

# ST. Therese Catholic Church

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Clinton, Tennessee 37716

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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

**Most Reverend Bishop**  
**Richard Stika**  
**Bishop of Knoxville**  
**Diocese**

**Parochial Administrator**  
**Father Julius Abuh**

**Pastoral Associate:**  
**Sister Yvette Gillen**  
**Residence: 463-8935**  
**ygillen@bellsouth.net**

[saintthereseclinton.org](http://saintthereseclinton.org)

### Regular Weekly Mass

#### Schedule:

**Sat.** Confessions

4:15 -4:45 P.M.

Mass 5 P.M.

**Sun.** Mass 11 A.M.

**Tues.** Mass 6:30 P.M

**Wed.** Mass 9 A.M.

**Thurs.** Mass 9: A.M.

Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament after Mass un-  
til 12 noon Fri. Mass 9 A.M.

### **Sacrament of**

**Baptism:** By ap-  
pointment. Please  
contact Sr. Yvette at  
least 4 weeks prior to  
desired baptism date.

### **Sacrament of**

**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 4:15- 4:45  
P.M. or by appoint-  
ment

### **Sacrament of**

**Matrimony:** A four  
month preparation  
period in the  
Knoxville Diocese

### **Church Office Hours**

**9 A.M.—1:30P.M.**

**Mon—Thurs**

**9A.M.-12 N Fri**

### Parish Council

#### Chairperson:

Becky Hatmaker

#### Vice Chairperson:

Cathy Owens

#### Council Secretary:

Peg Chase

Jerry Brown

Linda McCune

Henry Bentz

Fr. Julius Abuh

(ex-officio)

Sr. Yvette

(ex-officio)

### Finance Board

#### Chairperson:

Don McCarthy

Becky Hatmaker

Margaret Govelitz

Dave McCune

Fr. Julius Abuh

(ex-officio)

Sr. Yvette Gillen

( ex-officio)

Karen Baird

(ex-officio)

### Committee

#### Chair persons

#### **Liturgy:**

Sister Yvette

#### **Parish/ Family Life:**

Thais Family

#### **Parish Plant :**

Fred Jackson

#### **Religious Ed:**

Sister Yvette

#### **Social Action:**

Connie Mikeal

#### **Spiritual Life:**

Peg Chase

#### **Building Committee:**

Joyce Klee

#### **Hospitality:**

Becky Hatmaker

## **From the Administrator's Desk:**

I want to express my special appreciation to all the wonderful people of this parish for the warm reception I have been receiving since the fifteenth of March, when I took over from Father Bill Gahagan whom I thank so much for the great job he has been doing here at St. Therese together with all the generous men and women in the parish.

My primary assignment is to serve you and help you see Jesus in each other. I will try to fulfill these and my other priestly duties to the best of my ability, while serving with you in this parish. The parish is yours and I am so happy many of you already realize that. Please continue to assist as much as you can so that this parish will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Today being Palm Sunday , like the crowds in Jerusalem, we acknowledge the kingship of the Messiah , who we all acclaim, carrying olive branches crying out and saying Hosanna to the Son of David, Hosanna in the highest.

Beloved parishioners of St. Therese by saying and doing so at the beginning of Holy Week we affirm and express our faith in Him who says " no greater love than this that a man lays down his life for his friends " St. Augustine quotes in his homilies on St. John's Gospel " As Christ laid down His life for us, so ought we lay down our lives for the brethren " Therefore this week will not be any different if we are not prepared to put into actions the passion and sacrifice of Christ with others . Holy Week becomes therefore an opportunity to let him renew and transform us through others and thus bringing our family and friends closer to him through acts of Charity.

I wish you all very "happy" Holy Week celebrations as we walk through the passions of our Lord with Him.

Father Julius Abuh

Parochial Administrator

St Therese Operating Budget Fiscal Year (July 2011-June 2012)		
<b>Weekly Operating Budget</b>	<b>Collections Received Last Week</b>	<b>Budget Excess/(Deficit)</b>
<b>\$3,600</b>	\$1,688	(\$1,912)
<b>Yearly Operating Budget</b>	<b>Collections Received Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget Excess/(Deficit) Year to Date</b>
<b>\$180,510</b>	\$102,021	(\$30,546)
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Received Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
	\$180	\$34,420

**Ministries for Holy Week Lector**

Holy Thursday *M. Govelitz*  
 Good Friday *M. Haka, S. Bieleski, M. Spurlock*  
 Easter Vigil *A. Brown, A. Duncan, S. Bieleski, M. Spurlock, T. Baker*  
 Easter Sunday *P. Chiaro*

