

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
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,

After all the Easter festivities and the last three successive Solemnities, the liturgy of this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us Christians not only to be challenged to listen and preach the word of God, but to do it *fearlessly*. With this in mind, I want to especially thank our Church families for fearlessly committing to put our faith community at the center of their considerations. There are many who have made personal sacrifices in taking care of administrative glitches, such as acquiring tickets for my Silver Jubilee in July, and scurrying forward at their convenience to be featured in the parish directory due out soon!

In one of the most dramatic moments in the history of his people, Jeremiah, in our First Reading, chronicles that archetypal trust for God, despite his vulnerability at going against the current. In the Second Reading, Paul assures the Romans that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and His Resurrection and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection.

Our Gospel this weekend is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as He sends them forth to carry on His mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect oppositions, persecutions, and rejections. Encouraging them to stand firm, three times they are urged, "*Do not fear!*" "*Do not be afraid!*" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly, because they will be protected just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' faith, trust, and hope in God.

This passage has always been a great source of encouragement to me in the discharge of my evangelical ministries; I have the strong belief that my life and those of all missionaries are in God's hands. This sustains me particularly during those formidable moments of difficult decision making. Curiously at those times, I somehow remain strong, remembering that I am doing all according to the Master's instructions. Perhaps we experience fears of what tomorrow holds either for ourselves or what the future will bring our children. It could even be the fear of the inevitable loss of our mortality. Sometimes we are afraid of the impact of ill health. So in all of these is the fear of loss.

As Christians, every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, reputation, house, money, health, and even life itself. Let us not forget one thing: Whatever trouble or crisis affects us, be assured that God understands it better than we ourselves do. No matter what life holds, God has a bigger picture than what we can see today. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that our life is in the hands of a loving God! The next time we get blindsided, we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss.

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

FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP: *We will have First Weekend Fellowship after Mass on Saturday, July 1, only. There will be no Fellowship on Sunday, July 2, unless a family signs up to host. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish (with utensil) to share. Remember: there is no stove or refrigerator during the kitchen renovation. Hosts will provide drinks. Thanks to Becky and Mary for hosting Saturday.*

NEW PPC MEMBERS: *Congratulations to our two newest PPC members, Jean Chiaro and Anthony Papa. They will work with Fr. Julius, John Meersman, Sue Thais, Maureen McMyler, and George Paynter to serve our church.*

PICTURES READY: *If you placed no order on our photo days (May 20 and 21) and are only receiving the free 8x10, see a member of Parish Council after Mass for your photo or stop by the office during the week.*

PHOTO REMINDER: *Please arrive early if you have signed up to have your photo taken Saturday, July 1, for the new parish directory. This will prevent the photographer from getting behind schedule. Thank you.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: *This week's altar flowers were provided by Peg Chase in memory of her husband, Mel Chase. Last weekend's flowers were provided by Cynthia and Amy Tucker in loving memory of Albert Lubinosky.*

KITCHEN UPDATE: *The kitchen floor will be installed this week. It needs a week to cure. Please KEEP OUT of the kitchen during this time and DO NOT walk on the floor for any reason.*

RCIA: *Would you like to join the Catholic faith? Or would you just like to learn more about it? Consider joining the latest RCIA classes starting this fall. Please contact Dave McCune (dadcune@aol.com) for more information about the program.*

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tues., June 27: St. Cyril of Alexandria
Wed., June 28: St. Irenaeus
Thurs., June 29: Saints Peter and Paul
Fri., June 30: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Sat., July 1: St. Junipero Serra

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: July 1-2, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: S. Bieleski
K. Burns
C. Hundley
Sunday: B. Hunt
O. Kuhens
L. McCune

Lectors:

Saturday: A. Brown
Sunday: J. Pubillones

Altar Servers:

Saturday: C. Helus
S. Helus
Sunday: L. Lawrence
M. Lawrence
S. Thais

Ushers:

Saturday: M. Haka
J. Mantione
Sunday: B. Bonham
K. Stewart

Cantor:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Thur., Jun. 29: For Pious Union of St. Therese by Leonard Nugent
Fri., Jun. 30: +Robert McIntyre Funeral
Sat., Jul. 1: +Dorothy and Eugene Clayborn by Cathy Hundley

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 06/18/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 06/19/16	Offertory Collection for May 17	Offertory Collection for April 17	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$3,864.00	\$2,032.00	\$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

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.

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE:

The Thursday night Scripture program will not meet Thursday, June 29. We will resume on Thursday, July 6.



SENIOR MOMENTS: Join us 10 a.m. Thursday, July 6, for Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Rocky Top. RSVP by Friday, June 30. We will also be having lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, at Golden Girls. RSVP by Friday, July 14. Call Pandey at 865-659-6926 for more information or to reserve your spot for either meal.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please check one:

I am new in the parish and 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

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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Ray Converse, 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

June 26: Cathy Hundley

June 29: Sylvia Bonham

July 1: Christina Mantione

July 1: Tiffany Rodriguez

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 for**

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

To register: https://register.ccli.org/class_series/10883



St. Therese, Clinton

Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$16,032.00

Collections to Date: \$8,185.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$4,815.00

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

All Saints Parish in Knoxville is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Religious Education to administer total faith formation including religious education programs for grades K-12. For a detailed job description and information on how to submit a resume, please visit allsaintsknoxville.org/employment-opportunity.

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