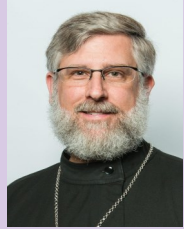


# St. Therese Catholic Church

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## **Bishop of Knoxville:**

*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 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Mass 5:00 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:**

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**Parish/Family Life:** Jennifer Brown,  
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**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.

## First Week of Advent

## Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

We light one **advent candle** today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile

The Lord will come soon, will not delay.

The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten - doing all these works hastens His coming.

## 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

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES**

**(Holy Day of Obligation):**

Dec. 7 - 7:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Dec. 8 - 9:00 a.m.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:**

will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13 at St. Joseph at 7:00 p.m. for both St.



**NEW PAD ENTRY LOCKS:**

On Tuesday, December 11, St. Therese Church will begin having its locks changed to a keyless entry. This will enhance the security of parishioners and church property. Those who need regular access to the church building will be given a code to enter the church. These codes will be given out by Maureen Romanoski in the church office beginning Wednesday, December 12 during parish office hours. These codes are confidential and will require you to sign a sheet promising that you will not share your code with anyone, including others who have a code. It is very important that this policy be strictly followed. Thank you.

**ST. THERESE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**



will be on Sunday, December 16th. The children's play will begin at 4:00 p.m. with supper to follow. This will be a potluck supper, so please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. As always, there will be a special visitor after supper!

**CCD / YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

Sun. Dec 2 & 9—Decision Point 5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Rectory  
Wed., Dec 5 & 12— CCD will have play practice 6:15 - 8:00 pm  
\*Youth Group will not meet in December so that everyone can devote their time and talents to the Christmas program.

**ROSARY RECITATION**

Please *join us* in praying the Rosary before Mass next Saturday Dec 8 @ 4:30 p.m.

**WE THANK EVERYONE WHO**

Offertory Collection Last Week 11/25/18	Offertory Collection Last Year 11/26/2017	Offertory Collection for Nov 2018	Offertory Collection for Oct. 2018	Monthly Budget Fiscal Year 2018-2019
\$2,390.00	\$2,593.00	\$12,593.00	\$12,155.00	\$13,264.00

**BUILDING FUND/LOAN/Last Week \$15.00**

Nov 2018	Budget	+/- Month	Loan Sep 2018	Loan Sep 2017
\$1,335.00	\$1,707.00	\$ (372.00)	\$114,092.02	\$128,240.66

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

Mon., Dec. 3.: St. Francis Xavier

Tues., Dec. 4: St. Barbara

St. John Damascene

Wed., Dec. 5: St. Sabbas, Abbot

Thur., Dec. 6: St. Nicholas

Fri., Dec. 7: St. Ambrose

Sat., Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**

December 8 & 9

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Saturday: C. Hundley  
D. McCarthy  
S. Bieleski

Sunday: J. Pubillones  
B. Stephens  
J. Anderson

**Lectors:**

Saturday: A. Brown  
M. Haka

Sunday: G. Paynter  
J. Paynter

**Altar Servers:**

Saturday: TBD  
Sunday: T. Gudino  
M. Gudino  
A. Kuhens

**Ushers:**

Saturday: M. Spurlock

R. Spurlock  
Sunday: B. Bonham  
D. McCune

**Cantor:**

Saturday: D. Stepp  
Sunday: B. Job

**Music:**

Saturday: J. Bentz  
Sunday: M. Tuskan

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Sat., Dec 1: † Fr. Daniel Berrigan, F.J. by Leonard Nugent

Sun., Dec. 2: Kelly Lenz (birthday blessings) by Olivia Klee

Wed., Dec. 6: Peggy Crowe by Leonard Nugent

Fri., Dec. 7: Patricia Jung by Leonard Nugent

*We are filling dates for 2019—be sure to get your special dates in the calendar soon!*

*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 Decision Point Class - Rectory  
**Tues., 9:30 a.m.:** Bible Study      **Noon:** Renew Meeting  
**Wed., 6:15 - 8:00 p.m.:** CCD - Faith Formation - Play practice  
Dinner 6:15 - 6:45p.m. Class 6:45-8:00 p.m.  
**Wed., 6:30 p.m.:** RCIA Meeting  
**Thur., 7:00 p.m.:** Scripture Program

**SECOND COLLECTION** for next week December 8-9, is for National Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be generous in helping to care for our priests and religious who dedicated their lives to caring for us and who are now in need of our support.



