



# ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**September 25, 2022 † The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Bishop of Knoxville:**

Most Rev. Bishop Richard Stika

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(Monday-Thursday)

**E-mail:** [office@saintthereseclinton.org](mailto:office@saintthereseclinton.org)

**Website:** [www.saintthereseclinton.org](http://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

**"If they hear not Moses  
and the prophets, neither  
will they be persuaded,  
though one rose from the  
dead." Luke 16:31**



**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.*



**CCW**  
Council of Catholic Women

The CCW is very grateful for all the support we received to make this Fundraiser a success. We grossed \$1,630.00 and our net profit is \$1,272.00. This will enable us to continue our responsibilities to the Deanery and contribute to our Community and St. Therese.

*A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Don McCarthy, our chef who does all the shopping, cooking and prep to make this all happen!*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All women are invited to a Pot Luck dinner on Tuesday Oct. 18, 2022 at 6:30pm. Please join us and help us plan the next year's events!



Have YOU  
Thought About  
BECOMING  
CATHOLIC?

**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, contact

- **Dave & Linda McCune** dadcune@aol.com
- **Deacon Pete Chiaro** deaconpeterj@gmail.com

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO GIVES SO GENEROUSLY

| Offertory Collection Week of 9/18/22 | Offertory Collection Last Year 09/19/2021 | Offertory Collection for Aug 2022 | Offertory Collection for Aug 2021 |  Thanks for Your Support! |
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| \$ 2,795.00                          | \$1,597.00                                | \$12,353.00                       | \$12,202.00                       |  |

### BUILDING FUND/LOAN Week of 09/18/2022 : \$30.00

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



Prayer Requests

**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, Jennifer Korell, Doris Bucklaew

### 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

Matthew Carroll, Brandon Parker, and Lee Welty who are on military assignment and all those from our parish that have served so bravely for our great country.



**PRAY**  
**FOR OUR MILITARY**

## 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



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

### 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 @ tntfeb14@aol.com

#### Some items needed this week:

- Canned Veggies & fruit
- Jar Spaghetti Sauce
- Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Meats and dinners
- Gatorade

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

St. Therese Parish offers the option to all parishioners to receive a monthly package of **Our Sunday Visitor** envelopes for weekly offertory at no charge. If you are not receiving the envelopes and would like to, please contact the office and we will add your name. Those who are doing online giving or just would like to be taken off the list, please send an email to the office and we will remove your name from the list. Thank you for your generous giving!



**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

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

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

**Wed., Sept 28:** **Communion Service**  
\* †Russell Haese *by Sue Haese*

**Fri., Sept 30:** **Communion Service**  
\* **Bernadine Wilson** *by Anna Van Buelow*

**Sat., Oct 1:**

**Feast of St Therese 9 am Mass**  
**For Scott & Gabby Cousino**  
*by the Romanoski family*

**Vigil Mass 5pm**  
**For Chuck Kuhens**  
*By Edwin Ramby*

**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 Oct 1 & 2*

#### Lectors

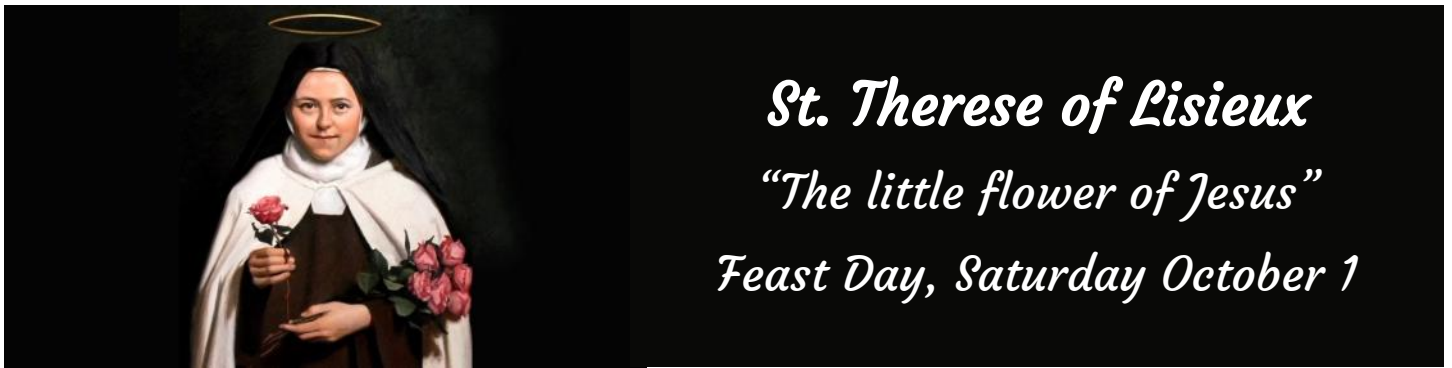
Sat., Oct 1: *Sue Haese*  
Sun., Oct 2: *Tracy Smith*

