

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
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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

Easter Reflection

Beloved brothers and sisters of St Therese parish, we are blessed to witness another celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ this year. This is my first Easter celebration with you and my first Easter without my own immediate family in Nigeria. However, I am glad you are here as my own family in Clinton. Even though you may offer me so much, I am still missing the special fufu, pounded yam and goat spicy soup of Mom on a day like this!

In any case, I am so happy that our own community of St Therese can join the universal Church to celebrate the new life which is no longer subjected to fear, but a life with Jesus which illuminates and transforms our daily path and opens at the same time a qualitatively new and different future for the entire human race.

This calls for a public witness to transform not only ourselves but also to transform our immediate community and the world around us. Thus giving the world a new face that favors the development of humanity. After witnessing to the resurrected Christ in our homes and in our various places of work, we are blessed here in Clinton to have such a beautiful place to come together as a family to worship and demonstrate and identify with the risen Lord.

The expectations of the communities within and around us are enormous, so we have no other choice but be a new leaven within and in our communities. Our joy in the resurrection is so huge that we cannot but share with others as Mary and the apostles would have done. Even though the gospel writers were seemingly silent on the joy of our Blessed Mother on the resurrection of her Son, I am so confident that her joy knew no bounds when she saw her only child come back to life after all the sufferings .

As I flip through the pages of the sacred scriptures, I feel no other creature ever experienced the seemingly silence of God like Mary as she endured the sufferings of her son. We can assume this only at the crucial moments of his death on the cross when Jesus did not forget to hand over his Mother to the Church and the Church to his Mother. "Mother, behold your Son and to John, behold your Mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26 – 27). Thus Mary becomes a model of suffering, discipleship and holiness in the Church.

Our Blessed John Paul II in one of his reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary puts it better, "The unique and special nature of the presence of the Virgin at Calvary and her perfect union with the Son in her suffering on the cross, seems to postulate a very particular participation on her part in the mystery of the resurrection' (John Paul II). With these words, let the sick, the sorrowful and those losing faith be consoled that they are not alone, they live together with the Easter community.

From us, Fr. Julius, Sr. M. Yvette, Karen and Chris we wish you and your loved ones a very happy and radiant joy of the new life brought by the Risen Lord.

Happy Easter!

Father Julius Abuh

Parochial Administrator

St Therese Operating Budget Fiscal Year (July 2011-June 2012)

Weekly Operating Budget	Collections	Budget Excess/(Deficit)
\$3,600	Received Last Week	
	\$3,213	(\$387)
Yearly Operating Budget	Collections Received	Budget Excess/(Deficit)
	Year to Date	Year to Date
\$180,510	\$105,234	(\$30,933)
Building Fund	Received Last Week	Year to Date
	\$1,615	\$36,035

Happy Easter

**Check out the St. Therese website :
www.saintthereseclinton.org**

**Women's Group Spring Tea Sunday April 15th 2 p.m. Sign up sheet in the church hall*

Please turn in your Rice Bowls

***The second collection today is for the support of the education of our seminarians**

***Ladies, mark your calendars for the 23rd Annual Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention, April 26-28, 2012**, at the Edgewater 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, from your CCW President or by contacting Joyce Welsh at 865-382-4706.

***St. Joseph/ St. Therese Columbarium** informational meeting Sunday May 20th at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph

***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.

Ministries Apr. 14 & 15

Lector

Sat. T. Baker
Sun. M. McMyler

Eucharist

Sat.
P. Chase, C. Converse, K. Burns
Sun.

H. Bentz, J. Chiaro, P. Chiaro

Servers

Sat.
J. Carter, S. Carter, B. Hatmaker
Sun.

E. Thais, A. Govelitz, M. Govelitz

Ushers

Sat. R. Spurlock, M. Spurlock
Sun. V. Chiaro, D. McCune

Cantor

Sat. C. Owens
Sun. T. Ferguson

Music

Sat. J. Bentz
Sun. J. Bentz

If you are unable to minister on the assigned date please find your own replacement.

