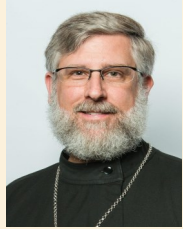


# St. Therese Catholic Church

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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/Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph, Norris  
**Wednesday—Friday:** 8:30 a.m. at St. Therese, Clinton

### Parish Pastoral Council:

John Meersman, Chair  
Anthony Papa, Vice Chair  
Maureen McMyler, Secretary  
Christopher Hart  
Jean Chiaro  
Fr. Richard Armstrong (ex-officio)

### Finance Board:

Don McCarthy, Chair  
Dave McCune  
Monica Spurlock  
Fr. Richard Armstrong (ex-officio)

### 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:** Cathy Hundley  
**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.

## Today's Gospel Reflection Mark 9:30-37

In Mark's Gospel narrative, in each of Chapters 8, 9, and 10, Jesus predicts his future passion and death. Today's narrative is the second of those passion predictions, and it recalls the disciples imitating the foolishness of non-believers in their quests for personal importance. Jesus will go on to accept his suffering and death out of humble obedience to God's plan to demonstrate what perfect love can mean. A similar humble obedience to God and the Gospel is what he demands of his disciples. Placing oneself as "the last and the servant of all" is the attitude which he expected of the Twelve, and our consistent Church tradition has continued that same expectation for all disciples, even in the 21<sup>st</sup> Christian Century. There is a necessary connection between the Cross (the suffering that comes with fully engaging the reality of life) and discipleship (Church membership). They are both expressed in the attitude of loving service of neighbor. Remember the Love Commandment which Jesus remarks on numerous times: "Love God ... and your neighbor as yourself," and the commandment at the end of the Last Supper in John's Gospel to "Love one another as I have loved you." The expression of love is that of mutual and compassionate service, particularly in the Gospel fellowship of the Church, but also among and towards the entire society outside of the Church. Our God's love is larger than the universe. Our love must likewise be larger than any evil or limiting problem of society.

The Gospel today demands that we learn to think critically and larger in ways that are inconvenient, uncomfortable, difficult and even disconcerting. To think effectively on the Gospel of Christ means to leave yourself open to serious and significant change, growth, and evolution. Many of us have been greatly blessed. Since much has been given us in life, then the Gospel demands that we give much to others in life as well. God has entrusted whatever wealth, skills, abilities, and time we have and enjoy to be used in turn as "the servant of all." Don't confuse "servant" with "slave." A servant, in Gospel terms, freely and generously sets himself or herself to bear good fruits for others. Spouses, parents, teachers, leaders, politicians . . . everyone can and ought to see in their avocation and obligations in life a true calling from God to do good, to improve the world in which we live, and to correct abuses and selfishness in every way.

When Christians say or do hateful things or advocate hateful or negligent behaviors or policies, they are working against the very Gospel proclaimed by Christ and the Church.

"Whoever receives a child [here a metaphor for the needy and different who need our service] for my sake (Christ's) receives me (the Christ), and whoever receives me (the Christ) receives not me, but the One who sent me (God)." Whom do you receive? How do you receive them? How great are you? Whom do you serve?

Credit: [www.stanthonysguild.org](http://www.stanthonysguild.org)

## 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**



*“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me, but the One who sent me.”*

Sunday, September 23 - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**CCW RUMMAGE SALE:**

*It's time to clean out your closets and garages!! CCW will start collecting for the Fall Rummage Sale coming up on October 5&6.*

*Deliveries can be made during office hours or before/after Masses. Please check to ensure items are clean and in working order. No flammable gels or liquids will be accepted. Volunteers are needed for rummage and bake sale.*



**2018 WALK FOR LIFE:**

*Choices Resources Center invites you to join us as we WALK FOR LIFE on Saturday, Sept 29th, at the Oak Ridge Marina at 9 a.m. . Contact the parish office for more information at 865-457-4073.*

**FIRST WEEKEND FELLOWSHIP:**

*Please plan to join us after the Saturday and Sunday Masses on October 6th and 7th for our First Weekend Fellowship. As a special treat for October, St. Therese will be providing a Pig Roast as the main entrée, cooked by our own chef extraordinaire, Don McCarthy. Volunteers will be needed to help with the roasting. Please bring side dishes to share with others. Drinks will be served and all are welcome.*



**WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Last Week 09/16/18	Offertory Collection Last Year 09/17/17	Offertory Collection for Aug 2018	Offertory Collection for Jul 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019
\$2,057.00	\$2,313.00	\$11,720.00	\$10,345.00	\$15,000.00

**BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$120.00**

31-Aug-2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Jul 2018	Loan Jun 2017
\$952.00	\$1,707.00	\$ (755.00)	\$117,883.66	\$133,342.78

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**Wed., Sept 26: Sts. Cosmas & Damian**

**Thur., Sept. 27: St. Vincent De Paul**

**Fri., Sept. 28: St. Wenceslaus**

**Sat., Sept. 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

September 29 & 30

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday: P. Chase  
C. Converse  
B. Hatmaker

Sunday: D. Terheyden  
J. Anderson  
B. Bonham

**Lectors:**

Saturday: J. Meersman  
J. Meersman

Sunday: P. Chiaro  
J. Watkins

**Altar Servers:**

Saturday: S. Haese  
Sunday: I. Palacios

J. Palacios  
W. Brown

**Ushers:**

Saturday: J. Klee  
K. Lenz

Sunday: E. Clevestine  
J. Clevestine

**Cantor:**

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: B. Job

**Music:**

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat., Sept 22:** + Paul Burkhardt by Sue Haese

