

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

John Meersman

George Paynter

Sue Thais

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,

This weekend, we are pleased to welcome the Most Rev. Richard Stika, Chief Shepherd of the Diocese of Knoxville, to St. Therese in Clinton. Bishop comes to seal our Candidates with the special gifts of the Holy Spirit, through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate our candidates, their parents, teachers and friends on this exceptional day in their lives! Appropriate that our readings this Sunday continue to highlight the activities of the early Christians, wherein they accepted the challenges of being the forerunners of the faith in how they preserved the memory of the Risen Lord.

In our First Reading, from the Acts of the apostles, we see the love that existed in the early Church; the election of deacons to serve the needs of everyone, especially caring for the widows in a vulnerable position. Here the Twelve solved the problem of potential discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community. In the second reading, St. Peter tenderly invites the newly baptized, "Come to him," with the invitation to holiness, by forging themselves as "living stones" upon the living Cornerstone of Christ.

In today's Gospel of St. John and within the context of the Last Supper, Judas has just left and Jesus consoles the remaining eleven that He must soon depart too. Deflated and disheartened at the prospect of his impending death, our Lord assures them of a heavenly and everlasting dwelling in His *Father's House*. It is then that Thomas, who reflects the denseness of the disciples, asks Jesus where he is going and how to even reach him. Jesus answers Thomas' question with "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.*" In these words, Jesus was declaring Himself the great "I Am," the only path to heaven, the only true measure of righteousness, and the source of both physical and spiritual life

Declaring, that he is the safest and surest way to God, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim of His equivalence with Yahweh. We accept Jesus the Way by walking the narrow path of loving, humble sacrificial service, that in our simple acts of faith, we invite others to see the Father. We accept Jesus the Truth by learning and exercising what he taught within Scripture and Church teachings. We share the divine life of God by making use of the sacramental means Jesus established in His Church. As we actively participate in the Holy Liturgical and Eucharistic Celebration and solemnly receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we aspire to be like the disciples, that despite our unbelief we all can exercise good faith! Thus, as we look ahead to our Lord's Ascension to the Father's right hand we are always consoled that the way to the Father remains always in his Church. Happy Sunday!

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

CCD will be hosting a **skating party at Tri-County Roller Arena located at 1215 E. Tri-County Blvd. in Oliver Springs. It will be on Saturday, May 20th from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. This is open to any child in St. Therese Parish. Skating, drinks, and ice cream is provided. Additional snack at own expense. Please RSVP to Amanda Dials at 865-806-8075 no later than Wednesday, May 17th.**



PPC ELECTIONS: The Parish Pastoral Council meets with the pastor of St. Therese monthly to discuss plans, problems, ministries, and issues in our parish. Two positions are now open to serve on the council. If you would like to run for a seat, please email Fr. Julius at frjulius@saintthereseclinton.org with a short biography about your life in the church and why you would like to serve on the PPC. Nominations are due by May 31. Elections will be June 10 and 11.

GROUP PHOTOS: We would like to have as many ministry groups represented in our new church directory. Presidents, chairs, & committee heads, please gather your members on Wed., May 24 between 6-7 p.m. for group photos by Olivia Kuhens. Includes all servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Sunday School teachers, sacristan and any other church group.

CCW DINNER

The CCW end-of-year dinner will be held at Harrison's on Tuesday, May 16th at 6 p.m. Please note time change from the May calendar. Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Deadline May 14

SENIOR MOMENTS

Breakfast at Shoney's, Thur., June 1 10:00 a.m.

RSVP by May 26

RSVP to Pandy at 865-659-6926



We Thank Everyone Who Gives So Generously

Offertory Collection Last Week 05/07/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 05/08/16	Offertory Collection for Apr. 17	Offertory Collection for Mar. 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,778.00	\$3,678.00	\$18,622.00	\$13,171.00	\$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

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon., May 15: St. Isidore
Thu., May 18: St. John I
Sat., May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

May 20-21, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: P. Chase
 C. Converse
 M. Haka
 Sunday: C. Mikeal
 G. Paynter
 B. Stephens

Lectors:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
 Sunday: J. Pubillones

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
 S. Helus
 Sunday: S. Thais
 J. Palacios
 I. Palacios

