

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 and Thursday: 9 a.m.

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

Parish Pastoral Council:

John Meersman, Chair

Anthony Papa, Vice Chair

Maureen McMyler, Secretary

George Paynter

Sue Thais

Jean Chiaro

Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

Finance Board:

Don McCarthy, Chair

Dave McCune

Monica Spurlock

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Committee Chairpersons:

Communications: Olivia Kuhens

Hospitality: Fran Pisano, Maria Gee

Music Director: Mary Tuskan 865-254-8346

Parish/Family Life: Jennifer Brown,
Deidra Hall

Parish Plant: Dave McCune

RCIA: Dave McCune 865-457-5015

Religious Ed: Julie Keller

Social Action: Connie Mikeal

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 with great exhilaration, we join the Universal Church in celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost. This marks the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Virgin Mary and the Apostles on this birthday of the Church. When our frightened Apostles were bathed by the fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit, they were transformed into fiery preachers. The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the gift of tongues: They were astounded as they heard each other speaking in their native languages.

If you live in Clinton or Norris, Tennessee, you may have to stretch the geographical imagination to more highly populated areas like Atlanta, New York City, or L.A. to conceive the magnitude of it. Despite the masses of onlookers, "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." In fact, many of these Jews we have been speaking of may have left their home under the Old Covenant and returned under the New!

One of the gifts of Pentecost – that which the Spirit brought upon this group – was the Gift of Understanding demonstrated by their response: "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us understand in their native language?" What was the major context of their prophesy? "We hear them telling in their own tongues the mighty works of God." Thus the gift of Pentecost overcame the curse of Babel, where a kingdom of men wanted to set themselves up as God.

Today, the huge crowd was overcome by a regenerative power that transcended it – the power of understanding the mighty deeds of God. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Most Holy Trinity, this event became a wake-up call to the Apostles! No longer afraid, they were filled with supernatural zeal and particularly eager to move out and demonstrate the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Pray that we inherit this passion so that we, too, can move out of our comfort zones to evangelize, to break away from routines and try the sweetness that comes with experiencing the Risen Jesus. Since we all have received the Holy Spirit at Baptism, Pentecost is one of our baptismal Sundays. As I said last Sunday, every baptized Catholic must realize that God has chosen you to bear His message of hope, love, and salvation, and each has been handed a baton by Jesus Christ to continue His message of love to all. Let us pray, therefore, that the Holy Spirit direct us, especially at those times that we need to discern God's will in our lives; to celebrate the unity that is based on understanding who God is, what he has done, what he is doing, and what He will continue to do in the life of His Church.

Come, O Holy Spirit; fill the Hearts of your faithful people!

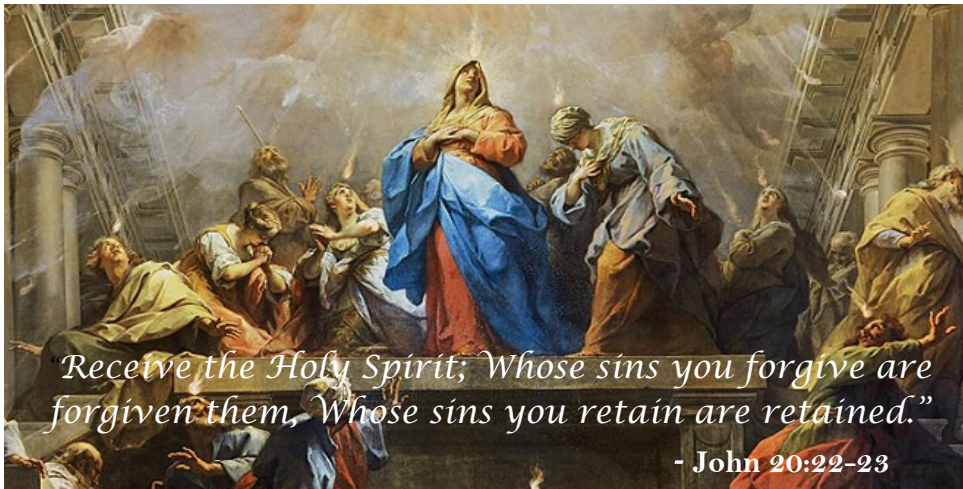
Sacraments

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 six-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

In the Parish



Receive the Holy Spirit; Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, Whose sins you retain are retained."

- John 20:22-23

WHAT DOES YOUR PARISH MEAN TO YOU?

*Has your child/children been baptized here? Received First Holy Communion? Received Confirmation? If so, your parish is very special to you and your family. Would you be willing to give one hour a week? Every two weeks? Once a month? To continue to guide your family further along its faith journey? An hour is not a lot of time, but it can help in so many ways. You may be interested in serving as an aide to your child's faith formation teacher from time to time. Would you be interested in becoming an MHC, and having the honor of bringing Holy Communion to someone in a nursing home, hospital or homebound? Maybe serve Holy Communion at Mass? We could also use your help in serving as a Reader during Mass. An hour is not a lot of time, but it can help tremendously. Give Father Julius a call if you want to help YOUR parish in some small, meaningful way. Just one hour can make a difference. **Won't you help?***

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like a Mass intention, the parish office has June 2018 dates available as well as the rest of this year. Call the parish office at (865) 457-4073 or email to office [@saintthereseclinton.org](mailto:saintthereseclinton.org) to get the dates you want in remembrance of, or in honor of, a loved one.

