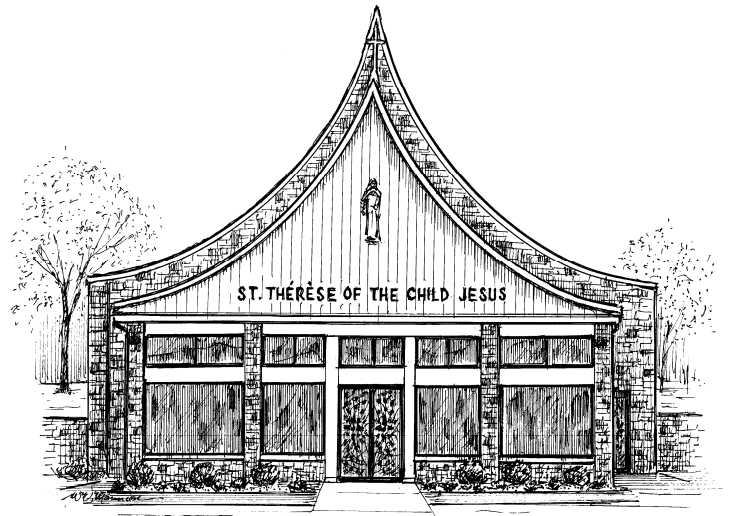


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father D. Timothy Grimme, Pastor**  
Rev. Mr. Thomas McFee, *Deacon*  
2301 Fifth Street  
Altoona, PA 16601-3863

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening:..... 5:00 PM  
Sunday Morning: ..... 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

## Parish Telephones

Office: ..... 814-942-4479  
[Usual Office Hours: 9AM-2PM, Mon., Wed., Fri.]  
Mary Beth Schmidhamer, DRE.....814-515-2914

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Middle School Campus:..... 814-942-7835  
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E-mail: .....sttheresealtoona@dioceseaj.org

Fax: ..... 814-942-1873

**Homepage: [sttheresealtoona.com](http://sttheresealtoona.com)**

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:45 AM, Wednesday at 9:00 AM (with Holy Trinity Catholic School during school term), Saturday at 8:00 AM.

**Holy Day Masses:** 5:30 PM on the eve of the Holy Day, 12:05 PM & 6:30 PM on the Holy Day. Please refer to the bulletin for Christmas and New Year's schedules and for any schedule changes.

**Baptisms:** Our parish generally celebrates Baptisms on the Third Sunday of each month at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for information regarding required instructional preparations. "Baptismal Names" can be a saint or biblical name, an expression of a Christian mystery or virtue, no name can be used which is foreign to the Christian mentality.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation is celebrated each year as scheduled by our Diocese. Candidates are expected to fulfill all Diocesan and Parish requirements in preparation

**Holy Eucharist:** First Communion is celebrated on the First Sunday of May. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to shut-ins.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:40 PM or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For the seriously ill or injured OR those about to have surgery, please contact the Parish Office. Communal Anointing as arranged by the Pastoral Council.

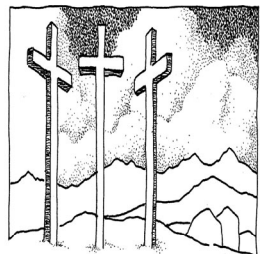
**Weddings:** Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (FOCCUS, Pre-Cana & Natural Family Planning) are required to be followed.

**Christian Initiation for Adults:** People desiring to become Catholic should contact the Parish Office before September of each year to begin the Christian Initiation Program which concludes at the Easter Vigil.

**Religious Education:** Public School Students from Grades 1 through 11, meet Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:20 AM in the school building.

**Catholic Education:** Our Parish is a supporting member of Holy Trinity Regional Catholic School, grades Pre-school through Eight, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, grades Nine through Twelve.

**Parish Membership:** Consists of Registration in the Parish Census, active participation at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, worthy reception of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation regularly, and financial support of our Parish.



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Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12, 2023

While we were still sinners Christ died  
for us.

—Romans 5:8

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-25

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: [Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;](#)  
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2023

Our theme this year is **“TOGETHER WE SERVE”**  
*The greatest good can be accomplished and the biggest  
impacts can be made when “Together We Serve”*

The Catholic Ministries Drive 2023 starts March 12  
throughout our Diocese. The annual Catholic Ministries  
Drive supports programs and services beyond the  
resources of any single parish. Without your help, we  
could not fulfill our mission. It is important to stress that  
ministries within our Diocese also rely on parishioner  
support, and 100% of every donation to the Catholic  
Ministries Drive is restricted to the ministries funded by  
the CMD.

