

**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

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

**Parochial Administrator:**  
Father Julius Abuh  
Office 865-457-4073  
Rectorry 865-457-1317

**Pastoral Associate:**  
Sister Yvette Gillen 865-207-7070

**Secretary :** Karen Baird  
St. Therese Church Office: 865-457-4073

**Parish website :**  
[www.saintthereseclinton.org](http://www.saintthereseclinton.org)  
**Parish Facebook:** Sainttherese Clinton

**Weekly Mass Schedule:**  
Sat. Confessions 4:15–4:45 P.M. Mass 5:00P.M.  
Sun. Mass 10:15 A.M.  
Tues. Mass 9:00A.M..  
Wed. Mass 9:00 A.M.  
Thurs. Mass 9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 12 noon.  
Fri. Mass 9:00 A.M.

**Pastoral Council**  
**Chairperson:**  
Becky Hatmaker  
**Council Secretary:**  
Peg Chase  
Dave Yurek  
Jerry Brown  
Linda McCune  
Henry Bentz  
Fr. Julius Abuh  
(ex-officio)  
Sr. Yvette (ex-officio)

**Finance Board**  
**Chairpersons:**  
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, it feels so good to be back after a one week vacation. Thank you for all your prayers for me, parish staff and the entire. I did pray for all of you and for those who stop by to worship regularly with us at St. Therese' parish. This weekend, the Universal Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. It is a feast that celebrates the universal Kingship of Christ of the entire universe and planet.

The festival of Christ as Our Universal King is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honor of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. Essentially it is probably a magnification of the Feast of the Ascension established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but was later moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. It may interest you to know that this festival is also observed by some of our separated brethren like Lutherans, the Anglicans, and some other Protestant Churches.

In today's gospel, we find Jesus facing Pilate. Jesus' adversaries have tried to portray Jesus only as a "king of the Jews," as a messianic pretender to the throne of David. But Jesus says, "My kingdom is not from this world." It is a Kingdom that has come to "testify to the truth and everyone who belongs to the truth." In fact, Jesus' whole life has been a revelation, defense and witness to this truth. This has been his central message since the beginning of his ministry. Jesus' kingdom is not one of power, of imposed authority or domination. It is a kingdom where the chief goal is to bring all people to fullness of life and humanity according to the original design of God—the way of the world as God originally intended it to be. I will say strongly, it is the kingdom of the Beatitudes. All are welcome to be part of this new kingdom.

Therefore, on this feast of Christ the King we might reflect on the barriers that sometimes prevent us from opening our hearts to those who come to our lands in need of our protection and care, who bring with them great gifts of resilience and hope and richness of languages and cultures. They may appear to have nothing to offer, but being hospitable to them can change our lives and lead us to the welcome that truly matters: the welcome into the hospitality of God's reign that lasts forever.

**Sacraments**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:15–4:45 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**

Building Fund Last week	Offertory Collection Last Week	Offertory Collections for the month of Sept. 2012	Offertory Collections for the month of Oct.2012	Monthly Offertory Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013
\$465.00	\$2,102.00	\$9,079.00	\$13,539.50	<b>\$16,500.00</b>

*Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship in support of our ministries at St. Therese.*

If you would like more information about the budget please call the church office or contact a member of the Finance Board

***The St. Therese & St. Joseph Penance Service & Confessions will be at St. Therese on Monday December 3rd at 7:00 P.M. Fr. Michael Woods , Fr. Dustin Collins , Fr. Bill Gahagan and Fr. Juluis Abuh will hear confessions***

*Kathy Lauer would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support during her recent illness*

**There is a sign-up sheet in the church hall for Christmas Flower Memorials**

**Don't forget your gift cards for ADFAC's Warm Fuzzies Program. See bulletin boards for details.**

*The St. Therese Social Action Committee is collecting Coats for the Cold through the month of December. There is a bin in the church hall to place good, clean coats. These coats will then be distributed to people in need. Please remember this when you clean out your closets. For more information please call Connie Mikeal @ 457-1934*

Choir practice for Christmas Mass 5:30 to 7:00P.M. Wed. Nov. 28th, Wed. Dec.5th,Thurs. 13th & Tues. Dec. 18th. Anyone interested in joining the choir for the Christmas Masses should attend these practices

**There will be a children's choir for Christmas eve!** Young people from 2nd grade through high school are invited to sing for this special liturgy! Rehearsals will on Saturday mornings 9:30 to 11: 00 a.m. on 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22. Please call Mary Tuskan (254-8346) or email ([MaryDLTT@aol.com](mailto:MaryDLTT@aol.com)) if interested!

As an ongoing fundraiser to benefit parish operations we will be collecting used books (hard back and paper backs, no magazines) DVD's, CD's and electronic games. There are bins in the church hall labeled for this purpose. For more information please call Dave Yurek @ 670-9554

