



# ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**September 18, 2022 † The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Bishop of Knoxville:**

Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika

**Parish Administrator:**

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**Music Director:** Jackie Bentz

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**Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
(Monday-Thursday)

**E-mail:** office@saintthereseclinton.org

**Website:** www.saintthereseclinton.org

**Facebook:** St Therese Catholic Church

**Deadline for bulletin submissions:**

Wednesday afternoons by 1:30 p.m.

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

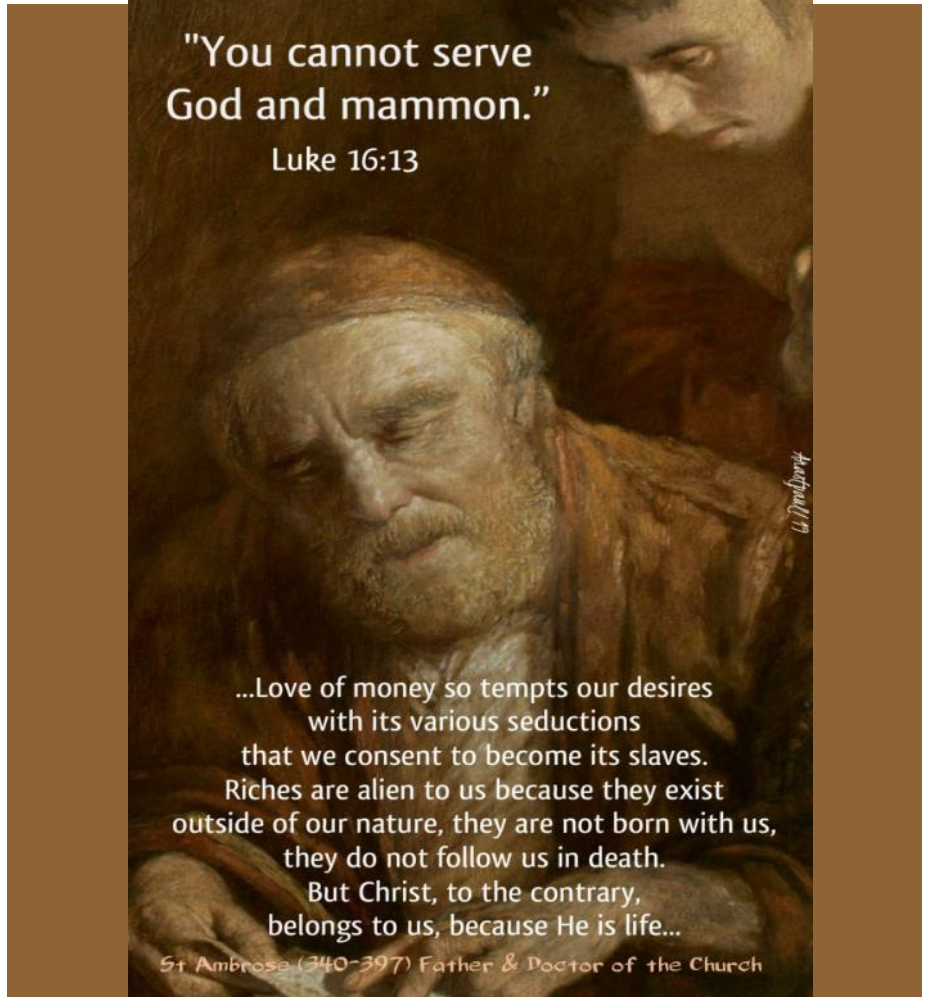
Jean Meersman, Chair  
Laura Wolfe, Secretary  
Tracy Smith  
Sandra Morgan  
Sam Lindsey  
Anthony Papa  
Deacon Pete Chiaro (ex-officio)

**Finance Board:**

Don McCarthy, Chair  
Dave McCune  
Monica Spurlock  
Deacon Pete Chiaro (ex-officio)

**Committee Chairpersons:**

**Parish Plant:** Dave McCune  
**Spiritual Life:** Tracy Smith  
**RCIA:** Dave McCune 865-457-5015  
**Religious Ed:** TBD  
**Social Action:** Connie Mikeal  
**Blessing Box:** Trish Papa  
**Security:** Anthony Papa  
**Columbarium:** Stan Bieleski  
(St. Therese parish representative)  
**Council of Catholic Women (CCW)**  
Jean Chiaro/Trish Papa



**St. Therese Weekly Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am (live-stream each Sunday)

Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00 am

**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

**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.



**St. Therese Catholic Church** warmly welcomes you with joyful hearts to our church. Celebrate the gift of faith with us, whether newly arrived or longtime registered parishioners. *If you are not registered and would like to belong to this happy family of worshippers, please fill out a registration form on the back of the bulletin and bring to the office, or call us at 865-457-4073.*



The CCW would like to thank everyone who helped make our fundraising dinner a success. A big thank you to all who prepared and brought the delicious food and who helped set up, serve, and clean up from the event.

