

ST. Therese Catholic Church

701 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd.
Clinton, Tennessee 37716

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

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| Regular | Sun. Mass | Thurs. Mass |
| Weekly Mass | 10:15 A.M. | 9 A.M. |
| Schedule: | Tues. Mass | Adoration of the |
| Sat. | 6:30 P.M | Blessed Sacra- |
| Confessions | Wed. Mass | ment after Mass |
| 4:45 –5:15 P.M | 9 A.M. | until 12 noon |
| Mass 5:30 P.M. | | Fri. Mass 9A.M |

Pastoral 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

Dave McCune

Monica Spurlock

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:

Joyce Klee

Hospitality:

Becky Hatmaker

Office Hours

9 A.M.—1:30P.M.

Mon—Thurs

9A.M.-12 N Fri

ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today we come to the end of a seemingly long discourse by St. John on Jesus as the bread of life. Sadly many of Jesus' disciples still could not understand his teaching so they asked "... who can accept this?" At the end of the teaching, John concludes by saying "many of the disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him". Understanding this text, it would mean not many of those who have been listening understood Jesus' presentation of himself as the Bread of life.

Similarly in the our first reading of today, Joshua lines up all his people and tells them they have to make a decision which gods they were going to serve. Joshua simply wants the Israelites to renew their commitment and loyalty to the true God. At some points in our lives, all of us have to make that decision – is it the God of our fathers, the god of money, the god of pride or the god of lust, which do we think fit into our scheme or purpose for our existence ? We make gods of so many things today as you probably know. Besides that choice that we have to make and acknowledge, do we really want to know ourselves and the Real God?

There is no doubt that many of the teachings of Christ are hard! Like, love your enemies and pray for them; if someone asks for a tunic, give him/her two; if you have one hundred sheep and one goes astray, leave the ninety-nine and go in search of the only lost one. These are hard, but at the same time good, because they do not devalue the human person, but instead expresses God's love for sinners and his appreciation of his creatures..

The prodigal son is welcomed by the Father, the Gentiles are accepted and even praised, and women are treated with respect and kindness. A careful study of the scriptures show that most of the culturally difficult verses are found in the Epistles, not the Gospels where the early Church was struggling to understand what Jesus' words and his death and resurrection all meant. The Church did struggle through the lenses available to them in their own time, this we must acknowledge and appreciate also. Jesus' teaching at the end is centered on God's love and the need for humanity to be part of this great love which we share together in the Holy Eucharist.

Therefore as a community of faith, we need to first listen to our hearts, then be open to discussing, questioning, and letting our doubts out so that we will not be like those who had to leave Jesus and return to their former ways, but instead answer with Peter, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" as our gospel of today concludes.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:45–5:15 P.M. or by appointment

Baptism: By appointment. Please call the church office at least 4 weeks prior to desired baptism date.

Matrimony: A four month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

St Therese Operating Budget Fiscal Year (July 2012-June 2013)

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| Weekly Operating Budget | Collections Received Last Week | Budget Excess/(Deficit) |
| | \$2,652 | |
| Yearly Operating Budget | Collections Received Year to Date | Budget Excess/(Deficit) Year to Date |
| | \$18,281 | |
| Building Fund | Received Last Week | Year to Date |
| | \$580 | \$4432 |

St. Therese will be hosting a Virtus Training program on September 19th at 7:00 P.M. in the parish hall. **You must register online @www.virtus.org to attend this seminar. Please see Sister if you need help to register.**

Religious Education Registration

This is the last weekend to register for Religious Education classes. See Kathy Burns or Joelle Duncan after Mass.

Please mark your calendars for the following important dates: Saint Joseph School Golf Tournament, Friday, October 12th at Three Ridges Golf Course. SJS Fall Festival, Saturday, October 13th on the Saint Albert the Great Parish Grounds.