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**Wed., Sept 26:** + Kathy Parks by Leonard Nugent

**Thu., Sept 27:** Missa Pro Populo

**Fri., Sept 28:** Missa Pro Populo

*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

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

**Sun., 5:30- 7:30 p.m.** CCD Dinner & Class - Challenge/Conquest  
**Tues., 9:30 a.m.:** Bible Study, Parish Hall  
**Wed., 6:15-8:00 p.m.:** CCD Dinner & Class -Faith Formation  
**Wed., 6:30 p.m.:** RCIA Meeting, Conference Room  
**Thur., 7 p.m.:** Scripture Program  
**Sun., 12:00 p.m. :** Spiritual Life Committee



### YOUTH GROUP FORMING:

*St. Therese Church is forming a youth group for all Con-*

*firmated school-age students in our parish. The purpose of the youth group is to provide a forum for continuing faith formation beyond confirmation. What this looks like and how this is done will be determined by and with the group of young people involved. If you or your son/daughter is a Confirmed, school-aged student who would like to participate in youth activities please join us in the parish hall on **Sunday, October 28, 2018, 5:00-7:00 pm** for our first Food and Fellowship event. Watch your mail for a personal invitation for you and your son/daughter to participate in the St. Therese Youth Group. If you have questions or are not registered at St. Therese and would like to be invited or have your son/daughter personally invited to participate please contact Melissa Brown at [mabtg69@gmail.com](mailto:mabtg69@gmail.com) or 865.207.1134.*

### SENIOR MOMENTS

*will be meeting for lunch at McCloud Mountain on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m. Contact Martha Beukema at 865-494-8530*



### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

*"[Eucharistic] adoration will heal our Church and thus our nation and thus our world. . . . Adoration touches everyone and everything . . . [because it touches the Creator, Who touches everything and everyone]. . . . When we adore, we plug into infinite dynamism and power. Adoration is more powerful for construction than nuclear bombs are for destruction." - Peter Kreeft, Catholic author and philosophy professor at Boston College*

*Saint Therese Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction after the 8:30 am Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.*



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Oct. 5&6:** CCW Rummage Sale  
**Oct. 6&7:** First Weekend Fellowship with Pig Roast  
**Oct 13&14:** Holy Land Carving Sale in the Parish Hall

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



*Kathy Baker, Ralph Collins, Helen Davis, George Elliott, Barbara Gregory, Russell Haese, Lydia Hatmaker, Cathy Long, Vicky McCarthy, Ellen Saganich, Carol Stanley, Alyssa Stimmler, Patrice Thompson, Evelyn Collopy, Edna LaMotte, Joelle Duncan, Ron & Flo Schramm, John Thais, Jason Lawrence, Faye Turner, Emily Armstrong, Bill Bushman, Jennifer Korell*

### 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, Matthew Carroll, 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:

Adelina Hall	Sept. 23
Larry D. Thomas	Sept. 23
Philip Owens	Sept. 27
Jude Kuhens	Sept. 29



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



Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News

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Young Adult Ministry in collaboration with Pastoral Juvenil presents :



### SOCCER TOURNAMENT

We invite all young adults 18 and over to a soccer tournament! Get together teams of 8 or more for a 8 v 8 tournament. The tournament will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at Victor Ashe Park (4901 Bradshaw Rd, Knoxville, TN, 37912). Come for a great time with friends and snacks! The winners will get a prize! Registration is not necessary. The cost is \$40 per team which can be paid on the day of the tournament. For more information, contact Erica Pereira at 865-584-3307 ext. 5768 or at [epereira@dioknox.org](mailto:epereira@dioknox.org). See you there!

### INTERNATIONAL DINNER AT ST. JOSEPH



Please join us the evening of **October 6** for the Tenth International Dinner to be held at St Joseph Church sponsored by

the St Joseph Council of Catholic Women. The women will be serving great Irish Pub Grub from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The proceeds from each dinner have gone to a community group. This year's proceeds will be used to help the homeless. Everyone is **fáilte** (welcome)! The price remains the same as the past 10 years and includes a beverage and choice of one dessert: adults, \$10.00; children between the age of 4 and 17 are \$5.00/each; children under 4, free; a family ticket, consisting of parents and children between the ages of 1-17, is available for only \$30.00. Anyone who wishes to assist with volunteer hours or food donations and for tickets, you may contact Kathy Morin at 865-230-1390.



## Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

### BLUE MASS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Sunday, September 30, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Bishop Richard F. Stika will celebrate the annual Blue Mass on Sunday September 30. The Blue Mass offers everyone the opportunity to honor and pray for police, firefighters, and the other first responders and their safety.

**AUGUST 2018**

**St. Therese, Clinton**

2018  
**BISHOP'S APPEAL**  
ONE CHURCH FOR ONE ANOTHER

**Thank you for your support!**

Parish Goal: \$13,000.00

Total Committed: \$15,040.00

Collections to Date: \$12,175.00

### RETREAT WITH ST. FRANCIS:

A "Retreat with St Francis" to be held on Wednesday evening, October 3 and all day on Thursday, October 4 (the feast of St Francis of Assisi). You can attend either day, or both. You can also spend the night at the newly built and renovated retreat center. The cost is \$45 for the overnight stay and retreat or \$20 if you come on Thursday only. Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offer counseling for individuals and couples coping with concerns such as depression, relationship problems, grief, anxiety, and life transition/adjustment issues. Fees are based on a sliding scale, determined by income and other variables. Services are available to clients regardless of religious affiliation. The contact number for our Knoxville counseling has changed: contact Fr. Michael Maples, PhD, at 865-314-8870.