The CCW truly appreciates everyone who came and supported the dinner and all the generous monetary donations we received. It was a wonderful event!



**Are you.....** married to a Catholic and now thinking about becoming Catholic?

**Are you.....** not baptized, but looking for spiritual enrichment in your life, united with a vibrant Catholic community?

**Are you.....** a baptized Christian in another faith tradition wanting to explore and experience the depth and richness of the Catholic Church?

**Are you.....** a baptized Catholic that never received any formal religious education, or the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

**Come & See** and encounter Jesus Christ and experience the fullness and beauty of the Catholic Faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Anyone desiring to join the RCIA sessions for this year please contact:

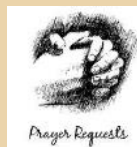
- **Dave & Linda McCune** dadcune@aol.com
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**WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY**

Offertory Collection Week of 09/11/2022	Offertory Collection Last Year 09/12/2021	Offertory Collection for Aug 2022	Offertory Collection for Aug 2021	
\$ 2,617.00	\$2,840.00	\$12,353.00	\$12,202.00	

**BUILDING FUND/LOAN Week of 09/11/2022 : \$229.00**

Aug 2022	Payment	+/- Month	Loan Jul 2022	Loan Jul 2021
\$799.00	\$1,707.00	\$ (908.00)	\$49,062.14	\$67,515.73



**Help keep our family of faith strong!**  
Please remember **Bishop Stika, Deacon Dan, Deacon Pete** and all of our parishioners in your prayers.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Kayla Collins, Ellen Saganich, Carol Stanley, John Thais, Emiko Strones, Yosi Baldwin, Kathy Baker, Claudia Caines, Lynn Bray, Ida Armstrong, Mary Merrill, Tilson family, Cathy Hundley, , Trey Moles, Kovie Sommers, Michael Korell, Bonnie Estes, Fr. Christopher Floersch, Kristy Scaggs, Patricia Hohman, Jean and Tony Aloï, Jim Picard, Emily Campbell, Kayla Sommers, Steve Scott, Trish Papa

**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.

*Thank you for your kindness, support and comforting words during Lydia's decline in health and upon her death. We gratefully appreciate the prayers, cards, Masses offered, and other kind expressions during this difficult time.*



*It will always be remembered.*

*—Stan & Becky Hatmaker*



## Announcements and Information

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday 7:00 pm—*Scripture Study (in Parish Hall)*

Please join us praying the Rosary  
half hour before each Mass  
4:30 pm for Saturday Vigil Mass  
&  
10:30 am for the Sunday 11am Mass



### **SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:**

All are invited to attend the Scripture Program, which meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the parish hall. This weekly program on Thursday nights is open to everyone. Participants will read the upcoming Sunday readings and then have some discussion afterward.

For more information, contact  
Pete Chiaro 865-742-5137.



**Blessing  
Box**

Take what you need  
Give what you can  
Above all, be blessed!

### **ST THERESE BLESSING BOX**

We are grateful to our parishioners for donations, either in food or monetary donations! Please place your donations in the basket in the parish hall or drop cash/check in the box provided in the hall. We do need volunteers to help stock our Blessing Box! If you are interested please contact Trish Papa @ tnt-feb14@aol.com

#### Some items needed this week:

- Canned Veggies
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent /Dish Soap
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Shampoo, Body Wash
- Personal Care Items
- Gatorade
- Kids Cereals

**JOIN US!** Wednesdays after 9am Mass for a light social gathering with Deacon Pete & fellow parishioners!



**Thank you for your continued support to our parish through your weekly offerings!** A reminder that they can be mailed to the parish office, but you may also consider signing up for **ONLINE GIVING**. You can set up an account easily through **GIVE PLUS**, click the link in our website at

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**Sat., Sept 17:** † Lydia Hatmaker  
By: Gordon Cox

**Sun., Sept 18:** **Missa Pro Populo**  
*Mass for the parishioners of St. Therese*

**Wed., Sept 21:** **Communion Service**  
\* †JR Hamlett by George & Jenny Paynter

**Fri., Sept 23:** **Communion Service**  
\* Bernadine Wilson by Anna Van Buelow

**Sat., Sept 24:** † Ralph Collins  
By Sandy Collins

**Sun., Sept 25:** **Missa Pro Populo**  
*Mass for the parishioners of St. Therese*

\* Fr. Matthew Donahue will be including the weekday mass intentions that are on the calendar through October in his public as well as private Masses.