**Eucharist**

Holy Thursday *A. Brown, L. McCune, Sr. Yvette*  
 Good Friday *Sr. Yvette*  
 Easter Vigil *Sr. Yvette, F. Jackson, B. Hatmaker*  
 Easter Sunday *D. Nall, C. Mikeal, V. Chiaro*

**Servers**

Holy Thursday *J. Thais, S. Thais, E. Thais*  
 Good Friday *F. Jackson, V. Chiaro, A. Hundley*  
 Easter Vigil *J. Ferguson, H. Bentz, J. Thais*  
 Easter Sunday *A. Hundley, J. Thais, A. Thais*

**Usher**

Holy Thursday *D. McCune, J. Ferguson*  
 Good Friday *J. Brown, R. Spurlock*  
 Easter Vigil *R& F. Schramm*  
 Easter Sunday *TBA*

**Music**

Holy Thursday *J. Bentz & Choir*  
 Good Friday *J. Bentz & Choir*  
 Easter Vigil *J. Bentz & choir*  
 Easter Sunday *J. Bentz*

**Choir Practice** this Wednesday Apr. 4. 6 to 7:30 P.M. Practice for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies.

\* **Easter flower memorials sign-up sheet is in the church hall.**

\* **Clinton Community Holy Week Services**— at St. Marks United Methodist 12 noon Mon. thru Thurs. (April 2– 5) of Holy Week. St. Therese will have the Wed. service. Please come and represent St. Therese all week.

\* **Rice Bowls are due back this weekend!**

\* **The Celebration of Tenebrae** at Holy Ghost Church Monday April 2, at 8:30 P.M. The Office of Tenebrae (which means darkness or shadow) is a Holy Week devotion that dates back to seventh of eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. No service during the entire year is more biblical ‘ almost every word of Tenebrae is taken verbatim from the Scriptures

\* **Requiem Gloriosam by Cormac O’ Duffy**—Sunday April 1 @ 7:30 P.M. at St. Thomas the Apostle church in Lenoir City Check the bulletin board for more information

\* **There will be an Easter Egg hunt on April 8th** immediately following the 11:00 am mass. Children 5th grade and younger are invited to participate. Come have your picture made with Easter bunny and don't forget to bring your Easter baskets. Treat bags will be available for all children."

\* **Ladies, mark your calendars for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention, April 26-28, 2012**, at the Edge-water Hotel and Conference Center in Gatlinburg, TN. Early full registration is only \$85 including meals. Registration forms and convention information is available at [www.kdccw.org](http://www.kdccw.org), from your CCW President or by contacting Joyce Welsh at 865-382-4706.

**Travel Opportunities**

Several priests from our diocese will be traveling in the upcoming months .Please see the bulletin board for destinations and information to travel with them.

**Mass Intentions for this week**

**Sat.** (3/31)  
 People of St Therese

**Sun.** (4/1)  
 Ruth Harrison

**Tues.** (4/3)

**Wed.** (4/4)  
 Marlene ONeill

**Thurs.** (4/5)

**Fri.** (4/6)

**Sat.** (4/7)  
 People of St. Therese

**Sun.** (4/8)  
 People of Therese

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Kristin Schramm, Gene Wrasman, Louise Kendra, Rocky May, Helen Beckner, Patrice Thompson, Katie York, Lydia Hatmaker, Louise Poly, LaDonna Koenig, Heather Phillips, Sandy Boles, Miranda Lawrence, Monica Svendsesn, Paul Cantrell

Jessica Parker, Ron Spurlock, Travis and Tyler Ervin, Louise Poly's grandson David Trent, and Sister Yvette's nephew Lee Welty, Tom Baker's grandson Jesse, Maggie & Al Adkins son Bradley and grandsons Andrew Adkins and Tyler Buss, Adrian Agbanlog who are on military assignment, and for all the other men and women currently serving in the military.

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays

Muiler Gudino- 4/2  
Debbie Stepp-4/2  
Oliva Kuhens- 4/5

Anniversaries

Robert & Lydia Hatmaker -4/7

If you do not see your special date above  
you might need to update your parish  
registration.

Pre school -8th grade Rel. Ed.