**Our 2023 Catholic Ministries Drive target is: \$21,610.**

All contributions received beyond our parish target will  
be used for our church projects.

Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with  
sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure.

### FATHER GRIMME

Fr. Grimme has had a health set back and is now  
recovering.

If you are in need of a priest, please leave a message at the  
rectory. In an emergency, please contact:

Fr. Alan Thomas at (814) 695-0912 or

Fr. Lubomir Strecok at (814) 943-8553.

### FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) OR call 1-410-676-6000.

### MONTHLY ROSARY

Our monthly Rosary has been postponed until further  
notice.

### PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL

The Campus Chapel has Eucharistic Adoration every  
**Tuesday** from 12:45 PM to 1:30 PM. All are welcome .

### AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Matthew Parish, Tyrone - Mon., March 13 at 7:00 PM

St. Mary Parish, Altoona - Wed., March 15 at 5:30 PM

St. John the Evangelist - Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima - Sunday, March 26, at 5:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes - Sunday, March 30 at 5:30 PM

St. Mary, Hollidaysburg - Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 PM

**\*Note: St. Therese - NO PENANCE SERVICE.**

**You are encouraged to attend one at another church.**

Confirmation is May 9th.

### OBLIGATIONS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

- Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of Fast & Abstinence;
- All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- Abstinence is no eating of meat or meat by-products; this obliges anyone 14 years of age or older.
- Fasting means having one main meal, no more than two lesser meals & no eating between meals; this obliges people between 18 and 59 years of age.

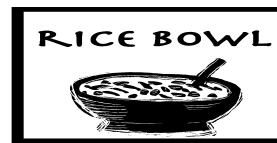
### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross. This can be done privately or publicly. Booklets will be placed at the end of the main aisle for private use. Communal Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS AND TRADITIONS

Traditionally during Lent we are encouraged to participate with Prayer, Fasting and Alms-giving (Charity).

- Prayer can be qualitatively better or quantitatively more.
- Under the title of fasting, besides minimal regulations of fasting and abstinence, people are encouraged to give-up some consumption of food or activity.
- Charity can be personal helping or care of another or participation in some program of donation.



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### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Our parish will take part in **“Operation Rice Bowl.”** Materials for this will be available in the Narthex. This sacrificial collection benefits third world populations

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays:

- March 13:** Janet Durbin + Melissa Eckenrode + Elsie Kessinger + Everly Miller  
**March 14:** Katelyn Adams + Bianca Melgar  
**March 15:** Joseph Hasson + David McGreal  
**March 16:** Karen Stoltz + Katlyn Vinglas +  
**March 17:** Eileen Zeak + Patricia Rose + Iwona Dorabiala + Robert Rutherford + Christina Clapper  
**March 18:** Anne Kauffman + Colleen Shields + Christina McCarville + Ellie Kauffman  
**March 19:** Dick Courtot + Jena Brandt + Jon Rose

## Anniversaries:

- March 17, 2000: Paul Proudfit & Stacey Lynch  
 March 18, 1978: Mark & Joni Reismeier

Our prayers for ALL of you celebrating "special days." this week, is that God gives you His continued blessing.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BASKET RAFFLE

- A wine and gift basket will be raffled off before Saturday & Sunday masses beginning, March 18, and will continue until after Easter mass on April 9. The tickets will be \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Please come to the Narthex to join in your support for the St. Vincent Conference at St. Therese. Good luck on winning!
- Also on Sunday, March 19, a reminder that a celebration for all of those who have and continue to serve St. Vincent de Paul Society through serving the poor and homeless in our community. Refreshments in Narthex after mass at 11:30 AM. This is a great time to thank those who serve and find out how you can possibly serve!

## WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of February 22 - 28, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,155.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 13.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 2,628.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 62.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,858.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 75.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 642.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 17.00
Student Subsidy:	\$ 15.00
Black & Indian:	\$ 15.00
Fish Fry #2	\$ 3,332.80
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 8,954.80</b>

May God continue to bless you for your support of Saint Therese Parish and its programs.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, March 18: St. Cyril**  
 5:00 PM JAMES J. HATCH [Birthday 2/27]  
 (Patricia Hatch)

**Sunday, March 19: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY  
 10:30 AM CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS (State Court)

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

**The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, is granting a dispensation from the obligation of Catholics in the diocese to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, the Feast of Saint Patrick.**

Bishop Bartchak requests that any Catholic in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown who chooses to accept this dispensation should perform some other act of penance in its place. The choice of such penance is to be determined by the individual. The Bishop recommends that the penance reflect the spirit of Lent, that is, acts of prayer or charity to the poor. Catholics who choose to observe the traditional Lenten abstinence from meat on that day are not required to perform any other penitential acts. Saint Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland and is the patron saint of that country. His feast day is one of celebration in the Catholic Church and throughout secular culture.

