

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

## **Parish Pastoral Council:**

John Meersman, Chair  
Anthony Papa, Vice Chair  
Maureen McMyler, Secretary  
George Paynter  
Sue Thais  
Jean Chiaro  
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **Finance Board:**

Don McCarthy, Chair  
Dave McCune  
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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:** Jennifer Brown,  
Deidra Hall  
**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune  
**RCIA:** Dave McCune 865-457-5015  
**Religious Ed:** Amanda Dials, Julie Keller  
**Social Action:** Connie Mikeal  
**Spiritual Life/Liturgy:** 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,

With great joy I want to express special appreciation to all the committee heads and PPC members for the finely tuned "ministry weekend" last Sunday, along with recognition of our new volunteers. It was quite fruitful. Since the month of November is usually dedicated to praying for the our faithful departed and preparing for the new liturgical calendar, this Sunday's readings bring the customary warnings about being prepared and ready for the end of time.

The Book of Wisdom in the First Reading portrays *wisdom* as a woman wherein it aligns with Jesus' parable of the wise virgins. The author advises Jews in Alexandria not to envy the wisdom of the pagan philosophers, whereas they themselves have true wisdom in their Sacred Scripture, regulating not only this life but the next also. In keeping with this, St. Paul offers an energizing wisdom, reassuring those Christians who expected Jesus' second coming in their lifetime, that the death and Resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who die before Jesus' *second coming*.

The Gospel reading allegorically reinforces the need to be prepared and ready at all times like those of the five wise virgins. These five have repented, nourishing their faith with constant prayer, penance, and sacrifice for others. Their lamps burned with an inward flame, the assurance of a good conscience, and innermost charity. If we are truly wise, we can realize Jesus in the most ordinary circumstances of daily living, at the Mass, in the people we meet, the events that take place, and the situations in which we find ourselves. Let us be sure that our lamps are ready for the end of our lives, watching with the heart, with faith, hope, charity, staying alert!

We can lubricate this flame of faith as we open ourselves to these graces by offering acts of service to God and others. I would encourage taking time with fellow Christians in shared prayer, study, and encouragement. We have all had wake-up calls within our life experiences: today our Lord is asking for our readiness before the next disturbing wake-up call! Who needs your love? Who needs your forgiveness? Who needs your company? May we continue to grow by His grace and mercy, beseech His will, not ours. 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



**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**

**2ND COLLECTION:** *There will be a 2nd collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development next weekend on November 18 and 19th. This campaign helps promote and support non-Catholic community-controlled, self-help organizations and education programs.*



**APPRECIATIONS To George Paynter for working on the gardens around the parish office and church.**

### MASS TIMES

**Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, Nov. 23) – 9 a.m. Mass at St. Therese with small reception to follow with coffee and doughnuts provided by the CCW.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** *If you would like a Mass intention, the parish office has 2018 dates available as well as the rest of this year. Call now to get the dates you want.*

**COATS FOR THE COLD:** *The weather has already turned freezing and coats, scarves, hats, gloves are again needed for those less fortunate. Please look in your closets for any warm items that you can donate to this very needed cause. A box will be provided for your donations in the parish hall. Items will be accepted thru February 2018. Thank you.*

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Mon., Nov. 13:** St. Francis Xavier Cabrini  
**Wed., Nov. 15:** St. Albert the Great  
**Thu., Nov. 16:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude  
**Fri., Nov. 17:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
**Sat., Nov. 18:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul

### MINISTRIES

#### SCHEDULE:

**November 18-19, 2017**

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
                   R. Spurlock  
                   A. Brown  
 Sunday: B. Hunt  
                   O. Kuhens  
                   B. Bonham

#### Lectors:

Saturday: C. Hundley  
 Sunday: P. Chiaro

#### Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus  
                   S. Helus  
 Sunday: J. Thais  
                   S. Thais  
                   R. Dials

#### Ushers:

Saturday: J. Ferguson  
                   D. McCarthy  
 Sunday: E. Clevensine  
                   J. Clevensine

#### Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
 Sunday: B. Job

#### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Thu., Nov. 16:** +Eleanor Hayes by Sue Haese  
**Fri., Nov. 17:** Tootie Krebs by Roy & Chris Converse  
**Sat., Nov. 18:** Russell Haese by Sue Haese

## WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 11/05/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 11/06/16	Offertory Collection for October 2017	Offertory Collection for September 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,475.00	\$4,152.00	\$ 16,941.00	\$14,399.00	\$15,000.00

