

# St. Therese Catholic Church

**Bishop of Knoxville:**  
Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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**Facebook:** St Therese Catholic Church  
**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:**

Don McCarthy, Chair  
Dave McCune  
Monica Spurlock  
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **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,

Last Sunday as we observed the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we proclaimed it as a celebration of God's mysterious love for us as the Church teaches. Today, the Universal Church celebrates what for me is a continuum of this mystery – the Real Presence of Our Lord under the species of bread and wine in the Holy Eucharist. Here He comes near to us in the most reverential form of prayer, most central to our lives, as the object of our worship.

We can see it in the 'type' of the Holy Eucharist in our First Reading. Here Moses instructs the Israelites to *remember and not forget* the miraculous provision of food in the form of manna from heaven. How curious that God was offering them something of His love in a most basic form! Yet now in the Most Holy Mass, we are being offered a sacramental meal (the Last Supper), the Calvary sacrifice of Jesus. Here again in the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that the bread they share is the real Body of Christ, which makes their community *also* the Body of the risen Christ.

Today in the latter part of our Gospel is one of my favorite themes in John's gospel – John's presentation of Jesus as the Bread, generally referred to as the Bread of Life Discourse. While continuing to address the Jewish crowds, Jesus articulates that, unlike those who ate manna and still died, *He* comes as the Living Bread; that *anyone who eats this Bread will live forever*. The Catechism of the Church teaches that *"the Body and the Blood of Christ are given to us so that we ourselves will be transformed in our turn."* In that innermost union with our Lord, we become Jesus present to others.

As faithful Catholics, may our participation in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist bring us into profound appreciation for this gift and mystery each time we receive Him. May we reverently learn to be Christ-bearers and conveyers: praying for unity among all, bringing Christ to others both at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness, with humble and sacrificial service.

Joyous Corpus Christi!

## 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

### FR. JULIUS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Father will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his priestly ordination in July. The Bishop and some priests of the diocese will be in attendance. There will be an 11 a.m. Mass on Saturday, July 22, with a meal to follow at the Clinton Community Center at 1 p.m. All parishioners are invited. We need total numbers for catering purposes, and space is limited to 150 people. **To assist with the cost of the caterer, parishioners are asked for a minimum donation of \$15 per person or \$40 for families of three or more.** Checks can be made payable to St. Therese, and everyone will receive a ticket for admittance after payment. **The deadline to sign up is June 18 — no exceptions.** Tickets are available at the back of the church or in the parish office.



Fr. Julius suggests you **do not** cancel your attendance because of the above suggested donation. He has a personal option for those who are not able to make a donation for the meal. Please see Fr. Julius personally.

### SECOND CHANCE PHOTOS

Another opportunity to have photos taken for the new parish directory is being offered to accommodate parishioners who were unable to have their photos taken in May. **Photographers will be available 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 1.** Families that participate will receive a free 8x10 and printed directory. We must fill at least 25 of the 30 times slots for the company to come out that day. Please see a member of the Parish Council at the back of the church to sign up.



### **WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Last Week 06/11/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 06/12/16	Offertory Collection for May 17	Offertory Collection for Apr. 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,425.00	\$2,683.00	\$11,311.00	\$18,622.00	\$15,000.00

### **BUILDING FUND/LOAN**

March 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan April 2017	Loan April 2016
\$1,596.00	\$1,707.00	-\$111.00	\$137,128.57	\$151,411.32

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Mon., Jun. 19:** St. Romuald  
**Wed., Jun. 21:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
**Thu., Jun. 22:** St. Paulinus of Nola; Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More  
**Fri., Jun. 23:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
**Sat., Jun. 24:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

June 24-25, 2017

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
R. Spurlock  
D. McCarthy  
Sunday: J. Anderson  
J. Pubillones  
B. Bonham

### Lectors:

Saturday: M. Gee  
Sunday: P. Chiaro

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA  
Sunday: A. Powers  
J. Palacios  
I. Palacios

### Ushers:

Saturday: C. Tucker  
J. Ferguson  
Sunday: A. Yonce  
E. Yonce

### Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
Sunday: B. Job

### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: J. Bentz

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Fri., Jun. 23:** Special Intentions of George & Jenny Paynter  
**Sat., Jun. 24:** +Mel Chase

If you would like a mass intention please contact the parish office.

## Announcements and Information



**St. Therese Catholic Church**, as a happy faith community, welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church. Celebrate the gift of life with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshipers, please stop after Mass by the church hall or the parish office to pick up a registration form or call us at **(865)457-4073**.  
**Fr. Julius**

### SCRIPTURE CLASS

The Thursday evening Scripture class will meet at 7 p.m. in the parish hall every Thursday during the summer. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you have not come before. This is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass.



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, Ralph Collins, Ray Converse, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Hundley, Cathy Long, Mohamed Massaquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Robert McIntyre, 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**

**Sun., Jun. 18:** Eddie Weaver  
**Tue., Jun. 20:** Elaine Clevestine  
**Fri., Jun. 23:** Fran Pisano  
**Fri., Jun. 23:** James Zaring  
**Sat., Jun. 24:** John Kelsey  
**Sat., Jun. 24:** Ellen Saganich







Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News



**Catholic Charities**  
of East Tennessee, Inc.

### **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/>.

### **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. 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>.

### **Journey of Hope Conference for Divorce Recovery**

**August 4-6, 2017**

**Charleston Marriott, Charleston, S.C.**

**Hope & healing for separated & divorced Catholics!  
Call 423-892-2310 or [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) for**

### **KEEP IT PURE**

#### **Your body, your water, your marriage!**

Would you like to enhance your marriage and avoid putting chemicals in your body? Learning Natural Family Planning (NFP) as a couple has the power to do just that! Come learn the beauty of the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and how to effectively space your children without artificial contraception. Class dates for this course:

**When:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 2 p.m.

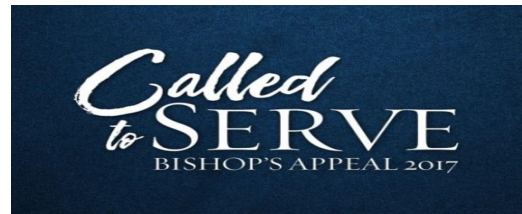


**Where:** All Saints Catholic Church

620 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, Tn. 37923

**Contact:** Jared & Monica Kimutis at (970) 980-5009 or [jmkimutis@gmail.com](mailto:jmkimutis@gmail.com)

To register: [https://register.ccli.org/class\\_series/10883](https://register.ccli.org/class_series/10883)



St. Therese, Clinton

*Thank you for your support!*

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$16,032.00

Collections to Date: \$8,185.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$4,815.00

### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

All Saints Parish in Knoxville is seeking a full time Coordinator of Religious Education to administer total faith formation including religious education programs for grades K-12. For a detailed job description and information on how to submit a resume, please visit [allsaintsknoxville.org/employment-opportunity](http://allsaintsknoxville.org/employment-opportunity).

### **STAY CONNECTED!**

Stay connected with news and events from the Diocese of Knoxville by subscribing to our free weekly electronic newsletter-**DioNotes**! From retreats, to summer camps, to messages from Bishop Stika and all of our diocesan ministries, DioNotes is your best source for up-to-date information from the Diocese of Knoxville. Sign-up for **DioNotes** by visiting the Diocese of Knoxville website, [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)