**For next weekend Sept 24 & 25**

#### Lectors

**Sat. Sept 24** John/Jean Meersman  
**Sun. Sept 25** Jim Picard

#### Ushers

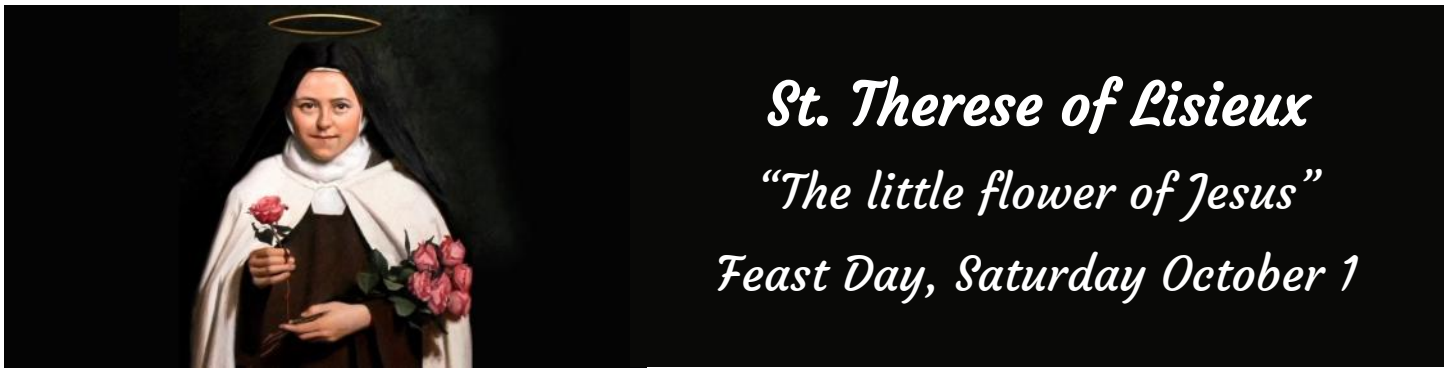
**Sat., Sept 24:** Ron & Monica Spurlock  
**Sun., Sept 25:** Paul & Dolores Hight

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Sat., Sept 24:** Don McCarthy, Annie Goodman  
**Sun., Sept 25:** Jean Chiaro, George Paynter

#### Blessing Box Volunteers

Monday: Dolores & Paul Hight  
Tuesday: Elaine & John Clevestine  
Wednesday: Janice and Don Watkins  
Thursday: Jean and John Meersman (Roy Converse as backup)  
Friday: Tracy Smith  
Sunday: Trish Papa



## *St. Therese of Lisieux*

*“The little flower of Jesus”*

*Feast Day, Saturday October 1*

Saturday , Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of our beloved St. Therese. For the next couple of weeks, we will be having some reflections either written by St. Therese or someone close to her. There are many books on the life of St. Therese. There are three that I highly recommend. They are : The Story of a Soul, which is her autobiography. It is so beautifully written and really gives great insight into her faith and devotion. The second one is : St. Therese, The Little Flower, The Making of a Saint by John Beevers. And one that I am using for these meditations is Mornings with St. Therese compiled by Patricia Treece.

### HOW SWEET IS THE WAY OF LOVE!

I wish for only one thing: to love Jesus even unto folly! Love alone attracts me. I no longer wish for either suffering or death and yet both are precious to me. For a long time I've hailed them as messengers of joy. I've already known suffering and I've thought I was approaching the eternal shore. From my earliest days, I have believed I'd be plucked in the springtime of life. But today my only guide is self-abandonment. I no longer know how to ask passionately for anything except that the will of God shall be perfectly accomplished in my soul. I can repeat the words of our Father, St. John of the Cross: "I drank deep within the hidden cellar of my Beloved and, when I came forth again, I remembered nothing of the flock I used to look after. I've finished all other work except that of love. In that is all my delight." How sweet is the way of love! Of course one may stumble and be guilty of small faults, but love, able to draw good from everything, will very quickly destroy all that displeases Jesus and will fill one's heart with a deep and humble peace.