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$ 175.00

September 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Sept. 2017	Loan Sept. 2016
\$ 2,568.00	\$1,707.00	\$135.00	\$130,888.54	\$146,299.45

## Announcements and Information

**QUIET, PLEASE:** *As you enter the parish hall for Mass, please be considerate of those already in church who may be praying by keeping the noise level low.*

### SENIOR MOMENTS:

*Lunch at Golden Oak Grill Buffet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16.*

*Christmas Lunch at Harrison's at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7*

*RSVP with Pandy at 865-659-6926.*

**SOCIAL ACTION:** *November begins the Toys for the Holiday Bureau and food drive for the holidays;*

*December starts with items for Senior Center Christmas Baskets, such as small hygiene items like shampoo, perfume, gloves, socks, scarves, and food items to fill out the baskets;*

*Toys for the Holiday Bureau and food drive continuing to the middle of December.*

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"In the Eucharistic is all the power that created the universe and all the love that redeemed it!" - Msgr. Franklin Hurd

(<http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/tes/quotes7.html>)

St. Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.

**CCW WINE & CHEESE PARTY:** *Tues., Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall is our annual Wine & Cheese Social. All members of the parish are invited. CCW will provide the wine and you are asked to bring cheese, crackers, cheese balls, dips, or something else yummy to share. Please come and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!!!*



### 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:

*Maggie Adkins, Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Russell Haese, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron & 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, 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. Thank you.*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

**Nov. 15:** Cynthia Brewer

**Nov. 17:** Roy Converse

**Nov. 18:** Cynthia Tucker





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## The Diocese of Knoxville News

### 360 OF HOPE LUNCHEON

Join Catholic Charities of East Tennessee at the 3rd Annual 360 of Hope Luncheon, hosted by WATE's Kristin Farley featuring guest speaker Lt. Gov. Randy McNally on Thursday, December 7, from 11:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. at The Park Pavilion in Downtown Knoxville (525 Henley Street). For tickets or table host opportunities, please visit: <https://cctn.org/event/knoxville-360-of-hope/>

### DIVORCE SUPPORT

St. John Neumann Family & Parish Life is partnering with the Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment to offer Divorce Support.

Divorce & Beyond is a support group for Catholic men and women who have experienced or are experiencing divorce. You will find a safe environment to explore the myriad of feelings that divorce brings.

Join us as you experience hope and healing simply by listening and sharing experiences and insights with others. Divorce support helps you to understand what you are going through and learn from others who have gone through the same things. Divorce and Beyond will help to make divorce a growth experience.

We invite each one of you with a need for healing and help to move beyond separation and to participate in this 9-week Catholic-based program.

*Beginning Sunday, January 7 from 4:00-5:30 pm.  
Meetings will be held at St. John Neumann parish.  
Cost for supplies is \$15.00.*

For more information, contact your facilitator, Mary Coffey at 865-966-3237 or email [mccoffey86@gmail.com](mailto:mccoffey86@gmail.com).

To register, contact Marilyn Derbyshire, Family & Parish Life Ministry Coordinator, at 865-777-4312 or [mderbysire@sjknnox.org](mailto:mderbysire@sjknnox.org).

### MASS & REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS WITH BISHOP STIKA

The Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment has planned something special for all couples married in the Catholic Church and their families.

One church is now left that will host a Mass & luncheon honoring married couples. Couples will have an opportunity to reaffirm their vows and receive a blessing. Commemorative certificates will be distributed at the luncheon and a photo of each couple with Bishop Stika will be taken and mailed to your home. Masses are:

Sat., Feb. 10, 2018 at 11 a.m. Register by Feb. 1st. Immaculate Conception Church 414 W. Vine Avenue, Knoxville, Tn. 37902

To register and for more information, contact: Marian Christiana [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) or 423-892-2310.

### HUSBAND FRIENDLY "DATE NIGHT"

\* FREE \*

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring a "Date Night" for couples of all ages and stages of marriage. It can be difficult to find the time to nourish your relationship. "Date Night" can help. Join other married couples for a presentation and then leave as an individual couple with discussion questions to guide your conversation over dinner, during a walk, while visiting at a park or wherever you choose. Inexpensive childcare is available too!

Attend 6:30—8:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church.

Date Night will be held on the Saturday, Dec. 2.

To register for this "Date Night" and/or to register for childcare, please contact Marian Christiana (Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment) at [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) or 423-892-2310.

