

# St. Therese Catholic Church

**Bishop of Knoxville:**  
Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika



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**Facebook:** St Therese Catholic Church  
**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)

## 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,

This past week, all the priests of the Dioceses of Knoxville and Nashville met at the Chattanooga Choo Choo for our annual joint retreat. It was an opportunity to reflect over our priestly ministries and to pray for our parishioners. This Sunday, we reflect on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the Three Distinct Persons in one God, sharing one and the same Divine Nature. It seems an incomprehensible mystery to the human mind; nevertheless, Jesus who is God taught it even as far back as Genesis when we heard "Let us make man in Our image." The Evangelists recorded it, the theological faith of the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding, the Councils of Nicaea and Constantino-ple defined it as Christian dogma, and our most flawless Blessed Virgin Mary housed the Holy Trinity like no other.

From the beginning of creation, God tried to communicate and relate with all creatures. In our First Reading from Exodus, we see, in the presence of Moses, that the Lord actually describes Himself in all His Glory. In the Second Reading, St. Paul outlines to the Church in Corinth and to us the essential instructions for living in harmony and community with one another, through the time- less blessing of the Most Holy Trinity. Egotism, radical individualism, and apathy are deep-seated obstacles to the Christian way of life. They must be avoid- ed.

Today's Gospel reading aligns us with the Exodus, wherein our New Covenant with His Son we are reminded of His perpetual promises of mercy, grace, and profound kindness. The use of the term *world* here suggests that God gives Jesus in love to all people, but only believers accept the gift. And in fact, St. John also recaps this theme of eternal life and argues that its alternative, should we not choose to believe, is to perish.

Even beyond our human unity, we realize that all our official prayers in the Church begin and end in the name of the Holy Trinity. All Sacraments are ad- ministered in the name of the Holy Trinity. We invoke the Holy Trinity before praying so that we can put ourselves spiritually in order, and then after praying so that what God has given us may remain a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity. My prayer for all of us is to more fully grasp the mystery of the Trinity spoken through this favorite devotion of St. Francis Xavier: "Most Holy Trinity who lives in me, I praise you, I worship you, I adore you, and I love you." May the Son lead us to the Father through the Spirit, to live with the Triune God forever and ever. Amen.

Joyous Trinity Sunday!

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** By appoint- ment. 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

### FR. JULIUS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

*Father will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his priestly ordination in July. The Bishop and some priests of the diocese will be in attendance. There will be an 11 a.m. Mass on Saturday, July 22, with a meal to follow at the Clinton Community Center at 1 p.m. All parishioners are invited. We need total numbers for catering purposes, and space is limited to 150 people. **To assist with the cost of the caterer, parishioners are asked for a minimum donation of \$15 per person or \$40 for families of three or more.** Checks can be made payable to St. Therese, and everyone will receive a ticket for admittance after payment. The deadline to sign up is June 18 — no exceptions. Tickets are available at the back of the church or in the parish office.*



### SECOND CHANCE PHOTOS

*Another opportunity to have photos taken for the new parish directory is being offered to accommodate parishioners who were unable to have their photos taken in May. **Photographers will be available 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 1.** Families that participate will receive a free 8x10 and printed directory. We must fill at least 25 of the 30 times slots for the company to come out that day. Please see a member of the Parish Council at the back of the church to sign up.*



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### **We Thank Everyone Who Gives So Generously**

| Offertory Collection Last Week 06/04/17 | Offertory Collection Last Year 06/05/16 | Offertory Collection for May 17 | Offertory Collection for Apr. 17 | Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17 |
|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$3,345.00                              | \$4,660.00                              | \$11,311.00                     | \$18,622.00                      | \$15,000.00                        |

### **Building Fund / Loan**

| March 2017 | Budget     | +/- Month | Loan April 2017 | Loan April 2016 |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$1,596.00 | \$1,707.00 | -\$111.00 | \$137,128.57    | \$151,411.32    |

