

**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  
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**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, this weekend the Church celebrates the Holy Family of Nazareth in honor of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This family is placed before us as an exemplary model for our own families. Although they are recognized as "The Holy Family" they nevertheless experienced multiple challenges as a family unit. However, because of their profound love for God and one another, they were motivated to overcome these obstacles. In examining the Sacred Scriptures, we observe several crosses they had to endure.

One example occurs as early as at the Conception of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, with the internal struggle of Joseph who planned to divorce Mary informally, before the Angel intervened in a dream.

Other trials arise such as "no place in the inn" when Mary's time of delivery approached, resulting in Baby Jesus' birth in a manger; next, the family fled very early in the morning as they discovered that the life of the Infant Jesus was in danger as a result of Herod's threat to kill Him. No doubt too, Mary and Joseph suffered the desperation of losing Jesus for three days when he was twelve years old, while the only satisfaction they got from him was that he had to be about his 'Father's business.'

I also think Jesus' public ministry must have taken its toll on Mary. Simeon had predicted in the temple that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. We can imagine one instance as we read in Mark 3:21; when Jesus returns to Nazareth one day, his relatives came to take him by force, convinced that he was out of his mind. Nevertheless, with great intense love and devotion to one another and for God the Father, this sustained them throughout their greatest trials.

The saddest moment for all came as Mary watched her son die on the cross. But we can see Jesus' love for His Mother as He was dying on the cross and agonized about leaving her behind; He asked the "disciple Jesus loved," John, to look after her, saying to Mary, 'Woman behold your son', and to John 'behold your mother' (John 19:26-27).

What holds our families together especially in times of challenges, are love and forgiveness. One writer once suggested, our homes should be a 'confessional' and not a courthouse'. It is love which triumphs in the end. Therefore, through honest dialogue we must support each other to always grow as a family. If ever our families fail in any way, it is because of a lack of love. May the Holy Family pray for us. Amen.

**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 Oct.. 2012	Offertory Collections for the month of Nov.2012	Monthly Offertory Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013
\$330.00	\$3411.00	\$13,539.50	\$10,385.30	<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.

*Fr. Julius*

### Christmas Collection

\$2319.00

(This amount is divided with the Diocese)

***Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Masses will be as follows : Vigil (Dec. 31st) Mass at 4:30 P.M  
Jan 1st Mass at 10:15 A.M.***

**The church office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st.**

***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***

**Tax deductible donations for 2012 must be received here at St. Therese Church by Dec. 31, 2012. Checks must be dated in 2012 and if mailed must be postmarked in 2012. If it is given in a church collection or hand delivered to the church office it must be given on or before Dec. 31, 2012.**

**Remember to bring in your used books, CD's & electronic games**

We will continue 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

## Ministries Jan 5& 6

### Lector

**Sat. Sr. Lillian**

**Sun. C. Hundley**

### Servers

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

**Sun. A. Govelitz, M. Govelitz, V. Chiaro, A. Webb**

### Eucharist

**Sat. K. Burns, T. Ferguson, F. Jackson**

**Sun. Sr. Yvette, L., McCune, G. Paynter**

### Ushers

**Sat. R. Spurlock, M. Spurlock**

**Sun. C. Goodwyne, M. Goodwyne**

### Cantor

**Sat. G. Leigh**

**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

**Dec. 29 thru Jan. 6**

**Sat. 12/29**

\*People of St. Therese

**Sun. 12/30**

\*People of St. Therese

**Mon. 12/31**

\*Stan Metz

By Sharon M. Jackson

**Tues. 1/1**

**Wed. 1/2**

\*Stephen Metz

by Sharon M. Jackson

**Thurs. 1/3**

+Sara O'Keefe

by Becky Hatmaker

**Fri. 1/4**

\*Wendy West

by Leonard Nugent

**Sat. 1/5**

\*Roy & Chris Converse

by Stan & Barb Bielecki

**Sun. 1/6**

\*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, Heather Phillips, Sandy Boles, Miranda Lawrence, Barbara 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**

**Mon. 12/31 Solemnity of Mary  
The Holy Mother of God**

**Vigil 4:30 P.M. Mass**

**Tues. 1/1 Solemnity of Mary  
The Holy Mother of God  
10:15 A.M. Mass**

**Wed. 1/2 9 A.M. Mass**

**Thurs. 1/3 9 A.M. Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament after Mass**

**Fri. 1/4 9 A.M. Mass**

**Sat. 1/5  
4:15P.M. Confession  
5 P.M. Sunday Vigil Mass**

**Sun. 1/6 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 Jan. 8, 2013

**Celebrations this Week  
Birthdays**

Ron Beukema-12/31  
Martha Beukema—1/3  
Marge Kennedy-1/3

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

RCIA meets every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. *No class on Jan. 2nd*  
Classes will resume on Jan. 9th

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

Next meeting—**January 18, 2013**  
@ 11:30 A.M. Lunch at Gondolier near 1-75, Clinton/ Norris exit, 116 Tanner Place, Clinton.

Dutch Treat! For reservations please call Pandy Blihar at 865-659-6926 or Martha Beukema at 865-494-8530 by Jan. 11th  
The **February 15th** meeting will be BINGO At St. Therese

***In case of inclement weather Senior Moments will not meet if Anderson County and/or Knox County schools are closed or delayed***

**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**

Next meeting :  
**Jan. 21 @7 P.M.**

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**Chili Cook-Off  
Jan.27  
@ 4P.M.**

**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  
January 14

**Religious Education**

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

No classes Dec. 30  
Classes will resume on Jan. 6th

Children's Offertory      Last Week \$9



Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

**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** *Additional Dates : Feb. 9th @ St. Mary's in Athens TN and Mar. 9 @ St. Patrick in Morristown*

**Catholic Charities' Office of Immigrant Services** is co-hosting Citizenship Classes, Saturdays, January 12 through March 23, at Sacred Heart School and Saturdays, January 19 through April 6, in Oak Ridge at First Presbyterian Church (1051 Oak Ridge Turnpike), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. ; cost is \$50. Teachers are also needed. For more information contact Nathaly at (865) 971-3550.

**Feeding the Need!** Catholic Charities is seeing increased need among the children, families and vulnerable adults we serve. Food drives and grocery gift cards can help us meet their immediate nutritional needs while we work with them to achieve long-term stability. Please go to <http://www.ccetn.org/volunteers/feeding-the-need/> for a list of suggested items and contact information.

Catholic Charities' **Samaritan Place** offers accredited **Adult Day Stay**, on a sliding fee scale, Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CHOICES-eligible. For more information contact Christie at (865) 684-1889 or [christie@ccetn.org](mailto:christie@ccetn.org).



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

**December 30, 2012**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
"He went down with them to Nazareth and obedient to them . . ."  
Luke 2:41-52**

St. Luke tells the only story in the Gospel about Jesus as a young boy. When Jesus was twelve his parents took him to Jerusalem for the Passover and then unintentionally left him behind. They return to find him with Jewish rabbis and scribes who daily taught and debated on the steps of the Temple [the equivalent to a modern university]. They were amazed by his questions and answers. Mary chides Jesus for staying behind. But then we learn the reason for the story. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity returns to Nazareth and is obedient to his human parents. Mary and Joseph freely submitted to the will of God to become the parents of Jesus. Then Jesus, God Incarnate, freely submitted to the will of his human parents. Free will is arguably our greatest gift from God. And the greatest gift we can give to God is to discern and freely do His will for us. Now that would be a great Christmas gift for Jesus. And we do not have to wrap it.

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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](http://www.ccetn.org) to contact a counselor in your area.