#### Ushers

Sat., Oct 1: *Don McCarthy, Annie Goodman*  
Sun., Oct 2: *John & Elaine Clevestine*

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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



*St. Therese of Lisieux*

*“The little flower of Jesus”*

*Feast Day, Saturday October 1*

## MEDITATIONS FROM ST. THERESE

### HER TREASURE

As a river sweeps along it carries all it meets to the sea. So, my Jesus, the soul plunged into the ocean of Your love carries along its treasures. You know mine are those souls You have linked with mine. As You've entrusted these treasures to me, I dare borrow your words. At my life's end I want to be able to say as You did: "I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gave me to do . . . I have manifested thy Name to those thou gavest me . . . Holy Father, keep them in thy name that they may be one, even as we are one . . . Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me in thy love for me before the world's foundation. May the love with which thou hast loved me be in them, and I in them." Yes Lord, those are the words I want to repeat before I fly to Your arms. Perhaps presumptuous? No, of course not. For a long time You have let me be bold and free with You saying what the prodigal son's father said to his older son: "All that is mine is yours" So your words, Jesus, are mine and I can use them to draw the Heavenly Father's favors onto the souls which belong to me.

### THE ABYSS OF GOD'S LOVE

You know, God, that I have never wanted anything but to love You alone . I long for no other glory. Your love has gone before me from my childhood, it has grown with me, and now it is an abyss whose depths I cannot plumb. Love attracts love, and mine soars up to You, eager to fill the abyss of Your love, but it is not even a drop of dew lost in the ocean. To love You as you love me, I must borrow Your love – only then can I have peace. Oh Jesus, it seems to me that You cannot give a soul more love than You have bestowed on me, and that is why I dare ask You to love those You have given me "even as You have loved me." If, one day in heaven, I find out that You love them more than me, I shall rejoice , recognizing that even on earth they must have deserved it more, but meanwhile I cannot imagine any greater love than that You have given me without any merit of my own.

### HER HUMILITY AT LIFE'S END

(Writing of "how small and weak she is" in the third person, Therese says:)

Everyone can stoop down over her, admire her, and shower flattery on her, but it won't give her a scrap of that foolish self-satisfaction which would spoil the real happiness she has in knowing that she is nothing but a poor little non-entity in God's eyes. When I say that all praise leaves me unmoved, I'm not thinking of the love and confidence (Mother Marie de Gonzague, under whose orders she is writing) show me. I'm very moved by it, but I feel that I now need have no fear of praise and that I can accept it calmly. For I attribute to God all the goodness with which He has endowed me. It is nothing to do with me if it pleases Him to make me seem better than I am. He is free to do what He wants.

Let us meditate on these writings of St. Therese this week as we look forward to the celebration of her Feast Day on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. St. Therese, pray for us!

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



**JOB OPPORTUNITIES — St. Mary's Legacy Clinic is a great place to work!**

### Clinical Nurse Manager

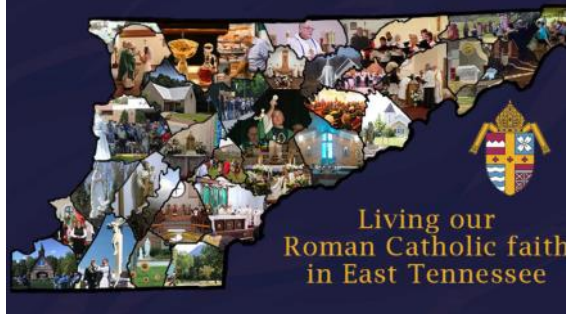
Utilize your excellent nursing and management skills to bridge clinical care and the operations of healthcare, making a difference in the lives of those we serve. The Clinical Nurse Manager makes vital decisions to assist in patient care by coordinating resources, technology, and personnel to support the mission, vision, and values of St. Mary's Legacy Clinic. [Click here to learn more](#) or to apply, please email your resume to [info@smlcares.com](mailto:info@smlcares.com).

### Executive Assistant

Make a difference in the lives of underserved and uninsured of East Tennessee as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of St. Mary's Legacy Clinic.

Want to learn more [click here](#) or to apply, please email your resume to [info@smlcares.com](mailto:info@smlcares.com).

## The Diocese of Knoxville



### A Life of **SERVICE**



Support Our Deacons Special Collection  
Sunday, Oct. 16 at all Masses  
Online at [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)

Deacons bring the Gospel and the gift of themselves to soup kitchens, food banks, prisons, hospitals – serving in their parish and in the community.

[A special collection to support deacon formation](#) will be taken during Masses this weekend. This collection helps support a five-year program for the formation of permanent deacons for the Catholic Church in East Tennessee.

# 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