Mass Intentions for this week

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

Sun. (4/8)
 People of Therese

Tues. (4/10)

Wed. (4/11)

Fran Pisano

Thurs. (4/12)

Fri. (4/13)

Marlene O'Neill

Sat. (4/14)

Men & Women in the Military

Sun. (4/15)

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

- Anthony Hundley-4/9*
- Pete Chiaro-4/10*
- George Paynter- 4/10*
- Jenna Carter-4/12*
- Shannyn Carter-4/12*
- Lauren Schenk-4/12*

Anniversaries

- Bob & Laura Lauer-4/12*

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 April 8
Last Class will be Sun. April 15*

First Communion Retreat April 21 10 A.M.

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

High School Activities & Classes

*No Class April 8 th
Class will meet Apr. 15th and 22nd*

Confirmation — Sunday April 29

9 A.M. Mass @ St. Joseph

St. Joseph/ St. Therese Columbarium

For information about a dignified resting place for your last remains

Contact Jim Ferguson– 494-8081

This Week at St. Therese

- Tues. 4/10** 10 a.m. Bible Stdy
6p.m. Finance Bd.
6:30 p.m. Mass
After Mass Pastoral Council

Wed. 4/11 9 a.m. Mass

Thurs. 4/12 9 a.m. Mass

Fri.4/13 9a.m. Mass

Sat. 4/14 5p.m. Mass

Sun.4/15 11 a.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

Bible Study

Next class: Tues. April 10th

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.

Knights Of Columbus

**Next Meeting: Tues.
April 17**

Friday April 20
Texas Hold 'Em

St. Therese

Women's Group

Women's Club Spring Tea

Sunday April 15

2 P.M.

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Rummage Sale

May 4th and 5th

Volunteers needed for set

up on May 2nd and 3rd

See sign up sheet in

church hall

Spring Dinner May 16th @

Harrison's –6:30 P.M.



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.

Slots are available for the 3rd Annual Common Good Golf Classic, to benefit **Catholic Charities of East Tennessee** on Monday, June 4, at Cherokee Country Club. For details, contact Freddi Birdwell at 865-524-9896 or freddi@ccetn.org.

Catholic Charities offers confidential Therapeutic Counseling Services by licensed therapists. Services are provided on an income-based sliding fee scale and are available to anyone in the community. All therapists are FOCCUS certified for pre-marital sessions. Call Catholic Charities' office at 865-524-9896; or go to www.ccetn.org to contact a counselor in your area.

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to help with a **Rachel's Vineyard** healing and recovery retreat April 20 - 22, 2012 in a private location in Madisonville, TN. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510 sandi@ccetn.org or Catherine McHugh (865) 696-7720 peace4lilith@aol.com. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times.

The Mobile Mexican Consulate, co-hosted by Catholic Charities, will be in Kingsport, April 17-20, at St. Dominic Catholic Church (2517 John B Dennis Highway). For more information or to make appointments call 1-877-639-4835 or Alma Vasquez at 423-753-3001.

April 8, 2012

The Resurrection of the Lord

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark.
Jn 20:1-9

We may wonder how Mary of Magdala did not understand the significance of the empty tomb when she ventured there "early in the morning." Unlike the disciples, who were hiding behind locked doors, Mary summoned the courage to go to the tomb being guarded by Roman soldiers. When she reported what she observed to the disciples, Peter and John rushed to the tomb but they, too, "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Eventually Jesus appears to his disciples in a variety of ways and places. They come to believe that he is the Risen Lord, the Messiah. They begin to reflect on all that he did and taught them. They took responsibility for growing in their faith and communicating their faith in Jesus to others by *word and example*. At Easter we renew our Baptismal promises. We recommit ourselves to learn our faith and to imitate Jesus by what we *say and do*. That is why Easter is such a joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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, for more information.