Second collection this week for Catholic Schools

The Diocese of Knoxville's ten Catholic schools provide spiritual and intellectual growth for over 3,000 students. In today's world we are facing a greater financial need for tuition support. Please prayerfully consider giving monetarily and prayerfully to the second collection this weekend. The families who will benefit from your donations would otherwise be unable to provide a Catholic education for their children. May God bless you for your generosity.

Choices resource Center 's 17th Annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday September 22nd @ 9 A.M. Help to defend unborn babies. Visit us online @ crcwalkforlife.org to register of sponsor a walker. For more information See or call Connie Mikeal 457-1934

Please remember St. Therese in your will.

Ministries Sept. 1& 2

Lector

Sat. M. Haka

Sun. G. Paynter

Servers

Sat. A. Duncan J. Ferguson, T. Gudina

Sun. A. Hudley, S. Thais, J. Thais

Eucharist

Sat. M. Adkins, H. Bentz, S. Bieleski

Sun. B. Bonham, V. Chiaro, M. Govelitz

Ushers

Sat. T. Baker, J. Brown

Sun. D. McCune, F. Zelenka

Cantor

Sat. T. Ferguson

Sun. M. Lambing

Music

Sat. J. Bentz

Sun. R. Boll

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

Mass Intentions 8/25-9/2

Sat. (8/25)

* People of St. Therese

Sun. (8/26)

+Paul Mikeal
by Knights of Columbus

Tues. (8/28)

+Janet Heffern
by T. Ferguson

Wed. (8/29)

+ Mother Agnes of Jesus
by Leonard Nugent

Thurs. (8/30)

*Mary Taylor & family
by Don Wrasman

Fri. (8/31)

+ Veronica Okolo
by Fr. Julius

Sat. (9/1)

+ William McCarthy
by Knights of Columbus

Sun. (9/2)

*People of St. Therese

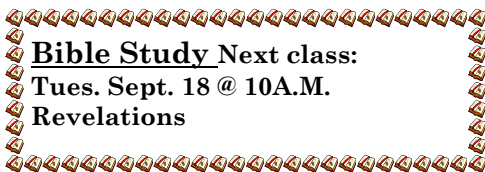
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Kristin Schramm, Louise Kendra, Rocky May, Helen Beckner, Patrice Thompson, Katie York, Lydia Hatmaker, Louise Poly, La Donna Koenig, Heather Phillips, Sandy Boles, Miranda Lawrence, Barb Bielecki,*

Jessica Parker, Ron Spurlock, Travis and Tyler Ervin, David Trent, Lee Welty, Jesse Baker, Bradley Adkins, Andrew Adkins, Tyler Buss, and Adrian Agbanlog who are on military assignment, and for all the other men and women currently serving in the military.

This Week at St. Therese

Tues. 8/28 6:30 P.M. Mass
Wed. 8/29 9A.M. Mass
Thurs. 8/30 9A.M. Mass
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament after Mass
Fri. 8/31 9A.M. Mass
Sat. 9/1 5:30 P.M. Mass
Sun. 9/2 10:15 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
Louise Poly is in Mabel Rose Estates in Papillion, NE
Joan Nelson is at Five Star Residence of Hollywood in Hollywood, FL.
Call the church office for these addresses.

A decorative border of small icons surrounds the text: **Bible Study** Next class: Tues. Sept. 18 @ 10A.M. Revelations

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays

Jean Aloï-8/30
Rocky May-8/31
Debbie Nall -8/31
Alley Paoletto-9/1

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

SENIOR MOMENTS

No meeting on Sept. 7 due to Labor Day holiday
Next meeting Fri. Sept. 21st 10AM @ St. Joseph
Further details coming soon!

Food City and Kroger gift cards are available after Mass and in the church office. St. Therese receives 5% of every card purchased.

Preschool -High School Religious Ed. Registration
Last weekend to register

Knights Of Columbus

Next Meeting:

Tues. Sept. 18

St. Therese Women's Group

The St. Therese Women's Group will meet the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30 P.M.

Next Meeting is Monday September 10th—Potluck

Come One Come All!