## WORD AMONG US

Also **The Word Among Us** booklets will be available on the magazine rack in the Narthex. These meditation booklets can aid understanding of Lent and scripture.

## LITURGICAL + ROLES

**MARCH 18 & 19, 2023**

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM VOLUNTEER  
 8:00 AM Michaela Etters  
 10:30 AM Owen McCarville, Paul McCarville

### **READERS**

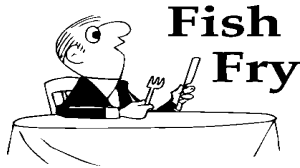
5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte  
 8:00 AM Kathryn Millward  
 10:30 AM Eileen Porta, Jay Burlingame

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00 PM Deacon Thomas McFee  
 8:00 AM John Bravin  
 10:30 AM Sandra Lear

### **GREETERS/USHERS**

5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson, Judith Wilkinson  
 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Robert Gallagher, III  
 10:30 AM Robert Chirdon, Cathy Chirdon, Donna Hoover, Daniel Smith



**LENTEN FISH FRY**

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish

Father Kelley Hall  
(25th AVE & 5th ST)

Fridays during Lent

**March 10, 17, 24 & 31**

4:00 PM until 7:00 PM (or until fish runs out)

Baked or Fried Fish

Macaroni & Cheese or French Fries

Stewed Tomatoes

Cole Slaw OR Apple Sauce

Roll/Butter, Dessert (cookies or brownies)

**TAKE-OUTS ONLY**

**Pick-ups:**

**CURBSIDE TAKE-OUTS** along 5th Street

**CALL-IN PRE-ORDERS** along Alley beside Hall

(814) 650-0734 or (814) 537-0640

**Meals Cost: \$14.00**



**HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK**

**(c. 385-461) March 17**

Patrick was born in Scotland, the son of a Roman soldier. At fourteen he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved for six years, forced to herd and tend sheep. After several attempts he was able to escape and returned to his homeland. Later he was ordained to the priesthood, and at the age of forty-six he returned to Ireland as a bishop and missionary. Using the knowledge of the language and culture that he gained during his captivity, Patrick dedicated himself to evangelizing the leaders of the tribes. Despite threats against his life, he continued to preach the Gospel, founding convents, monasteries, and parishes. He strove to Christianize the pagan rites such as the Druid spring fires, which he transformed into the Easter Vigil's "new fire," openly defying the customs imposed by the priests of the Celtic religion. This almost cost him his life, but his victory was also one for Christianity. The patron saint of Ireland is also known for using the shamrock to teach the Holy Trinity, and he recast a Celtic "talisman" into the still-popular "Saint Patrick's Breastplate"

**MEANING OF THE SHAMROCK**

The shamrock of Ireland has three leaves, not four as many people believe. The number three had significance in Ireland long before St. Patrick began to convert the masses. According to Blarney.com, the number three was believed to have magical properties and was a recurring theme in Celtic folklore. Because the Celts were familiar with the shamrock, St. Patrick used their knowledge of the shamrock to the magic of the Trinity "Father, Son and Holy Ghost". The three leaves are also said to stand for "faith, hope and love".



**THE 58TH ANNUAL NOVENA**

In Honor of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held from Monday, March 20, to Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Sacred Heart Church (6th Ave. & 20th St., Altoona, PA). Solemn Opening Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 20 at 7:00 PM by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak as the Celebrant & Homilist. A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the novena in the church.

**UPDATE YOUR PARISH CENSUS**  
If you have moved recently, changed your phone number or have had a change in your household (Ex: A child no longer living at home) please fill out the attached form to have your census updated.  
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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Old Address \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Change to Household: \_\_\_\_\_  
**CLIP & DEPOSIT IN SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**CHANGES TO BULLETIN**  
As of February 26, 2023, J. S. Paluch will no longer provide our bulletins. We are in the process of locating another printing company at this time. Our bulletin will now be available only through our website at: **Ssttheresealtoona.com**