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

Offertory Collection Last Week 05/13/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 05/14/17	Offertory Collection for April 2018	Offertory Collection for March 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$2,887.00	\$2,789.00	\$18,612.00	\$12,289.00	\$15,000.00

BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$736.00

30-Apr-2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Mar. 2018	Loan Mar. 2017
\$1,540.00	\$1,707.00	-167.00	\$123,150.17	\$137,128.57

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tue., May 22: St. Rita
 Fri., May 25: St. Bede
 Sat., May 26: St. Philip Neri

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

May 26-27, 2018

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday: P. Chase
 C. Converse
 M. Haka
 Sunday: L. McCune
 C. Mikeal
 D. Nall

Lectors:

Saturday: T. Ferguson
 M. Gee
 Sunday: B. Lauer
 O. Kuhens

Altar Servers:

Saturday: TBD
 Sunday: C. Milne
 B. Milne
 M. Gudino

Ushers:

Saturday: J. Ferguson
 C. Hundley
 Sunday: D. McCune
 C. Tucker

Cantor:

Saturday: D. Stepp
 Sunday: **B. Job**

Music:

Saturday: J. Bentz
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., May 19: +Millie McCall by Kelly Lenz

Sun., May 20: Sarah & Karah Godfrey by Michael & Dorothy Terheyden

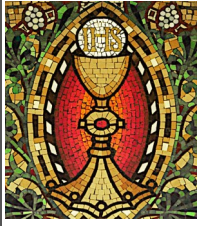
Wed., May 23: +Sr. Josefa, OCD of the Blessed Trinity by Leonard Nugent

Thu., May 24: +Robert Riordan by Roy & Chris Converse

Fri., May 25: +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 we go to Eucharistic adoration, we meet the same Jesus who suffered and died on the Cross; who rose again and appeared to the Apostles; who ascended into heaven; who is seated at the right hand of His Father; and who, with the Father, sends us the Holy Spirit. Our Eucharistic Lord is not a passive object for our adoration: He is living; He sees us, listens to us, answers our prayers, and showers us with graces when we adore Him. Fridays 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:

To aid our homebound parishioners, there is a need for volunteers to minister to and assist the elderly and homebound parishioners that may need basic physical and emotional support, a ride to Mass, doctor visits, someone to pick up groceries, do light house cleaning. If you feel you would be able to help in any way, please sign up in the parish hall. If you know of a parishioner that may need assistance, please contact the office at 865-457-4073.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING:

The parish bulletin currently has space available for three advertisements. If you have a business or know of someone who has a business that they would like to advertise in our bulletin, have them contact St. Therese Parish Office.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **6:30 p.m. Mon., May 21:**
Finance Meeting
- **7:00 p.m. Thur., May 24:**
Scripture Study

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

The Spiritual Life Committee will be leading the rosary monthly on the 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning May 20, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to come and pray.



SOCIAL ACTION COLLECTION FOR MAY:

The Social Action committee is participating in "Bottles for Babies" and will be collecting baby bottles filled with loose change to benefit Choices Resources Center. Filled bottles can be dropped off in the parish hall or brought to the parish office during office hours. Final collection will be on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17, 2018.

ALTAR FLOWERS: *The flowers at the altar this week-end were provided by Olivia Kuhens, in honor of her parents. If you would like to donate toward an altar arrangement in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office 865-457-4073 or by email to office@saintthereseclinton.org.*

IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Kathy Baker, Paul Burkhardt, Ralph Collins, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Russell Haese, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Ron and Flo Schramm, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, Patrice Thompson, Evelyn Collopy, Edna LaMotte, Joelle Duncan

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, 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:

May 21: Jeremy Scott
May 23: Donald Williams
May 25: Liberio Rayon
May 27: Michael Stewart
If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please contact the parish office.



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MEMORIAL DAY MASS



MEMORIAL DAY MASS-MONDAY, MAY 28 AT 9:00 AM AT CALVARY CEMETERY

The annual Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery in Knoxville will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Monday, May 29. The Mass is celebrated each year in remembrance of the faithful departed and is open to all Catholics in the diocese. Father Ron Franco, CSP will be the celebrant. Please bring your own chair. Refreshments will be provided after Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP: for all incoming 9th-12th graders:

Meet Catholics your own age from all over the diocese, listen to inspiring speakers, learn about the new evangelization, celebrate dynamic liturgy, challenge yourself on the low ropes course and adventure race, enjoy the sand volleyball court or GaGa Pit. Maybe just take some time to relax around the Campfire. Most of all, take time to review and renew your faith life!



Dates: June 4-8, 2018

Where: the BRAND NEW – Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center

Theme: Faith Can Move Mountains

Cost: \$200.00 per person

Includes: housing, all meals, snacks, laser tag, low ropes course Adventure Race, t-shirt and much more....

You can find more information, including the registration forms and medical release form, as well as an adult registration form, and directions to the new Prince of Peace Retreat Center: Go to the Diocese webpage: www.dioknox.org. Follow the Events tab to find information on the Youth camp.



“YOUR FAITH ANEW” *presents...*

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali

“The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:
the devotion, the theology and
the meaning in the life of the faithful.”

**POTLUCK IN PAVILION
TO FOLLOW!**

ALL WELCOME!



Wednesday Evening
May 23, 2018

Following 6PM Mass
Saint John Neumann Church

For more information: David Russell - 865-247-5997

THE PARACLETE: The Paraclete contains many sacramental items for the season and specializes in rosaries, crucifixes, Bibles, books, much more.

Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Visit them at 417 Erin Drive, Suite 110 in Knoxville or online at paracletecatholic.org