

**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*

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**Parish website :**

**www.saintthereseclinton.org**

**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.

**Pastoral Council**

**Chairperson:**

Becky Hatmaker

**Council Secretary:**

Peg Chase

Dave Yurek

Jerry Brown

Linda McCune

Henry Bentz

Fr. Julius Abuh

(ex-officio)

**Committee**

**Chair persons**

**Liturgy:**

Toni Ferguson

**Parish/Family**

**Life:** Thais Family

**Parish Plant :**

Fred Jackson

**Religious Ed:**

Kathy Burns

**Social Action:**

Connie Mikeal

**Spiritual Life:**

Peg Chase

**Building:**

Joyce Klee

**Hospitality:**

Becky Hatmaker

**Finance Board**

**Chairpersons:**

Don McCarthy

Becky Hatmaker

Dave McCune

Monica Spurlock

Fr. Julius Abuh

(ex-officio)

Karen Baird

(ex-officio)

**Office Hours**

**9 A.M.—1:30P.M.**

**Mon—Thurs**

**9A.M.-12 N Fri**

**Administrator's Desk:**

Beloved Brothers and Sisters of St. Therese, today's celebration of Palm Sunday marks the solemn beginning of Holy Week and the final week of Lent. Calling to mind the journey we have all taken thus far, seeking the Lord with a pure repentant heart, we come to a turning point in our passage. This is the week the liturgy summons us towards those powerful moments of suffering and glory; the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers juxtaposed against the drama of his unjust trial that culminated in his crucifixion. It is on Palm Sunday that we unite in solidarity with our brothers and sisters all over the Christian world to welcome Jesus into our lives, asking him to allow us a share in his suffering, death and resurrection.

If you were present in the story of the narrative, what role do you think you would have played from the various characters in the Gospel today? Simon Peter who denied the Lord...Judas who betrayed Jesus...Pilate who acted against his conscience in condemning Jesus... Herod who mocked Jesus...the leaders of the people who upheld their position by seeking the death of Jesus... the crowd who shouted "crucify him crucify him" even though he had done no wrong... or Simon of Cyrene, forced to shoulder our Lord's cross? Remember that each character is a starting point, and that eventually, we must begin to stand with Jesus, who offered no resistance and did not turn away.

With the opening of Holy Week, one of the most challenging weeks in my life, I call upon you all to gather with me in the observances of this week. By reliving the suffering, humiliation and death of our Lord, which brought about our redemption and salvation, we may more deeply understand the price Jesus paid for our sins. Hopefully you will consider making a special sacrifice this week for someone in your life, as Jesus has made on behalf of the entire human race.

~Blessed Holy Week~

**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	
Offertory Collection Last Week	Offertory Collections for the month of Dec. 2012	Offertory Collections for the month of Jan. 2013	Offertory Collections for the month of Feb. 2013	Monthly Offertory Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013
\$2,643.00	\$23,969.00	\$17,808.21	\$11,510.00	\$16,500.00

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*



**Clinton Holy Week Ecumenical Services** Mon. Mar. 25 through Thurs. Mar. 28. @ 12:05 P.M. at St. Marks. St. Therese will have the Wed. Mar.27th service. Please go and represent St. Therese.

**Junior Legion of Mary** will begin meeting on April 27th

**Look for the sign-up sheet for Easter Flower Memorials in the church hall**

**Parish Council Representative**

*We are looking for registered members of St. Therese Parish who have a desire to advise and assist Fr. Julius in planning, policy making and overall coordination of parish activities If you have an interest in serving your parish, or if you may want to suggest anyone you think who might be interested to serve in this capacity , please call Linda McCune, Becky Hatmaker, or Fr. Julius by March 29, 2013*

**Mark your calendars**— Dr. Fran Pisano will demonstrate the correct use of the AED system. Also a representative from the Child Advocacy Center of Anderson County will be here on Monday April 8th. This presentation is sponsored by the St. Therese Women 's Group. All parish members are welcome to attend.

There will be an Easter Egg hunt on March 31st immediately following the 11:00 am mass. Children 5th grade and younger are invited to participate. Treat bags will be available for all children. Don't forget to

**Please turn your Rice Bowls in as soon as possible!**

**Mass Intentions**

**Mar. 23 thru Mar.31**

**Sat. 3/23**

+Eleanor Lux  
by Ronnie & Monica  
Spurlock

**Sun. 3/24**

\*People of St. Therese

**Tues. 3/26**

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**Wed. 3/27**

+Mel Chase  
By Robert & Judith  
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**Thurs. 3/28**

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**Fri. 3/29**

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**Sat. 3/30**

\*People of St. Therese

**Sun. 3/31**

\*People of St. Therese

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

**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, Marcella Henn Miranda Lawrence, Barbara Bieleski,

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

## This Week at St. Therese

**Tues. 3/26** 9 A.M. Mass  
7P.M. Chrism Mass @  
Sacred Heart Cathedral

### Wed. 3/27

9 A.M. Mass  
After Mass Legion of Mary

### Thurs. 3/28

### Holy Thursday

8P.M. Mass  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament following Mass  
until Midnight

### Fri. 3/29

12 Noon Stations of the  
Cross led by Fr. Julius

### Sat.3/30

8P.M. Easter Vigil Mass

### Sun. 3/31

11 A.M. Mass  
Easter Egg Hunt after Mass

Remember our parishioners who are in the hospitals & nursing homes:  
Louise Kendra is at Brakebill Nursing Home in Knoxville  
Mary Alice Eisenhauer is 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.

