

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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**Deadline for bulletin submissions:**

*Wednesday afternoons by 1:30 p.m.*

## **St. Therese Weekly Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday:** Confessions 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday:** 9 a.m. at St. Joseph, Norris

**Wednesday & Thursday:** 9 a.m.

**Friday:** 9 a.m. (9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration)

## **Parish Pastoral Council:**

Stan Bielecki, Chair

Olivia Kuhens, Secretary

Maureen McMyler

John Meersman

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Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## **Finance Board:**

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## **Committee Chairpersons:**

**Communications:** Olivia Kuhens

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**Music Director:** Mary Tuskan (865) 254-8346

**Parish/Family Life:** Dials Family

**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune

**RCIA:** Dave McCune (865-457-5015)

**Religious Ed:** Amanda Dials, Julie Keller

**Social Action:** Connie Mikeal

**Spiritual Life/Liturgy:** Jim Ferguson, Chantal Milne

## **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.

## **Fr. Julius' Desk**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Feast of Christ the King officially completes this year's liturgical calendar. However, this feast does not conclude our own Christian growth but strengthens our resolve to surrender to Christ. A story was told of a black woman who joined the long queue to pay tribute to the body of Abraham Lincoln as it lay in state for a few hours in Cleveland, Ohio. The woman was reported to have said in a very hushed voice: "He died for us, to give us freedom from slavery." As we celebrate Christ the King today, we acknowledge Jesus as the complete meaning of our own lives who we can all say, "He died for us; he is our King!"

Our First Reading offers us the story of David's anointing as King of Israel, one appointed to deliver and shepherd his people. Being a commander, David's role pre-figures the mystery of Christ as king and shepherd, with the additional service as lamb, slain on the cross for his sheep. In our Second Reading, in one of the most beautiful prayers of thanksgiving to the Father, St. Paul delivers a breathtaking contrast to the worldly king. He points out that we have been transferred to a different kind of kingdom, to one who doesn't command but invites, redeems, and forgives; 'in him, all the fullness was pleased to dwell.'

St. Luke points us to the crucifixion to teach us that Christ becomes king of our hearts and lives by His suffering, death, and resurrection. This truth, confirmed by the scriptures, especially in the Messianic prophecies of Micah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, recounts where the Lord was often addressed as the Christ, the Messiah, represented as a king.

We cannot have a king without a kingdom; neither can we have a kingdom without a king. We recall how the Angel Gabriel told Mary, "of his kingdom there will be no end." Christ is the Universal King of all, in heaven and on Earth, for all time. In the face of worldly political emperors and kings recorded throughout history, we singularly honor Christ as King of the Universe and enthrone Him in our hearts. This feast animates us to see Christ as Lord of our whole lives, who informs the very pattern of how we live them.

For those who have power or authority in the public domain or private realms, pray that we thoughtfully use our authority for Jesus by bearing witness in the way we live. Parents, by Christian principles, can model their God-given authority in guiding their children in committed Christian living. While all Catholic Christians have the wonderful opportunity to welcome the King in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity! I will be thinking of you and praying for you and your family on Thanksgiving Day. Join us if you can for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9 a.m. and a brief breakfast afterwards. Happy Thanksgiving!

## **Sacraments**

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

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m.

**Matrimony:** A four-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

## In the Parish

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be light refreshments following the 9 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day provided by the St. Therese CCW.



### GIVING THANKS

*Some ideas for families of all shapes and sizes to practice giving thanks throughout the year and most meaningfully on Thursday, November 24th (Given to us by Jacquie Jambor of www.faithfirst.com)*

*Develop the habit of thanking one another! Thank the cook & helpers for a nice meal. Thank children for helping with chores. Thank parents for their help with homework. Thank those who do the laundry & household chores. Encourage your children and each other to watch for things for which they can express thanks. Make a family book of blessings. In the book, each day allow each person to write one thing that was the greatest blessing of the day. Send a thank you note to grandparents, a neighbor, or a friend who has been a blessing in your life. Make a family blessing box. Decorate a shoebox. Put it in a place that is convenient for all family members. Each person can write blessings on individual pieces of paper-as many or as few as they choose-then deposit their papers in the box. On Thanksgiving, open the box and read everyone's blessings as part of your prayer.*

*Most importantly, thank God everyday for all that he has given you. In developing the habit of thanking, you will more easily recognize all of the blessings God has placed before you. An "attitude of gratitude" can permeate your life and change your perspective of the people you share life with and all of life's events. God is present at all times-tap into his love & his power this Thanksgiving!*

### WHITE CHRISTMAS TREE



Years ago, St. Therese families put together a white Christmas tree covered in white ornaments donated by families. St. Therese Family would like to revive that tradition and add to the ornaments found from years past. Anyone interested may bring in a white ornament and leave it in a box in the parish hall. If there is a place to write your last name on the ornament, please feel free to do so! One per family.

