

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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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  
George Paynter  
Sue Thais  
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

## Finance Board:

Don McCarthy, Chair  
Dave McCune  
Monica Spurlock  
Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)  
Regina Sowko (ex-officio)

## Committee Chairpersons:

**Communications:** Olivia Kuhens  
**Hospitality:** Fran Pisano, Maria Gee  
**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,

Some of us grew up on the farms and so can easily relate to this weekend's gospel on this "Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations." This Sunday is usually set aside by the Church to remind us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock both as priests, consecrated men and women, as well as those called to marital vocations and parenting, for those children entrusted to them by God.

In St. Peter's first sermon, continued from last week, he pierces the hearts of his Jewish listeners over their culpability for having crucified their true Shepherd. Peter is teaching salvation: They must convert from their old life, be baptized in Jesus' name, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the Second Reading, Peter continues to encourage those suffering Christians with patience to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd Jesus, the "suffering servant."

Our Gospel reading this Sunday is one of the most brilliant presentations of the three lectionaries of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Do we not all want to follow, hear his voice, and know his love for us? It is thought that Jesus directed this image primarily to all bishops, priests, and consecrated men and women. I also believe that we can broaden Jesus' words and apply them to any of us entrusted with the care of others. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all of this life's shepherds.

The call of a good shepherd implies responsible stewardship. The Shepherd doesn't just show us the way through life, he shows us the way through death. In fact, we know that the Good Shepherd is willing to die for the sheep rather than abandon them. As stewards, we can be praying for those entrusted to us, devoting our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially prudent by providing good examples to their children, modeling Christian principles. If you were to ask me, dear parents, "What should be my most precious gift to my children?" I will simply say, NOT what you leave behind materially for them, but what you leave IN them. Sow spiritual treasures in your children, and they will reap all the goods of the earth long after you are gone. One preacher said, "The message will remain long after the messenger is gone."

Christians are therefore called upon to recognize the voice of Jesus in the liturgy of the Word, in Bible studies, in the songs, and in the pieces of advice from their spiritual leaders. When possible, receive the Lord in the holy Eucharist and frequently participate in the Sacraments. Pray for vocations to the priestly and religious lives! Happy Sunday!

## 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

### PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

*As you know, we are updating our parish directory through Church Life Publishing. We want to thank the members who have already made their appointment for a photo session. We had so many sign ups for Sun., May 21, that we were permitted another day of sign-ups! Sat., May 20, was opened for us, but to keep that date, we must have at least 15 more families sign up for photos. **Today is your last chance to sign up in the back of the church or online at the St. Therese website.** If you have not booked a photo session, the church staff encourages you to do so today. You will receive a free directory and an 8x10 for participating.*

*Fr. William Kiel, a retired priest from the Diocese of Greensburg in Pennsylvania, will offer **two healing Masses at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9th.***



**SOCIAL ACTION** will be collecting baby items for the month of May. Diapers & wipes, baby blankets, onesies & sleepers, bottles & formula, wash cloths, bibs, toys, and car seats, all for infants under 5 pounds. And as always, non-perishable food gratefully accepted year round.



CCD will be hosting a **skating party at Tri-County Roller Arena** located at 1215 E. Tri-County Blvd. in Oliver Springs. It will be on Saturday, May 20th from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. This is open to any child in St. Therese Parish.

Skating, drinks, and ice cream is provided. Additional snack at own expense. **Please RSVP to Amanda Dials at 865-806-8075 no later than Wednesday, May 17th.**

Flowers this weekend for the altar provided by Cynthia & Amy Tucker in memory of Jessie Tucker.



### We Thank Everyone Who Gives So Generously

Offertory Collection Last Week 4/30/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 5/1 /16	Offertory Collection for Apr. 17	Offertory Collection for Mar. 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$4,512.00	\$4,084.00	\$18,622.00	\$13,171.00	\$15,000.00

### Building Fund / Loan

Mar. 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Mar. 2017	Loan Mar. 2016
\$1,596.00	\$1,707.00	-\$111.00	\$137,128.57	\$152,640.95

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Wed., May 10:** St. Damien de Veuster  
**Fri., May 12:** Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras  
**Sat., May 13:** Our Lady of Fatima

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

May 13-14, 2017

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: S. Bieleski  
A. Brown  
K. Burns  
Sunday: O. Kuhens  
L. McCune  
D. Nall

### Lectors:

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
Sunday: P. Chiaro

### Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA  
Sunday: J. Thais  
R. Kellar  
R. Kellar

### Ushers:

Saturday: M. Haka  
J. Mantione  
Sunday: D. McCune  
K. Stewart

### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Wed., May 10:** Velma Herbulock by Don & Janice Watkins

**Thu., May 11:** Gary Vitale by Sue Haese

**Fri., May 12:** +Jack & Jenny Pratt by George & Jenny Paynter

**Sat., May 13:** +Amelia Chepalonis by Cythina & Amy Tucker

## Announcements and Information

How is God calling you to serve our faith community of St. Therese? Consider joining one of the ministries in our parish.

