

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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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:**

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,

Our church infrastructure, led by our communications director, reflects the ongoing sacrifices of our parish, particularly in cooperation with the recent completion of our parish directory. Thank you to everyone parish family for your ongoing commitment! Our readings this weekend highlight how God rewards specific areas of the call to love one another, namely through hospitality, generosity, commitment, and charity.

In our First Reading, we see the reward for a childless woman who opens her heart to the man of God, Elisha. Seemingly wealthy, she could have simply given her money to Elisha, but she instead shows him tenderness and hospitality with no thought of reward. It follows that this family amiably forged some living quarters for Elisha, and in response to this hospitality, Elisha promises her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son," which by and by was fulfilled by God. In the Second Reading, St. Paul unfolds how those who unite themselves with our Lord as in baptism have 'died' to their old existence. We are all thus invited into the self-sacrificial love established by the resurrection of Christ.

Our Gospel passage concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs his twelve disciples on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected from his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior of others towards the disciples. Even the seemingly shameful death on the cross is not too high a price to pay if one is to be a true disciple because the reward is great. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. So, too, those who help the "little ones" (messengers of the Gospel) will be amply rewarded.

Consequently, every baptized Christian can be on a mission to be hospitable and generous. Like the Shunamite woman for Elisha, this goes beyond financial assistance. Instead we are each called to acknowledge the presence of God in others and serve Him in others, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We as a community of believers are to look for opportunities to be hospitable--and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Reaffirming what I noted last weekend, no one of us need be afraid, above all let us never talk ourselves out of being there for others.

Our own St. Therese of Lisieux would say "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." Friends, we have so many new settlers around us today -- help them to feel welcome with a simple "hello" or "hola"!  
Joyous 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



### SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It is with deep gratitude that I am observing our Parish family prepare for my upcoming Silver Anniversary! I want to thank everyone for all the love I have experienced in this parish as your pastor.

I am aware that there are many who are unable to physically join in the celebrations both here and in Nigeria and are unsure what they might do to take part in this with me during this time. So, here is my thinking:

While over these twenty-five years I have been blessed to serve so many families and parishes, those in orphanages, and those trying to rise from poverty have been so close to my heart. I, therefore, humbly suggest that in lieu of any card or gift, a donation be made to me (Fr. J. Abuh) or through St. Therese, and for tax purposes earmark a memo to 'Nigerian Mission' on either check. Or you may gift it to any charity of your choice. With a humble heart, I continue to want to share as much back with those who have so little. In all, be assured you will be in the prayers of many you may never meet in this life! I will be traveling to Nigeria one week after my celebrations here.

Respectfully,

Fr. Julius Abuh

**RCIA:** *Would you like to join the Catholic faith? Or would you just like to learn more about it? Consider joining the latest RCIA classes starting this fall. Please contact Dave McCune (dadcune@aol.com) for more information about the program.*

**KITCHEN UPDATE:** *The kitchen floor will be installed this week. It needs a week to cure. Please KEEP OUT of the kitchen during this time and DO NOT walk on the floor for any reason.*

**PICTURES READY:** *If you placed no order on our photo days (May 20 and 21) and are only receiving the free 8x10, see a member of Parish Council after Mass for your photo or stop by the office during the week.*

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 06/25/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 06/26/16	Offertory Collection for June 17	Offertory Collection for May 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,414.00	\$3,326.00	\$12,414.00	\$11,311.00	\$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., Jul. 3:** St. Thomas  
**Wed., Jul. 5:** St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
**Thurs., Jul. 6:** St. Maria Goretti

## MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: July 8-9, 2017

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: A. Brown  
P. Chase  
C. Converse  
Sunday: C. Mikeal  
D. Nall  
G. Paynter

### Lectors:

Saturday: C. Hundley  
Sunday: T. Papa

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz  
Sunday: T. Gudino  
C. Milne  
B. Milne

### Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee  
K. Lenz  
Sunday: M. Gudino  
J. Gudino

### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

## MASS INTENTIONS:

**Wed., Jul. 5:** Katherine Baker by Thomas Baker  
**Fri., Jul. 7:** Special Intention of George & Jenny Paynter

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

## Announcements and Information

### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church...It is the responsibility of Pastors to encourage...the practice of Eucharistic adoration, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament...Our Pastors are meeting their responsibility, but it is also our responsibility to respond by participating in Eucharistic adoration. Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter on the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church, para 25. To find out how you can participate in perpetual Eucharistic adoration at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oak Ridge, call Lois Callaghan at 483-9533; En Espanol, Vilma DeClue a 482-5888.

**FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP:** *Thanks to Becky Hatmaker & Fran Pisano for hosting Sat., July 1 & Pat Boswell, Pat Nageotte, & Jonathan Boswell for hosting Sun., July 2. 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 on the wall near the kitchen. If no parishioners sign up there will be no gathering. Please consider helping with this joyous event!*

**IN MEMORY:** *Robert McIntyre, husband of Ruth McIntyre, passed away recently. May he rest in peace.*



**SENIOR MOMENTS:** *Join us 10 a.m. Thursday, July 6, for Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Rocky Top. RSVP by Friday, June 30. We will also be having lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, at Golden Girls. RSVP by Friday, July 14. Call Pandy at 865-659-6926 for more information.*

### PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please check one:

I am new in the parish and 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**

**July 5:** Alene Morris

**July 5:** Robert Hatmaker

*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*

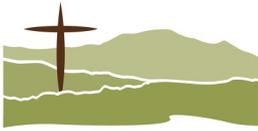




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## The Diocese of Knoxville News



### Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Inc.

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EAST TENNESSEE OFFERS THERAPEUTIC COUNSEL- ING IN KNOXVILLE & CHAT- TANOOGA.**

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.

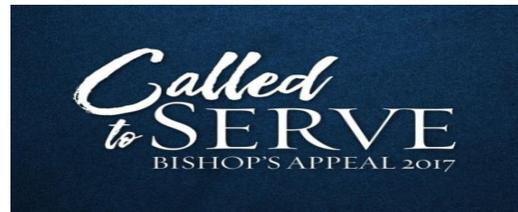


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**Contact:** Jared & Monica Kimutis at (970) 980-5009 or [jmkimutis@gmail.com](mailto:jmkimutis@gmail.com)

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

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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!**

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