

St. Therese Catholic Church

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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 and Thursday: 9 a.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. (9:30-10:30 a.m. Adoration)

Parish Pastoral Council:

John Meersman, Chair
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Sue Thais
Jean Chiaro
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Social Action: Connie Mikeal
Spiritual Life/Liturgy: 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,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, one of our Church's earliest feasts. We don't encounter the word *epiphany* often; in Greek it means 'appearance' or "manifestation." We look at today's manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi, which fits neatly into this period of Christmas. In His love, God has journeyed from the heavens to visit man. And here we have pilgrims, the Magi, journeying towards God. Can we ever comprehend this stupendous journey, the enormity of God's love for us expressed in the Incarnation? As though it were a second Christmas Day, the Epiphany shows us our Incarnate God in a new light but focuses us away from family celebrations all the way to the ends of the earth!

Using richly radiant verse, Isaiah's invitation to the 'glory' summons us today as it did to the Magi more than two thousand years ago. The responsorial psalm also reveals how kings from foreign lands pay tribute to a just king in Israel. When we devote ourselves to reuniting with families and loved ones, is this not also an homage arranged around the Light of the World?

As the Wise Men search for the newborn King in today's Gospel account, we are granted assurance! If God permitted the Magi (foreigners and pagans) to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as King of the Jews, we must recognize that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus! There were three clusters of people reacting to the Epiphany of Christ's birth: King Herod's group wished to eliminate him, the religious elite disregarded him, but the shepherds and the Magi came to adore him. Where do you stand within these three categories?

Epiphany is all about movement and about our journey. We often hear, "Wise men today still seek him." This celebration calls us, therefore, like the Magi: to be wise and trusting enough to move into what appears to be *mystery*. The journey of the Christian that begins at baptism is a journey of hope, given substance by our faith in Jesus Christ. Let us therefore not look at the journey of Wise Men from a distance but see it also as ours, for we too are fellow travelers with them.

Happy Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord!

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



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

FIRST FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND *Thanks go out to Ron & Monica Spurlock for hosting this Saturday evening's gathering and to Chantal & Brianne Milne for hosting this Sunday morning's gathering. Thanks also to all the parishioners who brought a dish to share. Everyone is welcome even if you were unable to bring a dish, as there is always plenty to go around.*

The 2018 sign up sheet for First Weekend Fellowship is on the wall next to the kitchen. Host families or groups set up drinks and food, and help clean up after the event. This is a fun and easy way to support your parish, and all expenses are reimbursed. Please sign up today so we can fill this year's sheet.

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WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 12/31/17	Offertory Collection Last Year 12/31/16	Offertory Collection for November 2017	Offertory Collection for October 2017	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2016-17
\$4,382.00	\$2,932.00	\$ 10,581.00	\$16,941.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN /Last Week \$ 75.00

November 2017	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Nov. 2017	Loan Nov. 2016
\$ 945.00	\$1,707.00	-\$762.00	\$128,240.66	\$143,625.51

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Sun., Jan. 07: The Epiphany of the Lord

Mon., Jan 08: The Baptism of the Lord

Sat., Jan. 13: St. Hilary

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE:

January 13-14, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: A. Brown
P. Chase
C. Converse
Sunday: B. Hunt
O. Kuhens
L. McCune
Lectors:
Saturday: T. Ferguson
Sunday: P. Chiaro

Altar Servers:

Saturday: H. Bentz
Sunday: W. Brown
C. Milne
B. Milne

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Ferguson
D. McCarthy
Sunday: D. McCune
B. Bonham

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
Sunday: B. Job

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., Jan. 06: +Maggie Adkins by Ron & Monica Spurlock

Wed., Jan. 10: Bill Brede by Sue Haese

Please contact the parish office if you would like a mass intention in honor of or in memory of or for a special occasion.

Announcements and Information

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION *“When the shepherds and Magi came to adore Him, they brought Him so much joy with their humble visit to Bethlehem that their visit was praised and retold down through the centuries. God has never stopped honoring them for honoring His Son in Bethlehem. So too, your humble visit to Jesus today, in the Blessed Sacrament, brings Him so much joy that it will be retold for all eternity, and bring the world closer to His promise of peace on earth.” (Fr. Martin Lucia, SS.CC., Rosary Meditations from Mother Teresa of Calcutta, p20) St. Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.*

CCW GUEST SPEAKER *The CCW will hold their January meeting on January 16th at 6:30 p.m. followed by a guest speaker from “Catholic Charities”. Learn what Catholic Charities is all about and how you can get involved in this ministry by donating you talent, time, or treasure to this organization that helps so many here in the United States as well as all over the world.*

MASS CARDS, FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS AND/OR IN MEMORY OF, ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

SENIOR MOMENTS

January 18th: Lunch at Los Caballeros in Oak Ridge 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to: Charlene MacDonald at 865-457-3818

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, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Lydia Hatmaker, Russell Haese, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron & 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, Zach Gillies, Jon-Michael Hatmaker, Brandon Parker, 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:

Jan. 12: Bennett Dials

Jan. 12: Thelma Gudino

Jan. 13: Kailynn Hundley

Jan. 13: Flo Schramm



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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES AUGUST 21-26, 2018

Join Fr. Mike Nolan on a Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families & Faith of the Irish 12 days-August 21 to September 1, 2018 Land and Air \$4,395.00—Single Supplement \$1,095.00 A deposit of \$750.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, if purchasing, and a copy of your passport picture page by February 1, 2018.

For more information and registration form contact: Marian Christiana at 423-892-3210 or mchirstiana@dioknox.org or Lisa Morris 567-1245 or lisam@select-intl.com




Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, January 8. Cost of this nine week course is \$130.00 per family.

Register online at www.daveramsey.com.

For more information, contact G. Alan Sieve, 865-405-0273, gasieve@gmail.com.



MASS & REAFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS WITH BISHOP STIKA

The Diocesan Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment has planned something special for all couples married in the Catholic Church and their families.

One church is now left that will host a Mass & luncheon honoring married couples. Couples will have an opportunity to reaffirm their vows and receive a blessing. Commemorative certificates will be distributed at the luncheon and a photo of each couple with Bishop Stika will be taken and mailed to your home. Masses are:

Sat., Feb. 10, 2018 at 11 a.m. Register by Feb. 1st. Immaculate Conception Church 414 W. Vine Avenue, Knoxville, Tn. 37902

To register and for more information, contact: Marian Christiana mchirstiana@dioknox.org or 423-892-2310.