- Think of what you may enjoy doing, like being a lector, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, usher, altar decorator, or anything.
- Make an appointment to chat with Fr. Julius, 865-457-4073.

### CCW DINNER/SURVEY/THANK YOU!

*The CCW end-of-year dinner will be held at Harrison's on Tuesday, May 16th at 6 p.m. Please note time change from the May calendar. Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Deadline is May 14th.*

*The CCW will be asking the ladies of the parish to complete a short survey to help develop an organization more relevant to our parish needs. Surveys will be handed out after Mass on May 6 and 7. There will be a box in the parish hall in which to put your completed surveys over the next two weeks. We also welcome your comments and suggestions.*

*A huge **THANK YOU** to Sue Haese, Barb Bieleski, Jean Chiaro, and Pat Nageotte for clearing the kitchen in preparation for the renovation.*

### SENIOR MOMENTS

*Lunch at Golden Oak Grill, Thur., May 18 11:30 a.m.*

*RSVP by May 12*

*Breakfast at Shoney's, Thur., June 1 10:00 a.m.*

*RSVP by May 26*

*RSVP to Pandy at 865-659-6926*



Richard Servis, a long time parishioner, died on Fri. April 28. A memorial service will take place at Asbury United Methodist Church, 405 W. Broad St., Clinton, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9th. May he rest in peace.

### PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register.

Change of Address       Moving out of Parish

Mail back to: St. Therese Church, 701 S. Charles G. Seivers Blvd., Clinton, Tn. 37716

### IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Hundley, Cathy Long, Mohamed Massaquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, 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, 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

**May 08: David Burns**

**May 12: Patricia Wilson**



*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*



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## The Diocese of Knoxville News



### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offers therapeutic counseling in Knoxville and Chattanooga. Counseling is available for individuals and couples coping with concerns, such

as depression, relationship problems, grief, anxiety and life transition/adjustment issues. Counseling emphasizes building upon personal strengths and on the development of strategies to increase personal and interpersonal well-being. Fees are based on a sliding scale, determined by income and other variables. Services are available to clients regardless of religious affiliation. Knoxville: contact Fr. Michael Maples, PhD at (865)963-4420. Chattanooga: contact Kathleen Hotton, LPC-MHSP at (423) 322-0057 More information is available at <http://cctn.org/>.

Depression and anxiety don't discriminate. Do you?



### DID YOU MISS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

Bishop Stika will celebrate a Diocesan-Wide Confirmation Mass on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any adult (18 and over) who has had the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation, but has not been confirmed, can receive the sacrament on this date. If you are interested, please let the parish office know by May 22, 2017.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to help with a Rachel's Vineyard healing retreat on May 19-21 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, Tn. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510, [sandi@cctn.org](mailto:sandi@cctn.org) or Catherine McHugh (865) 696-7720, [peace4lilith@aol.com](mailto:peace4lilith@aol.com). Complete confidentiality is honored at all times.

### GIRLS TEEN RETREAT IN SPANISH & ENGLISH

We invite young ladies between the ages of 13 and 17 to the eleventh year of the retreat La Vida en Rosa. The theme this year is a quote by St. Catherine of Siena "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire." Girls: during this retreat you can expect fun games, excellent talks, good food, beautiful nature, and a lot of learning about the great female Saints of the Catholic Church and the link between their lives and yours. Some talks and activities will be in Spanish and others in English. The retreat will be from Friday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, June 18th at 3 p.m. in the Christ Prince of Peace retreat house in Benton, Tn. The cost is \$30. We have space for 50 teens. To save your spot, register through this link: <https://lavidaenrosa.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact Brittany Koepke of the Pastoral Juvenil office at (865) 776-9635 or [bkoepke@dioknox.org](mailto:bkoepke@dioknox.org). We'll see you there!