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

**Tues., Jun. 13:** St. Anthony of Padua

### MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

**June 17-18, 2017**

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: M. Haka  
B. Hatmaker  
C. Converse  
Sunday: D. Nall  
G. Paynter  
B. Stephens

#### Lectors:

Saturday: M. Spurlock  
Sunday: M. McMyler

#### Altar Servers:

Saturday: K. Hundley  
P. Hundley  
Sunday: T. Gudino  
R. Keller  
R. Keller

#### Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee  
K. Lenz  
Sunday: P. Chiaro  
K. Stewart

#### Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

#### Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Wed., Jun. 14:** +Inkrott and Verhoff Families by Mike and Olivia Kuhens  
**Thurs., Jun. 15:** +Burt and Thelma Paynter by George and Jenny Paynter  
**Fri., Jun. 16:** +Donald McCune by Mark and Janice McClain  
**Sat., Jun. 17:** +Richard Servis by Fr. Julius  
**Sun., Jun. 18:** +Albert Lubinosky by Cynthia and Amy Tucker

## Announcements and Information



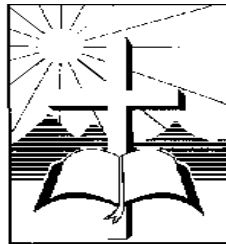
**St. Therese Catholic Church**, as a happy faith community, welcomes you with joyful

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 worshipers, 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**

### SCRIPTURE CLASS

The Thursday evening Scripture class will meet at 7 p.m. in the parish hall every Thursday during the summer. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you have not come before. This is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass.



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.



### 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, Ralph Collins, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Mary Harris, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Hundley, Cathy Long, Mohamed Masquoui, 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**

**Mon., June 12:** Ron Spurlock  
**Tue., June 13:** Joelle Duncan  
**Fri., June 16:** Jonas Dillon-Sauer  
**Sat., June 17:** Luke LaMotte

*Call the parish office to add your birthday!*



Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News



**Catholic Charities**  
of East Tennessee, Inc.

### **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/>.

### **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. 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>.

### **Journey of Hope Conference for Divorce Recovery**

**August 4-6, 2017**

**Charleston Marriott, Charleston, S.C.**

**Hope & healing for separated & divorced Catholics!  
Call 423-892-2310 or [mchristiana@dioknox.org](mailto:mchristiana@dioknox.org) for more information.**

### **KEEP IT PURE**

#### **Your body, your water, your marriage!**

Would you like to enhance your marriage and avoid putting chemicals in your body? Learning Natural Family Planning (NFP) as a couple has the power to do just that! Come learn the beauty of the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage and how to effectively space your children without artificial contraception. Class dates for this course:

**When:** Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 2 p.m.



**Where:** All Saints Catholic Church

620 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, Tn. 37923

**Contact:** Jared & Monica Kimutis at (970) 980-5009 or [jmkimutis@gmail.com](mailto:jmkimutis@gmail.com)

To register: [https://register.ccli.org/class\\_series/10883](https://register.ccli.org/class_series/10883)

### **SOCCER TRAINING CAMP**

**WHEN:** 8-11 a.m. June 12-15

**WHO:** Rising 5th through 9th grade boys & girls

**COST:** \$100 per camper (\$25 discount for additional siblings)

**WHERE:** Knoxville Catholic High School

Soccer specific training and FUN for boys and girls, directed by KCHS Head Coach Vahan Janoyan, assisted by the Lady Irish Soccer Team. The camp provides players with a total soccer experience as well as an effective training environment to further their technical and tactical abilities. Bring water, shin guards, and your soccer ball. T-shirt and water bottle included with fee Go to

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/hqRmMo8et3Bcdz> to register. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Vahan Janoyan at [Vahan.janoyan@knoxvillecatholic.com](mailto:Vahan.janoyan@knoxvillecatholic.com)

### **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](http://dioknox.org)