

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

Parish Pastoral Council:

John Meersman, Chair
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Committee Chairpersons:

Communications: Olivia Kuhens
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Social Action: Connie Mikeal
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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:

On our last Sunday of the year, the Universal Church celebrates *the Feast of The Holy Family*. Each liturgical writing is rich with guidance about family conduct. In keeping with this, we at St. Therese and St. Joseph would like to invite all members of our parish family to be blessed and consecrated as we enter into a new calendar year.

Written probably about 200 years BC, Ben Sirach's First Reading provides careful and loving instruction for the children in the household. Here Sirach sagely urges obedience to parents, thus preserving oneself from sin; chiefly the honoring of one's father throughout the course of his life will not be forgotten.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul shares his 'household code' so central to the Church's teachings, advising families to *put on love*, remaining thankful in our relationships with one another. If one can imagine our contemporary family life reflecting these rubrics – expressly to *let the peace of Christ control your hearts* – a great healing in the family at large will occur, in season and out of season.

In St. Luke's Gospel, we witness those tender moments where Joseph and Mary first present the Child Jesus in the temple. Is this not a model for our families, humbly submitting to what our faith requires of us? The ancient and experienced priest Simeon longed for the day to see the fulfilment of the Lord's promise, the consolation of Israel. Here on seeing the Child Jesus, he exalts, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace..." Within this context, every Catholic receiving the Lord at Mass may also *go in peace* within himself and society, because we have seen the Lord! At the end of every Mass, we are reminded that the benefits of the Eucharist remain active in our daily lives, uplifting us to a life of holiness. We recall that as the child developed with Joseph and Mary, in their reverential love and honor for God, Jesus grew and was filled with God's favor. The Holy Family is always present to be our model for inspiration, example and encouragement.

With this prototype and prayers to the Holy Family, indeed our families can radiate the perfect love that binds us to Christ in the Church. We summon, therefore, all married couples in the Church to renew their love and commitment to each other, with special emphasis on following in the footsteps of the Holy Family. With the Sacrament of Matrimony and Recommitment, Jesus does not only sanctify the couple, he upholds and strengthens the entire family.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Monday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Mass at 9 a.m. **at St. Joseph Parish.**

Monday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Mass at 11 a.m. **at St. Therese Parish.**



WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 12/24/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 12/25/16	Offertory Collection for November 2017	Offertory Collection for October 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,924.00	\$5,843.00	\$ 10,581.00	\$16,941.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$70.00

October 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Oct. 2017	Loan Oct. 2016
\$ 1,400.00	\$1,707.00	-\$307.00	\$128,240.66	\$143,625.51

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon., Jan 01: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Tue., Jan. 02: St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen
Wed., Jan. 3: Most Holy Name of Jesus
Thu., Jan. 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Fri., Jan. 5; St. John Neumann
Sat., Jan. 6: St. Andre Besette

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

January 6-7, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: C. Hundley
H. Bentz
S. Bieleski
Sunday: J. Pubillones
D. Terheyden
B. Bonham
Lectors:
Saturday: A. Brown
Sunday: T. Papa

Altar Servers:

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

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Haka
J. Mantione
Sunday: K. Stewart
P. Chiaro

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., Dec. 30: Russell Haese by Sue Haese
Wed., Jan. 03: +Sarah O'Keefe by Stan & Becky Hatmaker
Thu., Jan. 04: Special Intentions by Virginia Knowles
Fri., Jan. 05: Oliver Wentz by Olivia Kuhens

Announcements and Information

FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP

Please make plans to join us for first weekend fellowship next Sunday, January 7th after the 11 a.m. Mass. Parishioners are asked to bring a small dish to share. Please join us even if you do not bring a dish. There is always plenty.

There will be no first weekend fellowship next Saturday, January 6th after the 5 p.m. mass because no family has signed up to host.

*Called
to SERVE*
BISHOP'S APPEAL 2017

St. Therese, Clinton

Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$16,742.00

Collections to Date: \$14,605.00

Collections Needed to Reach
Goal: \$0.00

MASS CARDS, FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS AND/OR IN MEMORY OF, ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE WHEN YOU REQUEST A MASS INTENTION.

SENIOR MOMENTS: 2018

January 4th: Breakfast at Shoney's 10:00 a.m.

January 18th: Lunch at Los Caballeros in Oak Ridge 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to: Charlene MacDonald at 865-457-3818

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, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Russell Haese, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron & Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alys-sa 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, Zach Gillies, 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:

Dec. 31: Ron Beukema

Jan. 03: Martha Beukema

Jan. 06: Natalia Acosta

Jan 06: Steven Boswell



Bishop Richard Stika



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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES AUGUST 21-26, 2018

Join Fr. Mike Nolan on a Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families & Faith of the Irish 12 days-August 21 to September 1, 2018 Land and Air \$4,395.00—Single Supplement \$1,095.00 A deposit of \$750.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, if purchasing, and a copy of your passport picture page by February 1, 2018.

For more information and registration form contact: Marian Christiana at 423-892-3210 or mchristiana@dioknox.org or Lisa Morris 567-1245 or lisam@select-intl.com




Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, January 8. Cost of this nine week course is \$130.00 per family.

Register online at www.daveramsey.com.

For more information, contact G. Alan Sieve, 865-405-0273, gasieve@gmail.com.



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 or 423-892-2310.