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee
 K. Lenz
 Sunday: A. Yonce
 E. Yonce

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed., May 17: +Sr. Josefa of the Blessed Trinity, OCD by Leonard Nugent

Thu., May 18: +John & Hansel Offutt by George & Jenny Paynter

Fri., May 19: Jennifer Parker by Joyce Borne

Sat., May 20: Gary Vitale by Sue Haese

Sun. May 21: +Lonnie Gambrell by Pat Gambrell

Announcements and Information

*Called
to SERVE*
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

St. Therese, Clinton
Thank you for your support!
Parish Goal: \$13,000.00
Total Committed: \$16,032.00
Collections to Date: \$7,485.00
Collections Needed to Reach
Goal: \$5,515.00

HOSTS NEEDED

Hosts are needed for the monthly first weekend fellowship. Hosts set up the church and provide coffee, drinks, and a dish to share.

All your costs are reimbursed by St. Therese.

The sign up sheet is in the back of the church. If no parishioners sign up for a particular weekend, there will be no gathering.

Please consider helping with this joyous event! Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS: *Leftovers need to be planted. If you take care of a plot on church property and would like to relocate these plants to your area, please contact Olivia Kuhens.*

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 decorator, or anything.
- Make an appointment to chat with Fr. Julius, 865-457-4073.

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, Alene Morris, 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 14: Zynthea Thomas

May 17: Philip Wrasman

May 17: Antoni Hipp

May 18: Jackie Bentz

Call the parish office to add your birthday!



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EAST TENNESSEE OFFERS THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING IN KNOXVILLE & 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. 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/>.

DID YOU MISS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

Bishop Stika will celebrate a Diocesan-Wide Confirmation Mass on Sun., 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.

GIRLS TEEN RETREAT IN SPANISH & ENGLISH

We invite young ladies between the ages of 13 and 17 to the eleventh year of the retreat La Vida en Rosa. The theme this year is a quote by St. Catherine of Siena "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire." Girls: during this retreat you can expect fun games, excellent talks, good food, beautiful nature, and a lot of learning about the great female Saints of the Catholic Church and the link between their lives and yours. Some talks and activities will be in Spanish and others in English. The retreat will be from Fri., June 16th at 6:30 p.m. until Sun., June 18th at 3 p.m. in the Christ Prince of Peace retreat house in Benton, Tn. The cost is \$30. We have space for 50 teens. To save your spot, register through this link: <https://lavidaenrosa.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact Brittany Koepke of the Pastoral Juvenil office at (865) 776-9635 or bkoepke@dioknox.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

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 or Catherine McHugh (865) 696-7720, peace4lilith@aol.com. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE THROUGH FOSTER CARE?

There are over 700 children in state's custody in Knox County alone. There is a great need for homes to foster children of all ages. Current DCS foster parent, Cassie, shares her journey. "Being a foster parent is a direct response to God's command to "look after orphans and widows in their distress." (James 1:27) As a disciple of Christ, we are mandated to follow His command to do this. Od called our family into this ministry 3 years ago. I am now able to share the Gospel in the tenderest ways in which I wasn't able to do before. I not only minister to the needs of children but to their families and am able to share my testimony to mothers who are struggling. God has given me the opportunity to hold tiny babies, sing to them and pray over them. We have been able to care for older children who have never been consistently taken to church where they learn about God as our Healer. Through us, they see God as their Provider. Our act of obedience will change the lives of children, families and possibly generations. I have grown closer to the Lord during this time as I walk with Him daily in this journey. I encourage you, if you are being called, to step out. Jesus will meet you just as He did Peter when He called him out to the water. If our eyes remain focused on Him we will find Him to be all we need. To God be the glory in all that I do". Consider being a foster parent for a child in need. Call 1-877-DCS-KIDS (327-5437) for more information. Or go to our website: <http://www.tn.gov/dcs/article/become-a-foster-Parent>

CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER WILL OFFER VOLUNTEER TRAINING MAY 23-26

at 5:30 p.m. each evening. This four-part training class prepares volunteers to counsel pregnant and sexually active young people, and to serve as receptionists, nurses, teachers, church/community liaison, and in other support roles. If you feel that God may be calling YOU to serve as a pro-life volunteer, please call Myra at 483-0092 or email myra@choicesresource.com