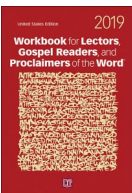
**SCRIPTURE STUDY:** All are welcome to attend our Thursday evening Scripture Study. This

is a great way to prepare for Sunday mass! For more information contact Jean or Pete Chiaro 865-742-5137.



### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Donations "in honor of" / "in memory of" your loved ones can be made and placed in the Christmas box in the parish hall. Your contributions go toward the flowers in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Envelopes can be found in the back or in your December envelope packs. Deadline to donate is Dec. 19. Thank you, St. Therese parishioners and families, for your generosity.



### **LECTORS:**

The Lector Workbooks for 2019 are in and available at the office for pickup.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Dec. 16:** Christmas Presentation & Potluck Dinner 4:00 p.m.  
**Dec. 18:** CCW Christmas Party & Cookie Exchange @6:30 p.m.



### **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 to Bethlehem has been 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 Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction after the 8:30 am Mass on Fridays. All are welcome.

### **SENIOR MOMENTS:**



will be meeting for their Christmas Party on Thursday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Harrison's in Clinton

### **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, Bill Bushman, Jennifer Korell, Tom & Kathy Baker, Josie Mantione

### **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:**

Maria Gee	Dec. 1
Kelly Lenz	Dec. 2
Lauren Pubillones	Dec. 3
Jennifer Korell	Dec. 4
Margaret Lawrence	Dec. 4
Sally Darnell	Dec. 6
Stan Hatmaker	Dec. 8



If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please contact the



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## The Diocese of Knoxville News



### ATTENTION ALL TEENS

Our teenagers are exposed to so much in school, peer circles, and social media including suicide, drugs and drinking, sex, abuse, killings, gay "marriage", gender confusion and the list goes on. Isn't it time we expose them to the treasures of their Catholic faith, such as Eucharistic miracles, incorruptible Saints, chastity, God's plan for marriage, the power of the sacrament of confession, the evil of abortion, apologetics, and powerful conversion stories?

Catholic Teens United is a new program in the Diocese of Knoxville for our Catholic teens, from 8th grade to college. We will be meeting monthly at area parishes to expose our teens to the truth of Catholicism, empower them to make an impact on our world through prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, and help them grow in holiness through the sacrament of Confession. We will conclude with snacks and discussion.

Our next **CTU** gathering is Sunday, **December 9th from 2-4pm** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Our speaker, Andy McNutt, will talk to our teens about, "How Do You Know? Why Be Catholic When You Could Be Anything Else?" Andy is a former Baptist Minister from Knoxville who converted to Catholicism and now lives in Memphis. Here his conversion story and be hit with the truth so you will be equipped for battle to defend our Catholic faith! Tell your friends and come see what it's all about!



### ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE:

**"Women of Faith: An in-depth look at Mary and Elizabeth"**

by Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM, Director of Christian Formation, Diocese of Knoxville



December 9, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Open to all **WOMEN**, so bring your friends!

We'll enjoy cookies and friendship afterward. Bring some cookies to eat and we'll swap what's left!



### MARCH FOR LIFE Washington, DC January 17-20, 2018

*"The right to life is the first among human rights"*  
- Pope Francis

Planned by the Chattanooga Deanery Youth Ministry Office

The annual March for Life in Washington D.C. is the worlds largest pro-life event which begins on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets at approximately 1:00 pm. Pro-lifers march up Constitution Avenue to Supreme Court and Capitol Building.

Chattanooga Deanery of the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is again pleased to coordinate a youth pilgrimage to the March for Life. The 2019 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, DC. will be held **January 17 – 20**.

Departure is Thursday evening on a coach bus with pickups from various locations around the diocese and traveling through the night. On Friday we will attend the Youth Rally and celebrate Mass at the Capital One Arena then join the March for Life, listen to the Silent No More Awareness speakers, tour Washington D.C., enjoy a nice dinner. After dinner you will and take the Metro to meet the buses and travel to the Holiday Inn Express in Manassas, VA to spend the night.

Saturday we will visit Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for evening Mass and a tour, have a nice dinner, spend another night in the hotel. Sunday Morning we begin our journey home arriving in the evening.

**Registration is now open and when all spaces are full a waiting list will be started.** With space limited to 112 people, please make decisions as soon as possible. Paid deposit of \$150.00 due by Wednesday, November 7, 2018 will hold space on a first come first served basis. Final Payment of \$175.00 is due by December 19, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Jones at 423-622-7232 or [djones@dioknox.org](mailto:djones@dioknox.org)