Hatmaker  
Sunday: J. Anderson  
B. Bonham  
B. Hunt

#### Lectors:

Saturday: M. Gee  
Sunday: Youth

#### Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA  
Sunday: Youth

#### Ushers:

Saturday: C. Tucker  
J. Ferguson  
Sunday: Youth

#### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

#### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTION:

**Wed., May 3:** +Donald McCune by Pat Gambrell  
**Thu., May 4:** +Burt & Thelma Paynter by George & Jenny Paynter  
**Sat., May 6:** +Jessie Tucker by Cynthia & Amy Tucker  
**Sun., May 7:** +Donald McCune by Ron & Monica Spurlock

### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY



*St. Therese is compiling a Parish Photo Directory. If you are interested in being in this directory, sign up in the back of church with a parish council member or to sign up online go to the St. Therese website and click on the work [here](#), then select May 21st. For participating, each family will receive a **free** directory and **free** 8x10. Additional portraits may be purchased at the time of your appointment.*

*Please make plans to join us for the St. Therese Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 7th after the 11 a.m. Mass. There will be food, fellowship and games. Families are asked to bring a dish to share, with serving dishes and serving utensils, as the kitchen is under construction. There will be no oven to heat food up or sink to wash utensils and serving dishes.*

*Volunteers are needed to help set up for the picnic at 10:30 a.m. before the 11 a.m. mass. Contact/email Fran Pisano for more information at 865-250-4198 or [fppmd2@gmail.com](mailto:fppmd2@gmail.com)*



*Fr. William Kiel, a retired priest from the Diocese of Greensburg in Pennsylvania, will offer two healing Masses at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9th.*

### **We Thank Everyone Who Gives So Generously**

Offertory Collection Last Week 4/23/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 4/24/16	Offertory Collection for Mar. 17	Offertory Collection for Feb. 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,372.00	\$1,850.00	\$13,171.00	\$11,711.00	\$15,000.00

### **Building Fund / Loan**

Mar. 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Mar. 2017	Loan Mar. 2016
\$1,596.00	\$1,707.00	-\$111.00	\$137,128.57	\$152,640.95

## Announcements and Information

### “PRAYING IN TIMES OF DOUBT”

Doubt is a natural part of our lives, and if we are **honest in prayer**, we need to share our doubt with God. But we need to **be open** to seeing where God is Alive in our lives. We become so focused on where God isn't, that we overlook **where God is**.

How is God calling you to serve our faith community of St. Therese? Consider joining one of the ministries in our parish.

- Think of what you may enjoy doing, like being a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, usher, altar decoration, or anything.
- Make an appointment to chat with Fr. Julius, call 865-457-4073.

### SENIOR MOMENTS

Lunch at Golden Oak Grill  
Thur., May 18 11:30 a.m.,  
RSVP by May 12

Breakfast at Shoney's  
Thur., June 1 10:00 a.m.  
RSVP by May 26  
RSVP to Pandy at 865-659-6926

**KDCCW Annual Convention** at Our Lady of Fatima May 4-6. For information & to register go to the KDCCW website.

**SOCIAL ACTION will be collecting baby items** for the month of May. food is always needed.

2nd Collection: May 13-14 for the Trinity Dome mosaic in Washington, D.C.

### PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register.

Change of Address       Moving out of Parish

Mail back to: St. Therese Church, 701 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd., Clinton, Tn. 37716

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Hundley, Cathy Long, Mohamed Massaquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, Patrice Thompson.

### **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, Adrian Agbanlog, Jesse Baker, Matthew Carroll, Jon-Michael Hatmaker, Brandon Parker, David Trent, 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.*

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**May 01:** Mark Eisenhauer

**May 02:** Peighton Hundley

**May 06:** Donald Zenner

*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*







Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News



Put on your walking shoes and join your friends for an afternoon of fun, food, and festivities at the 19th annual "Kids Helping Kids" Fun Walk! The one mile fun walk will be

held on Sunday, May 7 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Knoxville Catholic High School. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. Activities include inflatables, games, face painting, and a complimentary pizza lunch. Proceeds from the event support the Columbus Home Children's Services. Visit [ccetn.org](http://ccetn.org) for information and to register.



### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offers therapeutic counseling in Knoxville and Chattanooga. Counseling is available for individuals and couples coping with concerns, such as depression, relationship problems, grief, anxiety and life transition/adjustment issues. Counseling emphasizes building upon personal strengths and on the development of strategies to increase personal and interpersonal well-being. Fees are based on a sliding scale, determined by income and other variables. Services are available to clients regardless of religious affiliation. Knoxville: contact Fr. Michael Maples, PhD at (865)963-4420. Chattanooga: contact Kathleen Hotton, LPC-MHSP at (423) 322-0057 More information is available at <http://ccetn.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 retreat on May 19-21 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, Tn. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510, [sandi@ccetn.org](mailto:sandi@ccetn.org) or Catherine McHugh (865) 696-7720, [peace4lilith@aol.com](mailto:peace4lilith@aol.com). Complete confidentiality is honored at all times.

### DID YOU MISS THE SACRAMENT OF

### CONFIRMATION?

Bishop Stika will celebrate a Diocesan-Wide Confirmation Mass on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any adult (18 and over) who has had the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation, but has not been confirmed, can receive the sacrament on this date. If you are interested, please let the parish office know by May 22, 2017.

