

## St. Therese Catholic Church

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### **Bishop of Knoxville:**

*Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika*



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**Facebook:** [St Therese Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/StThereseCatholicChurch)

**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

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Fr. Julius Abuh (ex-officio)

### **Finance Board:**

Don McCarthy, Chair

Dave McCune

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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,

It is now official that I have been reappointed as Pastor to St. Joseph the Worker Church in Madisonville, TN. Last week was truly emotional for me, seeing your tears as you expressed shock at my transfer. However, as I told many of you, the Church is One, and reassignment of priests is always expected. I marked six years here March 15, 2018, for which I am so very grateful to God and to you for so many obvious reasons. All of us can pray for the new environment we'll encounter – and the patience needed to begin anew – for the greater glory of God.

This week, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Following closely on the heels of the Easter season, the Church fortifies her teaching about Three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. Like many of the rich mysteries of our faith, we cannot grasp how the unexplainable calculations of one plus one plus one equals *one and not three!* *But we believe in this mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, 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, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian faith.*

In several scriptural passages, as in our Gospel today, Jesus explicitly commands His disciples to go and to baptize "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Our official prayers in the Church begin and end in the name of the Holy Trinity: all Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriages blessed, and our bishops, priests, and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. We go to 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. Principally, every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God.

I believe the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity conveys that we have a God who promotes a community of love and sharing. A good Christian, therefore, strives to live within this precept, and with God properly understood as Trinity, the monks and hermits need to come back from the desert and live Christ-like *within the community of believers!*

Thus, from the Trinitarian point of view, true love requires moving beyond our selves and becoming part of a community where love is practiced, such as your cherished parish. One can therefore honestly say I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and others; not merely limited to my own family or background. The Christian love has no boundaries.

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 and Holy Trinity 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 six-month preparation period in the Knoxville Diocese

## In the Parish



*St. Theresia 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 WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:** *Please make plans to attend the first weekend fellowship next weekend, June 2nd & 3rd, after both masses. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. Our host families will provide drinks.*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

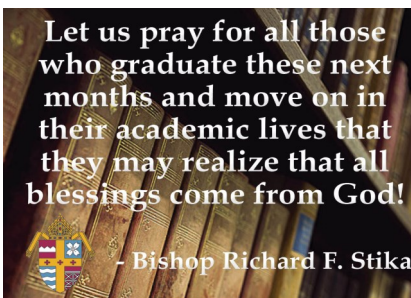
*Sr. Dativa of the Fransiscan Sisters of St. Bernadette from Tanzania, Africa will be visiting our parish on the weekend June 23 & 24, 2018 to make an appeal for the Fransiscan Sisters Missions in Tanzania, Africa.*



**SPECIAL THANK YOU:**

*The family of Velma Herbulock appreciates all of the family and friends who showered their love and support to their mother before she passed away. Special appreciation to Father Julius who was visiting her constantly, and to the staff of Morning Pointe for their love and care.*

*-Janice Watkins, for the family*



**FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**Wed., May 30: St. Joan of Arc**  
**Thu., May 31: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Fri., Jun 1: St. Justin**

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

Jun 2-3, 2018

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday: B. Hatmaker  
 D. McCarthy  
 C. Hundley  
 Sunday: G. Paynter  
 B. Stephens  
 J. Anderson  
**Lectors:**  
 Saturday: M. Spurlock  
 A. Brown  
 Sunday: M. McMyler  
 T. Papa

**Altar Servers:**

Saturday: H. Bentz  
 Sunday: A. Powers  
 S. Thais  
 J. Thais

**Ushers:**

Saturday: M. Haka  
 J. Mantione  
 Sunday: A. Yonce  
 E. Yonce

**Cantor:**

Saturday: T. Ferguson  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

**Music:**

Saturday: J. Bentz  
 Sunday: M. Tuskan

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat., May 26:** +Memorial Mass for Velma Herbulock  
**Sun., May 27:** +Margaret Bushman by Roy & Chris Converse  
**Wed., May 30:** Patricia Hohman by the Romanoski family  
**Thu., May 31:** +Bill Brede by Sue Haese  
**Fri., Jun 1:** +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.*

**WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Last Week 05/20/2018	Offertory Collection Last Year 05/21/17	Offertory Collection for April 2018	Offertory Collection for March 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2017-18
\$2,930.00	\$2,669.00	\$18,612.00	\$12,289.00	\$15,000.00

**BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$255.00**

30-Apr-2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Apr. 2018	Loan Apr. 2017
\$1,540.00	\$1,707.00	-167.00	\$120,467.61	\$137,128.57

## Announcements and Information



**How one soul coming before the Blessed Sacrament can change the world:** "One day before her holy hour, Jesus showed [Blessed] Dina Belanger a multitude of souls on the precipice of hell. After her holy hour, Jesus showed her the same souls in the hands of God. He told her that through holy hours of prayer a multitude of souls go to heaven who otherwise would have gone to hell as one person can make up for what is lacking in the lives of others...Eucharistic Adoration is the outpouring of God's Divine Mercy on the world!"

**MISSING:** One of our parishioners is missing a pizza pan that was last used in the church kitchen on November 10th at the CCW Family Game Night. It has sentimental value and she would like to find it. It is approximately 10 inches in diameter and about 1/2 inch deep with a matte finish. Please check to see if you may have inadvertently taken it home after a church event. If you find it, please return it to the parish office. Thank you.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **7:00 p.m. Thur., May 31:**  
Scripture Study

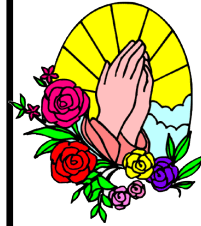
**SOCIAL ACTION COLLECTION FOR MAY:** *The Social Action committee is participating in "Bottles for Babies" and will be collecting baby bottles filled with loose change to benefit Choices Resources Center. Filled bottles can be dropped off in the parish hall or brought to the parish office during office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

Peter's Pence Collection  
*Be a Witness of*  
**Charity**

*Next week's Second Collection will be for the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).*

**\*The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day Holiday.**

### 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 28:** Louann Lawrence & Sue Thais

**May 30:** Annie Goodman

**May 30:** John Meersman

*If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please contact the parish office.*



Bishop Richard Sika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS-MONDAY, MAY 28 AT 9 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.

### SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO MEXICO

You are invited to join Msgr. Al Humbrecht on a "Spiritual Journey to Mexico," September 30 – October 11, 2018. This 12-day pilgrimage takes us to Our Lady of Guadalupe and many other beautiful shrines. We also explore the 6,000-year history of our neighbor to the south, sample the art and the food, visit sites from all parts of Mexico's long history, and

experience the deep and abiding faith of the people. Includes visits to Guadalajara, Queretaro, Pueblo and Cholula, Tlaxcala and Mexico City. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit [www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18077](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18077); for more information, contact Sister Albertine Paulus at 865-207-4742 or [smaevang@yahoo.com](mailto:smaevang@yahoo.com). Note that this pilgrimage is **not** bilingual, although our guide will be. Space is limited. Register today!



**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.

417 Erin Drive, Suite 110 in

Knoxville or online at [paracletecatholic.org](http://paracletecatholic.org)

2018

# BISHOP'S APPEAL

ONE CHURCH FOR ONE ANOTHER

**APRIL 2018**

**St. Therese, Clinton**

**Thank you for your support!**

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$14,950.00

Collections to Date: \$9,440.00

Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$3,560.00

### MARRIED COUPLES:

Saul had a rough start as a disciple, but was able to redeem himself. In your marriage, we can sometimes hit rough patches, but forgiveness is what keeps us attached to the true vine. Stay connected to each other by learning how to better use the

*It's the best gift you'll ever give each other.*



tools of communication and forgiveness. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend focuses on this, and other tools. The next WWME Weekends are scheduled for June 15-17 and August 10-12. You can get more information or apply online at: [GATN-wwme.org](http://GATN-wwme.org) or by calling **678-242-WWME**. For information on Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial see [enriquecetumatrimonio.org](http://enriquecetumatrimonio.org)