High School Activities

This weekend is the last weekend to register for classes

Diocesan Youth Mass & Evening Extravaganza

Saturday September 8

4-9 P.M.

@ Sacred Heart Cathedral

See Joelle Duncan or Kathy Burns for details



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The Diocese of Knoxville News

Marriage Preparation & Enrichment Office

Annulment seminar. An overview of the annulment process, Sunday, September 30, 2:30 -4:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Shea Room, Presented by Rev. James David Carter, *Simultaneous translation in Spanish is available*, Questions? Marian Christiana, Coordinator of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment, (423) 892-2310 or mchristiana@dioknox.org

There is a “ Beginning Experience weekend” coming up on October 5-7, 2012. The weekend is for anyone whose marriage has ended through death, separation or divorce. It is designed to be a time of closure on the past and to renew hope for the future. Location, Alex Haley Farm in Clinton Cost \$150 before September 1. Financial aid is available. Contact the parish office or Marian Christina @mchristiana@dioknox.org

It's La La Palooza Fest time again! “**A Jr High Youth Celebration!**” Sunday, August 26th @ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at St. Therese in Cleveland, TN **Cost: \$25** includes Mass, a concert with P J Anderson an up and coming Catholic Singer/song writer, his album top on iTunes right now, games, tie-dying of t-shirt, lunch of pizza, sno-cones and popcorn ,a slip-n-slide inflatable and a 18’ wet and wild dual slide with pools! **Forms:** See your Youth Minister or by contacting Donna Jones at djones6029@gmail.com or 423-718-4387

IN REGARDS TO THE DEFFERED action for childhood arrivals policy (EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2012), THE ONLY non profit agency AUTHORIZED BY THE BIA (board of immigration appeals- branch of department of justice) for our diocese, is the office of immigrant Services of Catholic Charities with offices in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Johnson City. For more information, contact Nathaly Perez.

- deferred action for childhood arrivals is a policy change that will allow young undocumented immigrants who where brought here as minors to apply for defered action and a work permit.

August 26, 2012

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“**Master, to whom shall we go?**”

John 6:60-69

When the disciples realized that Jesus expected them to be like him, to consume him and to be consumed by him, many found that hard to accept. Some abandoned Jesus. Jesus asked his closet friends if they wanted to leave. Peter answered for those who stayed, and for us, “Master to whom shall we go?” When we realize that we are disciples of Jesus as a result of our Baptism, and that we are called to give ALL of our selves as, Jesus did, we can look to Jesus for our model and our strength. Several years ago people of all ages were wearing bracelets, pendants, hats and shirts with the letters **WWJD?** [**What Would Jesus Do?**]. That is a very important question for us to ask before we do anything. It is also important for us to constantly grow in our knowledge and understanding of **WDJD?** [**What Did Jesus Do?**]. We do that by constantly growing in our knowledge and understanding of Revelation in Scripture and Tradition, and the teaching of the Church. That is how we know **WWSD!** [**What We Should Do!**].

Diocesan Youth Mass & Evening Extravaganza 2012

Bishop Richard Stika presiding

Recognition Awards & Commissioning of Diocesan Youth Ministry Advisory Board (DYMAC)

WHAT? Mass (collection will be taken for Catholic Charities), award presentation, commissioning of DYMAC, dinner, card playing area, photo booth, DJ dance, dunk tank, air inflatables, field sports, commemorative t-shirt and more. **WHO?** 9th – 12th grade students, **WHEN?** Saturday, September 8, from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **WHERE?** Sacred Heart Cathedral, **COST?** \$20.00 or \$30.00 at the door, **HOW?** Contact your Parish Youth Coordinator for forms or go to dioknox.org. *Deacon Dan must receive registration by morning of Monday, September 3 to guarantee t-shirt* **CONTACT?** Deacon Dan Hosford at djh2@comcast.net or (865) 603-9682, Ticketed “coat check” room available at youth center for personal items