**Mark your calendar  
Christmas Program / Dinner Sun. Dec. 9th**

**Ministries Dec. 1&2**

Lector

**Sat. A. Brown**

**Sun. B. Lauer**

Servers

**Sat. B. Hatmaker, F. Jackson, JD Carter, T. Gudina**

**Sun. V. Chiaro, A. Hundley, A. Webb**

Eucharist

**Sat. C. Converse, T. Ferguson, S. Haese**

**Sun. D.Nall, G. Paynter, B. Stephens**

Ushers

**Sat. T. Baker, J. Ferguson**

**Sun. B. Bonham, D. McCune**

Cantor

**Sat. C.Yurek**

**Sun. R. Boll**

Music

**Sat. J. Bentz**

**Sun. M. Lambing**

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Nov. 24-Dec. 2**

**Sat. 11/24**

**+William McCarthy  
by Ronnie & Monica  
Spurlock**

**Sun. 11/25**

**\*People of St. Therese**

**Tues. 11/27**

**+Ron Anderson  
by Knights of Columbus**

**Wed. 11/28**

**+Mother Mary Elias of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
by Leonard Nugent**

**Thurs. 11/29**

**+LaDonna Koenig  
by Stan & Barb Bielecki**

**Fri. 11/30**

**+Vicenza Campisi by  
Francesca Penolinno**

**Sat. 12/1**

**People of St. Therese**

**Sun. 12/2**

**\*Paul Mikeal  
by Stan & Barb Bielecki**

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

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. 11/27 9:00 A.M. Mass  
10 A.M. Bible Study

Wed. 11/28 9 A.M. Mass  
5:30 P.M. Choir Practice  
7 P.M. RCIA

Thurs. 11/29 9 A.M. Mass  
Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament after Mass

Fri. 11/30 9 A.M. Mass

Sat. 12/1 4:15P.M. Confession  
5:00 P.M. Mass

Sun. 12/2 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.

Bible Study Next class:  
Tuesday Nov, 27th

## Celebrations this Week Birthdays

John Clevestine-11/25  
Michelle Montgomery-11/25  
Stan Bieleski-11/27  
Jerry Brown-11/27  
Elaine Woolley-11/28  
Anthony Duncan -11/30  
Tyler Sexton- 11/30

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

## SENIOR MOMENTS

### December Christmas Lunch

Friday December 7th @11A.M.  
Shoney's near the Norris /Clinton exit to I-75 Dutch Treat  
Please call Pandu Blihar at 865-659-6926 or Martha Beukema at 494-8530 by Dec. 3rd for reservations

In Jan. Feb. & March Senior Moments will meet only once a month.

Details to follow

ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

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

## Knights Of Columbus

Christmas Cards  
are on sale  
after Mass

Next meeting :  
Friday Dec. 14th  
Christmas Party

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  
Dec. 10

Christmas Party  
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We will be collecting  
Baby gifts for Choices

## Religious Education

Preschool through High School Classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M.

No Classes next week Nov. 25th  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday

Children's  
Offertory

Last Week  
\$16



Bishop Richard Stika



# The Diocese of Knoxville News

November 25, 2012

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” John 18:33-37

**Super Tuesdays** are back at the Paraclete by popular demand. During Nov. & Dec. every Tuesday we will host a different department sale. Stop by each Tuesday to see what is on sale or call 1-800-333-2097

**Bishop Stika will celebrate a bilingual Mass in honor of the sacrament of marriage** Couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows during Mass and continue to celebrate with family and friends at a luncheon following the Mass. **! Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 11:00 am Register by Friday, January 18** St. Mary Church 327 Vermont Avenue Oak Ridge, TN 37830 **To register contact: Marian Christiana [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) or 423-892-2310 Karen Byrne [kbyrne@dioknox.org](mailto:kbyrne@dioknox.org) or 865-584-3307**

**Knoxville Catholic High School is now accepting Admission applications for fall 2013!** Please visit our website at [www.knoxvillecatholic.com](http://www.knoxvillecatholic.com) under the admissions tab to download our application and supporting materials or stop by the school to pick up an admissions packet! For school tours and admission information, please contact: Nichole Pfohl, Dean of Admissions, at 560-0502 or [npfohl@knoxvillecatholic.com](mailto:npfohl@knoxvillecatholic.com) Prospective Students: KCHS placement test for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be given on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please contact Nichole Pfohl to register!

Please check the church bulletin board for information on “The Year of Faith Diocesan Pilgrimages”  
*Holy Land—March 3-16, 2013*  
*Ireland—June 10-21, 2013*

**Save the date! Catholic Charities of East Tennessee’s Annual Dinner** will be held Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Knoxville Convention Center.

The response of Jesus to Pilate, the most powerful human authority in Palestine at that time, raises a very important question for those of us who call ourselves Christians and claim to be followers and imitators of Jesus Christ: *Where is our kingdom?* Is it our home? Is it our family? Is it our job or profession? Is it our material wealth or financial security? Is it our hobby or a certain sport? Is it a combination of some or all of these? All of these are good. And to the extent that we have them, God wants us to use and enjoy them for ourselves *and for others*, to the best of our ability. That is how we imitate Jesus. If and when one or more of those things becomes *our kingdom* to which we devote an inordinate portion of our time, energy and resources, we become so attached to *our kingdom in this world* that we risk of losing our right to join Jesus in *His kingdom that is not of this world*.

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**Surviving the Holidays** workshops for anyone experiencing a separation/divorce or grieving the loss of a loved one through death. Cost of the program will be \$10 for material and supplies. Babysitting is available for an additional cost. **Sunday, December 16, 2012 From 3 pm until 5 pm** St. John Neumann Parish – Seton Hall 633 St. John Court, Knoxville, TN 37934, RSVP by December 7 **To register, contact Marian Christiana at 423-892-2310 or at [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) •**

**Volunteers are needed** now to help plan and promote the Columbus Home Children’s Services **15th Annual Kids Helping Kids Fun Walk** (scheduled for Sunday, April 21, 2013). For information contact Carroll McMahan at 865-228-7589 or [cmcmahan@scoc.org](mailto:cmcmahan@scoc.org).



Pregnancy & Adoption Services, including post-abortion 990-4673.