

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)

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,

Last weekend will remain an extraordinary memory in my life! My 25th anniversary of priestly ordination was indeed realized far beyond my greatest expectations. I thank every one of you who joined ranks in celebrating alongside our own Bishop Stika (in choir) and several brother priests from within and outside our Knoxville of Diocese. All the prayers, gifts, and cards are personally treasured and will be put to fruitful use in Nigeria.

Today Our Lord Jesus concludes a long and fascinating series of parables on the reign of God's kingdom. We observe Him teaching, educating us, his followers, on the need to sacrifice all it takes to conform to this Kingdom.

In our First Reading, we see how the still youthful King Solomon turns to God in a dream, hungry for the wisdom and understanding he intuitively will properly govern the people. Pleased with this entreaty, God graces Solomon with a *wise and discerning heart*, thus surpassing all others in wisdom. In our Second Reading, St. Paul teaches down through the ages, calling us to that exalted legacy that we experience through our baptism. It is our calling to cooperate with God's grace, to grow in personal relationship with Jesus, our greatest treasure. Saint Paul assures Rome's Christians and us within the opening lines that "*all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*"

In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus proclaims God's Kingdom to be of exceptional value, like a hidden treasure or costly pearl, but that its possession calls for total commitment. Jesus gives us practical examples of this kingdom through the way and manner he lived: always kind to God's children who were considered public sinners, such as the woman caught in adultery or Zacchaeus the tax collector; healing the sick and bringing life back to those who died. Heaven is within the reach of all, and though we may not be able to do exactly what Jesus did within the ordinary vocations of our own lives, we can be present for the sick, restore life to those dead in sin through forgiving them as God forgives us in Christ.

Thus, may we begin this new week by contemplating small ways we can sacrifice some personal comfort and convenience for the well-being of those around us through our words and conduct. Make a phone call, prepare a dinner or your favorite desert to share with neighbors, help some seniors get groceries, forgive your enemies, make peace with yourself and with God. The God who is never outdone in generosity will always reward you.

Joyous Sunday!

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

KITCHEN CAMPAIGN: The campaign has been postponed until the weekends of September 9 & 10 and September 16 & 17, at which time parishioners will be given the opportunity to make a pledge toward remodeling costs. Until that time, please prayerfully consider what your family can contribute toward this room that serves so many groups for so many events within our faith community.

HELP NEEDED: The Family & Parish Life Committee needs help. We are in need of new coordinators for several events, such as the Trunk or Treat; the Easter Egg Hunt; and the Parish Picnic. If no parishioner steps up to coordinate these events, they will not occur. Contact Fran Pisano or John Meersman for more information.

CCD REGISTRATION: CCD will be having a registration & parent meeting on Wed., Aug. 9th at 6 p.m. in the parish hall. Pizza & drinks provided, so bring the kids along. We will be discussing this year's curriculum and event schedule. If you cannot make the meeting, registration forms will be in the back of the church starting the week of August 1st. Thank you.

MONTHLY FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP: Please make plans to attend next weekend. Thank you to Stan & Barb Bieleski for hosting Fellowship next weekend on Sat., Aug. 5, after Mass, and Bill & Amanda Dials for hosting on Sun., Aug. 6 after Mass. All parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

CHECK YOUR ENCLOSED CALENDAR FOR CHANGES IN THE MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

| Offertory Collection Last Week 07/23/17 | Offertory Collection Last Year 07/24/16 | Offertory Collection for June 17 | Offertory Collection for May 17 | Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17 |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| \$1,711.00 | \$1,864.00 | \$12,414.00 | \$11,311.00 | \$15,000.00 |

BUILDING FUND/LOAN

| May 2017 | Budget | +/- Month | Loan May 2017 | Loan May 2016 |
|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| \$1,873.00 | \$1,707.00 | +\$166.00 | \$134,555.61 | \$150,142.25 |

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon., Jul. 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Tue., Aug. 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Wed., Aug. 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Fri., Aug. 4: St. John Vianney
Sat., Aug. 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: August 5-6, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: J. Korell
C. Converse
M. Haka
Sunday: C. Mikeal
D. Nall
G. Paynter

Lectors:

Saturday: J. Meersman
J. Meersman
Sunday: M. McMyler

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBA
Sunday: M. Lawrence
L. Lawrence
A. Powers

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Klee
K. Lenz
Sunday: K. Stewart
B. Bonham

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
Sunday: M. Tuskan

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri., Aug. 4: Kathryn Baker by Pat Gambrell
Sat., Aug. 5: +Jerry Hundley by Cathy Hundley

Announcements and Information



Thank you for your support!