### **Stewardship of Treasures on Weekly Offerings**

Offertory Collection Last Week 11/13/16	Offertory Collection Last Year 11/15/15	Offertory Collection for Oct.'16	Offertory Collection for Sept.'16	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,950.00	\$2,400.00	\$17,288.00	\$11,645.00	\$15,000.00

### **Building Fund / Loan**

Sept'16	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Sept 2016	Loan Sept. 2015
\$1,230.66	\$1,707.00	-\$476.34	\$146,299.45	\$160,397.70

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Mon., Nov. 21:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Tue., Nov. 22:** St. Cecilia  
**Wed., Nov. 23:** St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro  
**Thu., Nov. 24:** St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions  
**Fri., Nov. 25:** St. Catherine of Alexandria

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

**November 26-27, 2016**

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: D. McCarthy  
M. Haka  
B. Hatmaker  
Sunday: J. Anderson  
J. Chiaro  
P. Chiaro

#### Lectors:

Saturday: A. Brown  
Sunday: G. Paynter  
J. Paynter

#### Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA  
Sunday: J. Thais  
S. Thais

#### Ushers:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
R. Spurlock  
Sunday: K. Stewart  
C. Tucker

#### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

#### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskin

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Wed., Nov. 23:** +Lleno Burgos, Sr. by Larry & Zynthea Thomas  
**Thu., Nov. 24:** Mass of Thanksgiving

**Fri., Nov. 25:** Pat Gambrell  
Special Intentions

**Sat., Nov. 26:** +Bill & +Mildred Inkrott by Mike & Olivia Kuhens

## Announcements and Information

### APPRECIATION

A special appreciation to the "St. Anthony & St. Philomena" who brought the anonymous donation for the Nigerian Orphanage and/or for the greatest need in our community.

Connie Mikeal is recovering from a broken hip in Knoxville. Tina does not love to cook! Anyone who can make a meal to freeze for her, please leave it at the church for Angie to pick up. Call 865-399-6695.

Thank you. Fr. Julius

**No Bible Study**  
Thanksgiving Week  
on  
Tuesday, November  
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### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING/MEETING

There will be an altar server training and meeting on **Saturday, December 3rd at 11 a.m.** for all current altar servers and anyone interested in becoming an altar server. Pizza will be provided after the practice.

### SCRIPTURE PROGRAM



During this Advent season, the Thursday evening scripture program invites you to join us starting December 1st at 7 p.m. We meet in the church hall to read and discuss each upcoming Sunday's readings. This is a good way to prepare yourself for Sunday mass. If you have any questions please call Jean or Pete Chiaro at 865-742-5137.

### TOYS, GAMES, BOOKS, COATS NEEDED

The Social Action Committee is collecting new and gently used toys & children's clothing for the Holiday Bureau of Anderson County. **The toys are given out on December 10th, so we need them as soon as possible.** They are also collecting gently used coats for Karm to distribute in the local area. This drive will start now and continue thru February. Boxes are in the parish hall.



### SENIOR MOMENTS



**Thurs., Dec. 1st:** Breakfast at Shoney's 10 a.m.  
RSVP by Nov. 25.

**Thurs., Dec. 15th:** Christmas Lunch at Harrison's 11:30  
RSVP by Dec. 9.

RSVP to Pandy 865-659-6926

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Ralph Collins, Kathleen Edwards, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Cathy Hundley, Pauline Landrum, Cathy Long, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Patrice Thompson.

### **DEATH IN THE FAMILY:**

*If you would like St. Therese to share in your grief in the event of a family member's death, please officially notify Father or the parish office. A Mass will be offered for the deceased at a date convenient to the family.*

### **REMEMBER OUR MILITARY:**

Andrew Adkins, Bradley Adkins, Adrian Agbanlog, Jesse Baker, Matthew Carroll, Jeffery Hatmaker, Jon-Michael Hatmaker, Brandon Parker, David Trent, and Lee Welty who are on military assignment.

*\*\*Names are added and taken off both **In Your Prayers** and **Remember Our Military** lists on a monthly basis. If you would like a name re-added, please call the office to resubmit the name for another month.*

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**November 25:** John Clevestine

**November 27:** Stan Bielecki

**November 27:** Jerry Brown

*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*





Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News



St. Therese, Clinton

*Thank you for your support!*

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$16,422.00

Collections to Date: \$13,483.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$ .00

Come celebrate the Christmas season with us and learn more about the mission and impact of Catholic Charities of East Tennessee! Tickets are on sale now for the **2nd Annual 360 of Hope Holiday Luncheon** on Friday, December 9 at the Knoxville Marriott. Tickets are \$50 and include a holiday lunch, an opportunity for fellowship and networking, and an inspirational message from special guest speaker, Susan Packard. Susan is the co-founder of Scripps Networks and is the former COO of HGTV. As a special Christmas gift from CCETN, all guests will receive an autographed copy of Susan's book, *New Rules of the Game: 10 Strategies for Women in the Workplace*.

To purchase your tickets today: [www.360degreesofhope.eventbrite.com](http://www.360degreesofhope.eventbrite.com)

For more information: 865-684-1894 or [events@ccetn.org](mailto:events@ccetn.org)

All proceeds benefit: Catholic Charities of East Tennessee



*Working to Reduce Poverty in America.*

### SLEEPING BAGS & MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Donations of sleeping bags and sleeping mats are needed for the homeless! With the cooler evenings and approach of colder weather, please consider the donation of a combination sleeping bag and sleeping mat set (to help insulate against the cold ground) for the homeless. Small tents are welcome as well. Used (but clean) and new sleeping bags/mats are most welcome. Donations will gladly be accepted at the Chancery for distribution. Please contact Paul Simoneau [psimoneau@dioknox.org](mailto:psimoneau@dioknox.org) or 865-584-3307 with question or donations.



### CATHOLIC CRUISE TROPICAL CARIBBEAN

7 night cruise with Fr. Leo Pregarman Jan. 21-28, 2017 on Holland American's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Ports of Call: Key West, Fla., Grand Turk Island, Turks & Caicos, Amber Cove (Puerto Plata), Dominican Republic, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas (Cruiseline Private Island). Prices begin at \$1965.00 for two passengers and includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/[Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com)