No Class March 25,  
April 1 or April 8  
Last Class will be Sun. April 15

**First Communion Retreat April  
21 10 A.M.**

**First Communion**

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**First Communion Retreat April 21  
10 A.M.**

**First Communion Sun. April 22  
11 A.M. Mass**

High School Activities & Classes

No Class

April 1, or April 8

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Confirmation — Sunday April 29

9 A.M. Mass @ St. Joseph

This Week at St. Therese

M-Th 12 noon Clinton Com-  
munity Holy /Week service

Tues. 4/3 7:30 p.m. Chrism  
Mass @ SH Cathedral

Wed. 4/4 9 A.M. Mass

Holy Thurs. 4/5 7p.m. Mass

Good Fri.4/6 12N Stations  
7 P.M. Service

Easter Vigil 4/7 8 P.M. Mass

Easter Sun.4/8 11A.M. Mass

Remember our parishioners who are  
in the hospitals & nursing homes:

Louise Kendra is at Brakebill Nursing  
Home in Knoxville

Eleanor Lux & Mary Alice

Eisenhauer are at Morning Pointe

Gene Wrasman is at Emeritus  
Assisted Living in Oak Ridge

Louise Poly is in Mabel Rose Estates  
in Papillion, NE

Joan Nelson will be moving to Assist-  
ed Living in FL. Call the church office  
for her address

Knights Of Columbus

Next Meeting: Tues.  
April 17

Texas Hold 'Em

Friday April 20

St. Therese  
Women's Group

Women's Club Spring Tea  
Sunday April 15  
2 P.M.

Bible Study  
Next class:

Tues. Mar. 27  
10A.M.

Senior Moments Senior Moments will meet Friday,  
April 20 at St. Therese at 10a.m. The committee has been  
busy making plans for the coming year. At this meeting we  
will provide, review and answer questions about the  
calendar (tentative) followed by a pizza social.

All Seniors are Welcome!

Food City and Kroger gift cards are available after  
Mass and in the church office.



Bishop Richard Stika



# The Diocese of Knoxville News

**On Easter weekend** there will be a second collection to support the education of the seminarians for the Diocese of Knoxville. We are blessed to have 17 men currently studying for the priesthood for our diocese with the possibility of 5 more this Fall. Your generosity will ensure that we have priests to minister to the needs of the Church for the future.

**The 14th Annual Kids Helping Kids Walk**, to benefit Catholic Charities' Columbus Home Children's Services, is **today** at the Knoxville Catholic stadium and track, starting at 2 p.m. In the event of rain, registration and children's activities will take place in the school foyer and gym. Walk-up registrations are welcome.

### **Catholic Charities' Program Needs**

**Elizabeth's Homes** - Volunteer CPAs to assist low-income families with 2011 tax filing. Contact Angela, 971-3570, [angela@cctn.org](mailto:angela@cctn.org)

**Parent Place** - Volunteers to co-facilitate Parenting Education Seminars. Contact Michael, 544-0577, [michael@cctn.org](mailto:michael@cctn.org)

**Columbus Home Boys Group Home** - Needs various toiletries as well as items for recreation and behavior incentive rewards. Contact Andrew, 971-3560, [drew@cctn.org](mailto:drew@cctn.org)

**Pregnancy Help Center** - Bilingual Spanish speaking volunteers. Contact Loretta Waller at 212-4942 or [loretta@cctn.org](mailto:loretta@cctn.org) for volunteer and training information.

**Children's Emergency Shelter** -Large storage bins and totes for clothing & toys, and bean bag chairs for the play room. Contact Rebecca Hubbard at 865-544-0578 or [rebecca@cctn.org](mailto:rebecca@cctn.org).

**Pathways Transitional Housing** - A client needs a push lawn mower. Contact Stephanie Corum at 748-4070 or [stephanie@cctn.org](mailto:stephanie@cctn.org).

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities and client needs, go to <http://www.cctn.org/> and click on "How to Help."

**April 1, 2012**

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

"Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil?  
It could have been sold

for more than three hundred days' wages and  
the money given to the poor."

Mk 14:1-15:471

The Passion begins with the intriguing story of the woman who pours a costly jar of perfumed oil on the head of Jesus in gratitude that Jesus had freed her of her sin. Some present were indignant at the waste of money that could have been "given to the *poor*." Their concern seems noble. But their admission that there are *poor* among them raises the question: Would there be any *poor* if everyone loved their neighbor as they love themselves as God commanded the Israelites through Moses and Jesus constantly reminds us. The Passion reminds us of the great love of Jesus for all of us, rich and poor. He suffered and died because he constantly challenged the rich and powerful to serve everyone until there are no *poor* among us. Is the presence of *poor* among us today, locally and around the world, evidence that we have *not* "loved our neighbor as we love ourselves." Is that why Jesus knew "The *poor* you will always have with you. . ."?  
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### **Spousal Loss Retreat** **Separated \* Divorced \* Widowed**

The *Beginning Experience* weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from grief into the future with renewed hope. April 13-15, 2012 Deerfield Resort in LaFollette, TN, Cost: \$175.00 Contact Mariana Christiana at 423-892-2310 , [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org), for more information.