## Celebrations this Week

### Birthdays

Martin Strones-3/30

### Anniversaries

Henry & Jacki Bentz-3/26

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

Legion of Mary Wednesdays after 9 A.M. Mass  
Jr. Legion of Mary's 1st meeting will be on April 27th @ 11A.M.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

**April 5th—Meeting** will be a Luncheon at Shoney's ( near 1-75 Clinton /Norris exit @ 11:30 A.M. Dutch Treat For reservations please call Pandya Blihar , 865-659-6926 or Martha Beukema , 865-494-8530 by April 1st

**Apr. 19th—BINGO**  
@ St. Joseph @ 10 A.M.  
(please remember to bring a gift bag \$1 to \$2 in value)

Bible Study  
Next class: Tuesday Apr. 2, 2013

## Knights Of Columbus

Next meeting :  
April 16

## St. Therese Women's Group

April 7th tea 2-4 PM

April 8th meeting  
Speaker Dr. Fran Pisano  
church hall @ 6:30 P.M.

April 19th & 20th  
rummage sale. Set up  
dates

April 17th & 18th  
Start bringing in items  
after the April 8th  
meeting.

April 18-20th  
Province Convention  
in Nashville.

## Religious Ed.

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

No classes on Mar. 24 or  
Mar.31

Children's      Last Week  
Offertory      \$11.00

Collecting used books and  
CD's has made the church



Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

The words of joy are with us still—*Habemus Papam!*—We have a pope! In the short amount of time we have had to get to know Pope Francis, there is so much to like about him. As with the saint whose name he has taken, there is a true simplicity, humility and prayerfulness about him that speaks so much more than words. And while we celebrate this momentous occasion, I ask you to continue to pray for Benedict XVI whose deep humility and docility to the promptings of the Holy Spirit helped to make possible the gift of Pope Francis at this time in history. Mindful that the Mass of Inauguration for Pope Francis was on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, the day when the Church traditionally celebrates the *Solemnity of St. Joseph*, which is also the day of my own episcopal ordination four years ago, I wish to commend you to the special care and intercession of St. Joseph. As the beginnings of our Redemption were entrusted to the faithful care of St. Joseph, I ask you to seek his intercession and protection for The Holy Father and the Universal Church he shepherds, and for that of our local Church in East Tennessee and for me as its shepherd. May St. Joseph help you receive into your heart and life the One whom he held in his arms.

Sincerely in Christ,  
+ Richard F. Stika  
Bishop of Knoxville

**The Next Beginning Experience weekend** will be on April 5 – 7, 2013. This weekend is for anyone whose marriage has ended through death of a spouse, separation or divorce. The weekend is designed to be a time of closure on the past and renew hope for the future. The location will be at Christ, Prince of Peace Retreat Center located at 300 Locke Lane, Benton, TN 37307. Cost is \$150 before March 11, \$175 after that date. Financial aid is available. Contact Marian Christiana at [mchristiana@msn.com](mailto:mchristiana@msn.com).

**The 15th Annual Kids Helping kids Walk** to benefit Catholic Charities' Columbus Home Children's Services, is Sunday, April 21, at the Knoxville Catholic High School stadium and track. For more information, contact Sherrie at 524-9896, [sherrie@ccetn.org](mailto:sherrie@ccetn.org), or go to [www.ccetn.org](http://www.ccetn.org)

**Attention** all incoming 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, if you are interested in becoming a leader at God camps, we are having interviews on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 a.m. at all Deaneries at – St. Joseph, Norris  
**For more information and forms contact: Donna Jones 423-267-9878 [djones6029@gmail.com](mailto:djones6029@gmail.com), Youth Minister or by going to [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org) on the Youth Ministry page**

### **Tennebrae 2013**

Please accept an invitation to the celebration of **Tennebrae** at Holy Ghost Church, Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. The Office of Tennebrae (which means “darkness” or “shadow”) is a Holy Week devotion that dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. No service during the entire year is more biblical; almost every word of Tennebrae is taken verbatim from the Scriptures.

### **Enjoy a Faith-Filled Family Weekend—Register before April 15<sup>th</sup> and Save!**

Early-bird discount tickets (\$15 Adult, \$10 Child/Youth – ages 6-17) are available until April 15<sup>th</sup> for the Diocese of Knoxville Eucharistic Congress from September 13-14, 2013 at the *Sevierville Convention Center*. Specially discounted rooms are available at the *Wilderness at the Smokies Hotel and Waterpark* immediately next to the convention center. Our all-star line-up of speakers includes Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Dr. Scott Hahn, and Fr. Robert Barron. Youth sessions include Dr. Hahn, ValLimar Jansen, and the musical talents of Josh Blakesley and Sarah Kroger. Our Hispanic speakers include Fr. Rafael Capó, Sr. Rosa M. Hernández, MGSps, and the musical talents of Johann Alvarez. Visit [www.dioknox.org/ec](http://www.dioknox.org/ec) for more information and to register or contact Paul Simoneau at [psimoneau@dioknox.org](mailto:psimoneau@dioknox.org) / 865-584-3307.