

**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  
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**Pastoral Associate:**  
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**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, Advent is not only about preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, but also a time we prepare for his Second Coming at the end of time when he will come as Judge of the living and of the dead. In three of the Eucharistic Acclamations we profess our faith in Jesus' Second Coming: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, *Christ will come again.*"; "...*Lord Jesus, come in glory.*" "...*Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.*" And in the Creed which we profess every Sunday we proclaim: "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end."

In the First Reading from the Prophet Baruch, the prophet is giving a message of hope to the suffering Israelites in exile. In the midst of their suffering and mourning, he is able to say to the grieving City of God that God has not abandoned her or her children. Jerusalem is not to be cast down in mourning but witness to the power and radiance of God. She is to clothe herself in the glory of God and proclaim that God is with her forever. Her children may be marched away from her by their enemies - but God will bring them back.

In this Holy Season of Advent and today being the Second Sunday of Advent, the liturgy rekindles the spirit of the season of Advent; Hope for those who are suffering as we await the coming of Our Lord not only at Christmas, which we celebrate every year, but also for His second & final coming at the end of time. Let us then be prepared while journeying towards heaven, our true and final home, as we heed those words of John the Baptist in our Gospel reading today: " prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low."

Thus John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness to give the wakeup call. John was a blazing personality who proclaimed to all who came to listen to him near the River Jordan how much they needed to repent to be able to experience salvation. Consequently, with the baptism of repentance, he opened their eyes to see the Lord who had come to save them and give them hope. Our focus therefore, this second Sunday of Advent are, Repentance, Conversion, Hope and Salvation to all. In the words of Prophet Baruch, I pray may God "Take off your robe of mourning and misery and put on you the splendor of glory forever" 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
\$280.00	\$3,783.00	\$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

*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*

**The Second Collection this week is for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

**Sign-up sheet in the church hall for Christmas Flower Memorials  
Donations accepted towards the purchase of Christmas flowers  
in honor /memory of a loved one**

Choir practice for Christmas Mass 5:30 to 7PM. Thurs. Dec. 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!

**Christmas Potluck Dinner & Program Sun. Dec. 9th@4P.M.**  
*Potluck meal followed by a Christmas presentation by the Religious Education Students Please bring a main dish and a side dish*

**CCW Christmas Party Monday Dec. 10th @ 6:30 P.M. at Sister Yvette's house. Please bring finger foods & a \$10 gift for Naughty Santa. Plan to meet here at the Administration Building and carpool to Sister's house**

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

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

## Ministries Dec. 15&16

### Lector

**Sat. S. Haese**

**Sun. V. Chiaro**

### Servers

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

**B. Hatmaker, T. Gudina**

**Sun. A. Govelitz, M. Govelitz,**

**A. Webb**

### Eucharist

**Sat. F. Jackson, D. Mc Carthy**

**D. Yurek**

**Sun. L. McCune, C. Mikeal,**

**D. Nall**

### Ushers

**Sat. M. Haka, J. Mantione**

**Sun. C. Lockard, D. McCune**

### Cantor

**Sat. T. Ferguson**

**Sun. M. Tuskan**

### Music

**Sat. J. Bentz**

**Sun. M. Tuskan**

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

## Mass Intentions

### Dec. 8 thru Dec. 16

#### Sat. 12/8

+William McCarthy  
by Jerry & Annette Brown

#### Sun. 12/9

\*People of St. Therese

#### Tues. 12/11

+Ron Anderson  
by Stan & Barb Bielecki

#### Wed. 12/12

+ LaDonna Koenig  
by R. & S. Lumbreezer

#### Thurs. 12/13

+Fr. Cyprian Killackey  
by Leonard Nugent

#### Fri. 12/14

+Dorothy Quinter  
by Secular Carmelites

#### Sat. 12/15

\*Hope Metz  
by Sharon M. Jackson

#### Sun. 12/16

\*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. 12/10 6:30 P.M. CCW**  
*Christmas Party*

**Tues. 12/11 9 A.M. Mass**  
*10 A.M. Bible Study*

**Wed. 12/12 9 A.M. Mass**  
*7 P.M. RCIA*

**Thurs. 12/13 9 A.M. Mass**  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass*

*5:30 P.M. Choir Practice*

**Fri. 12/14 9 A.M. Mass**  
*6 P.M. KoC Christmas Party*

**Sat. 12/15 9:30 A.M. Children's**  
*Choir Practice*  
*4:15 P.M. Confession*  
*5 P.M. Sunday Vigil Mass*

**Sun. 12/16 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 Dec. 11

**Celebrations  
this Week**

**Birthdays**

Robert Goodman-12/9  
Mary Tuskan-12/12  
Jane Peplow-12/14

*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 Wed. Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd Classes will resume Jan. 9th

**SENIOR MOMENTS**

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

Details to follow  
**ALL SENIORS  
ARE WELCOME!**

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**

**Keep Christ in  
Christmas!**

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 @  
Sister Yvette's  
house bring finger  
foods & \$10 gift**  
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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 Dec. 23  
and Dec. 30**

**Classes will resume  
on Jan. 6th**

Children's Last Week  
Offertory \$31



Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

**Super Tuesdays** are back at the Paraclete by popular demand. During 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**

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*

The **2013 Emerald O'ccasion Annual Dinner committee** will be composed of representatives from **all parishes** in the greater Knoxville area. Please consider joining the committee to represent your parish! You'll have fun and in so doing, you'll be helping generate critical support for thousands of vulnerable children, seniors, and families in our region. Call Sherrie at [865-524-9896 Ext. 1005](tel:865-524-9896) to volunteer.

After a brief visit to her homeland, Catholic Charities welcomes Sister Dorothy back to its Samaritan Place staff. Sister needs a vehicle in good condition to help better serve the homeless elderly clients of **Samaritan Place**. If you can help, contact Catholic Charities at 524-9896 or [info@cctn.org](mailto:info@cctn.org).

**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.cctn.org/volunteers/feeding-the-need/> for a list of suggested items and contact information.

**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)**

### **Knoxville Catholic Singles of Greater Knoxville**

December 9, Sunday: **CHRISTMAS PARTY.** Our annual Singles Christmas party will be held at the Londontown club house, 6400 Lonas Drive (off Papermill Exit). Gather at 4:00 p.m. and party till ?. Bring appetizer, dessert, or dish to share and a wrapped gift (\$5-\$10) to exchange if you wish to participate in the "take-away" gift exchange (always great fun!). Take away gift exchange will begin at 5:30 pm. We will have the "Apples to Apples" game and some playing cards. If want to bring a game, you are welcome to do so. Please call Nancy 368-9606 to RSVP.



Catholic Charities  
of East Tennessee, Inc.

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