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$16,532.00

Collections to Date: \$10,145.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal:
\$2,855.00

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note, that if you requested to have a Mass intention offered and you have not yet given a stipend or are unable to give a stipend, please check with Virginia in the parish office. Fr. Julius will not deny the offering of a Mass to anyone for lack of stipends.

We just need to know in the office what the situation is, as we don't know if the stipend was lost in the mail or not accounted for adequately in the donation basket if not noted on the check for a mass intention. Thank you for your help with this matter.

SENIOR MOMENTS: Thurs., August 3 at 10 a.m. Breakfast at Shoney's RSVP by July 30.

Thurs., August 17 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Golden Oak Grill
RSVP by August 11th.

RSVP to Pandy 865-659-6926

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Ray Converse, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Tiara Householder, Cathy Long, Mohamed Massaquoi, Vicky McCarthy, Alene Morris, Dora Qualiano, 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. Thank you.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 1: John Thais

Call the parish office to add your birthday!





Bishop Richard Stika



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MINISTRIES DAY

“The diocesan Office of Christian Formation is sponsoring a **Ministries Day on August 19, 2017** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at All Saints Church in Knoxville. This event is open to all who share the Catholic faith...Parents, Student Youth Leaders, Coordinators of Youth Ministry, RCIA Teams, Adult Educators, Liturgy & Ministry Teams, DREs, Catechists & Assistants, etc. Over twenty individual workshops will be offered, including a Spanish tract—there will be something for everyone! **Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Please register before August 9.** After August 9, the cost remains \$20 but lunch is not guaranteed. Sessions are first come, first served. Class sizes are limited, so register early to get your first choice. Workshop descriptions and registration forms are available on the diocesan website.” If interested, there are some registration forms and workshop details in the St. Therese Parish Office.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS, YOUTH MINISTRY RECOGNITION AWARDS & EVENING EXTRAVAGANZA

At the conclusion of the annual Diocesan Youth Mass, Bishop Stika will present the highest recognition awards available from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) for a diocese to confer. After the Youth Ministry Recognition Award presentation Bishop Stika will commission this year’s Diocesan Youth Ministry Advisory Board (DYMAC).

A celebration will follow with dinner, dance and games for high school youth.

Saturday, September 9, 2017

3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Mass at 4:00 p.m.

\$25 includes t-shirt

The Barn at Cedar Ridge

10104 Hines Valley Road, Lenoir City, Tn. 37771

Contact: Beth Parsons (865)228-0477 bparsons@dioknox.org Go to dioknox.org, click on **EVENTS** tab, hover over **Categories** on the left, scroll down and click on **YOUTH**.

DIOCESAN FAMILY RETREAT

Hosted by JMJ Ministry

WHEN: Sat., Aug. 19, 2017 from 2-8 p.m.

WHERE: Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center, 250 Locke Lane, Benton, Tn.

COST: \$15 “early bird” registration fee per family if registered by August 1st.;

\$20 registration fee per family if registered after August 1st.

*Registration fee includes catered dinner & small donation to use CPoP retreat facilities.

REGISTRATION: evenbrite.com enter JMJ, All Dates and click on SEARCH

CONTACT: Monica Kimutis jmkimutis@gmail.com

To find out more about this & other upcoming events for families:

- Go to dioknox.org click on EVENTS tab,
- Hover over Categories on the left,
- Scroll down and click on FAMILY LIFE
- All of the upcoming FAMILY LIFE events will pop up

We’d Like to Hear From You!

The Diocesan Offices of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment and Hispanic Ministry have developed **an online survey** to gather your input to assist them in developing the best practices to support newlyweds and young families. Please take a few minutes today and let us know your needs. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/family-life-survey> Password: Knox

JOB POSTING

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee has immediate openings at Columbus Home in Knoxville, Counseling in Chattanooga, & 5-Rivers in Morristown. For more information, please visit the CCETN website at: www.ccetn.org under the “Jobs” tab.