

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

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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,

I would like to open our reflection this Sixth Sunday of Easter with my warm appreciation to all those who participated in the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. The Bishop was heartened by all that you did to make him feel so welcomed! Thank you all.

Our liturgy throughout this Easter season is arranged in a way that from Easter to Pentecost, the readings focus on both the preaching of the Good News of Salvation by the Apostles and on the promises of Jesus to his disciples, principally with the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. We observe the growing anticipation towards Pentecost in our readings this weekend.

Thus, our First Reading finds the Deacon Philip opening the hearts of the Samaritans to the word of God, while Peter and John swiftly enter to intensify those enlightened with the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the Second Reading, St. Peter continues to make it clear that those who fear God can indeed live their lives in Jesus, especially amid oppositions and persecutions.

In the Gospel reading from John, continuing His discourse from the Last Supper, Jesus gently prepares His disciples for His future departure. He reminds them to keep His commandments out of love with the hope of drawing strength from the Advocate, which He will soon send; hence they will never be abandoned.

Plainly we all have shortcomings that prevent our spiritual growth, bottlenecks of sin and imperfection, impasses due to long-past childhood conflicts, inner log-jams due to deeply ingrained personality traits and habits, trials caused by addictions, and resistance due to poor decision making. The presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian is to help us grow towards new wisdom and healing. It is when we have those dry or dim prayer moments that the Spirit of Christ can intervene for us, often with strength, as we learn to entreat Him. In the words of our Pope Emeritus, Pope Benedict XVI, "the Holy Spirit offers our world love that dispels uncertainty; love that overcomes the fear of betrayal; love that carries eternity within; the true love that draws us into a unity that abides!" Joyous 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

PPC ELECTIONS: *The Parish Pastoral Council meets with the pastor of St. Therese monthly to discuss plans, problems, ministries, and issues in our parish. Two positions are now open to serve on the council. If you would like to run for a seat, please email Fr. Julius at frjulius@saintthereseclinton.org with a short biography about your life in the church and why you would like to serve on the PPC. Nominations are due by May 31. Elections will be June 10 and 11.*



HOSTS NEEDED

Hosts are needed for the monthly first weekend fellowship. Hosts set up the church and provide coffee, drinks, and a dish to share.

All your costs are reimbursed by St. Therese.

The sign up sheet is in the back of the church. If no parishioners sign up for a particular weekend, there will be no gathering.



Please consider helping with this joyous event! Thank you.

SENIOR MOMENTS

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

RSVP by May 26

Lunch at Los Caballeros, Thur., June 15 11:30

RSVP by June 9

RSVP to Pandey at 865-659-6926



We Thank Everyone Who Gives So Generously

Offertory Collection Last Week 05/14/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 05/15/16	Offertory Collection for Apr. 17	Offertory Collection for Mar. 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$2,726.00	\$2,789.00	\$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:

Mon., May 24: St. Rita of Cascia

Thu., May 25: Ascension of the Lord

Fri., May 26: St. Philip Neri

Sat., May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

May 27-28, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: B. Hatmaker
M. Spurlock
R. Spurlock
Sunday: J. Chiaro
P. Chiaro
J. Anderson

Lectors:

Saturday: A. Brown
Sunday: O. Kuhens

Altar Servers:

Saturday: K. Hundley
P. Hundley
Sunday: T. Gudino
C. Milne
B. Milne

Ushers:

Saturday: C. Tucker
D. McCarthy
Sunday: E. Clevestine
J. Clevestine

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed., May 24: +Mel Chase

Thu., May 25: +Bobby & Charlene White by George & Jenny Paynter

Fri., May 26: Jean Chiaro Intention by Dave & Linda McCune

Sat., May 27: +Peggy Bushman by Roy & Chris Converse

Sun. May 28: Mike Tuell by Pat Gambrell

Announcements and Information



St. Therese Catholic Church, as a happy faith community, welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church. Celebrate

the gift of life with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered. If you are not registered and want to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please stop after mass by the church hall or the parish office to pick up a registration form or call us at **(865)457-4073. Fr. Julius**

2nd Collection: *There will be a collection on Saturday & Sunday, May 27-28 for Catholic Communication Campaign.*

GET THE GOSPEL MESSAGE THROUGH THE INTERNET, PRINT MEDIA, TELEVISION, AND RADIO.

SUPPORT THE

Catholic Communication Campaign



LAST CHANCE FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS

We would like to have as many ministry groups as possible represented in our new church directory. If you are a server, lector, Eucharistic minister, sacristan, Sunday School teacher, or a member of any other group at St. Therese, please gather with your members to have your picture taken anytime between 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24.

The schedule for photos is full both Sat. & Sun. There is no make-up day. Families have 3 options: submit a photo to Olivia Kuhens (a hard copy & electronic copy are needed, as well as copyright permission if submitting a professional photo); Contact Olivia to have your photo taken before May 28; or call Kimberly Sneed at Church Life Publishing toll free to schedule a photo time 844-595-9311 ext 119.

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, Robert McIntyre, Alene Morris, 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 21: Jeremy Scott

May 23: Donald McWilliams

May 25: Liberio Rayon

Call the parish office to add your birthday!



Bishop Richard Stika



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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EAST TENNESSEE OFFERS THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING IN KNOXVILLE & 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. 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://ccetn.org/>.

DID YOU MISS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

Bishop Stika will celebrate a Diocesan-Wide Confirmation Mass on Sun., 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.

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 Fri., June 16th at 6:30 p.m. until Sun., 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.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE THROUGH FOSTER CARE?

There are over 700 children in state's custody in Knox County alone. There is a great need for homes to foster children of all ages. Current DCS foster parent, Cassie, shares her journey. "Being a foster parent is a direct response to God's command to "look after orphans and widows in their distress." (James 1:27) As a disciple of Christ, we are mandated to follow His command to do this. God called our family into this ministry 3 years ago. I am now able to share the Gospel in the tenderest ways in which I wasn't able to do before. I not only minister to the needs of children but to their families and am able to share my testimony to mothers who are struggling. God has given me the opportunity to hold tiny babies, sing to them and pray over them. We have been able to care for older children who have never been consistently taken to church where they learn about God as our Healer. Through us, they see God as their Provider. Our act of obedience will change the lives of children, families and possibly generations. I have grown closer to the Lord during this time as I walk with Him daily in this journey. I encourage you, if you are being called, to step out. Jesus will meet you just as He did Peter when He called him out to the water. If our eyes remain focused on Him we will find Him to be all we need. To God be the glory in all that I do". Consider being a foster parent for a child in need. Call 1-877-DCS-KIDS (327-5437) for more information. Or go to our website: <http://www.tn.gov/dcs/article/become-a-foster-Parent>

STAY CONNECTED!

Stay connected with news and events from the Diocese of Knoxville by subscribing to our free weekly electronic newsletter-**DioNotes!** From retreats, to summer camps, to messages from Bishop Stika and all of our diocesan ministries, DioNotes is your best source for up-to-date information from the Diocese of Knoxville. Sign-up for **DioNotes** by visiting the Diocese of Knoxville website, dioknox.org

CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER WILL OFFER VOLUNTEER TRAINING MAY 23-26

at 5:30 p.m. each evening. This four-part training class prepares volunteers to counsel pregnant and sexually active young people, and to serve as receptionists, nurses, teachers, church/community liaison, and in other support roles. If you feel that God may be calling **YOU** to serve as a pro-life volunteer, please call Myra at 483-0092 or email myra@choicesresource.com