### ON PRAYING FOR OTHERS

I am especially united to the new brothers (Father Roullad and Belliere, young missionaries her prioress asked Therese to support with prayer) given me by Jesus. All I have belongs equally to each of them, for God is too good and generous to divide it. He is so rich that He gives me without limit what I ask, although I do not get involved in making up a long catalogue of my wants. As I have two brothers and the novices, the days would not be long enough for me to detail the needs of each soul, and in any case I should be terrified of forgetting something important. Complicated methods are no use to simple souls, and as I am one, Our Lord Himself has given me a very simple little means of fulfilling my obligations. After Holy Communion one day He made me understand the significance of these words: "Draw me: we will run after Thee to the odor of Thy ointments." So, Jesus, there is no need to say: In drawing me, draw the souls I love. When a soul has been captivated by God, she cannot run alone. Every soul she loves is drawn after her.



CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF  
ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX,  
PATRONESS OF OUR PARISH



Please join us on Saturday, October 1  
Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Fr. Julius Abuh  
Mass will be followed by a potluck brunch  
and viewing of a biography/documentary of  
St. Therese. Let us share in fellowship with our  
"Little Flower" on her special day.





Bishop Richard Stika



## The Diocese of Knoxville News




**HOLY FIRE NASHVILLE**

**A MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT LIKE NO OTHER!**

At Holy Fire, middle school Catholics are invited and challenged to embrace their baptismal call and the powerful, relevant gospel of Jesus. Through talks by dynamic speakers, witness by peers, inspirational praise and worship, and rich experiences of the Sacraments, Holy Fire helps young people feel seen, welcomed, and invited into a life-changing commitment to Christ.

<b>WHO</b> Middle School Youth	<b>WHEN</b> Saturday, Oct 1, 2022 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Mass held at 4:00 PM	<b>WHERE</b> Diocese of Nashville Catholic Pastoral Center 2800 McGavock Pike Nashville, TN 37214
<b>COST</b> \$45/person (optional lunch available for purchase)		

 PJ Anderson	 Dana Catherine	 Bishop J. Mark Spalding	 Noelle Garcia	 Joe Melendrez
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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** [eqsaints.com/holyfire-nashville](https://eqsaints.com/holyfire-nashville)

Hosted by the Diocese of Nashville, and brought to you by the producers of NCYC, the nation's largest Catholic youth event: the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, in partnership with Equipping the Saints, a division of Declan Weir Productions, Inc.






CALLING ALL MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS!

### HOLY FIRE Nashville

All middle school youth are invited to Holy Fire on October 1, 2022. Holy Fire is a middle school event like no other that will challenge the youth to embrace their baptismal call and the powerful Gospel of Jesus through dynamic talks, peer witnesses, inspirational praise and worship, and rich experiences of the Eucharist through adoration and Mass. The Diocese of Knoxville Youth Ministry Office is organizing complimentary transportation to this event in Nashville, TN. For more information on pickup times and locations throughout the diocese as well information on how to register, please visit:

<https://dioknox.org/holy-fire-registration>.

For questions, please contact

Donna Jones at 423-718-4387 or [djones@dioknox.org](mailto:djones@dioknox.org).

## Statement of Cardinal Justin Rigali on the death of Queen Elizabeth II



I learned of Queen Elizabeth's death while en route back to the United States after concelebrating the beatification Mass for Pope John Paul I, and after meeting with Pope Francis. Queen Elizabeth was a remarkable woman and rightly admired for her calmness and wisdom. I ask that we remember the significance of her historic encounters with five different popes, including the first visit ever to England and Buckingham Palace by the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope John Paul II, in 1982. The symbolic impact of this moment will long resonate in history. The Queen met with St. John Paul three times—including twice in Rome. I was honored to be present for one of those encounters. There is certainly something truly dignified about the British way of honoring their Queen. Let us continue to offer prayers for Her Majesty, her family, and her nation.

# Prayers



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. **I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.** Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE & PEACE IN THE WORLD

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world!

You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in Ukraine. Please protect and send aid to those in Ukraine and all who are at-risk. We pray for peace – we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from this conflict. We pray for an end to violence and war – we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this.

Lord God, please help those in most need of thy mercy. Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us!



## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Are you attending Mass regularly at Saint Therese Catholic Church, but are not registered? Maybe you are moving to the area? Or have you visited and have decided that this is the parish for you? Register today! We look forward to having you become part of the Saint Therese Catholic Church faith community. Please fill out the attached form and either place in the collection basket or send/bring the form to the office. *We look forward to meeting you!*

## 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