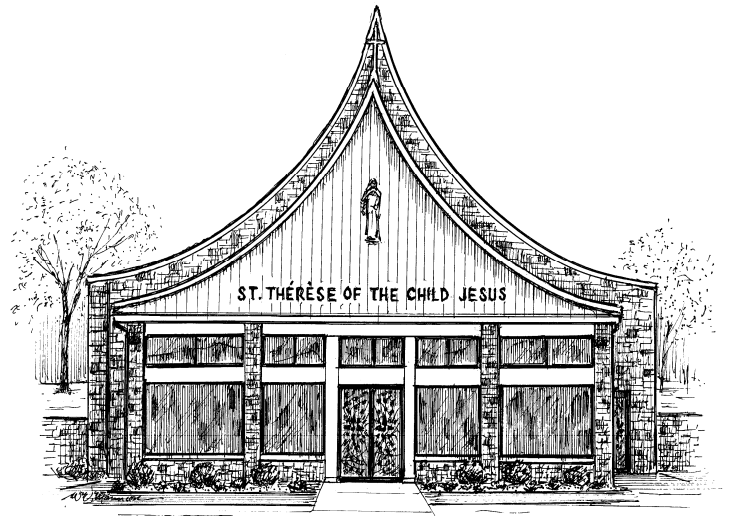


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father D. Timothy Grimme, Pastor**  
Rev. Mr. Thomas McFee, *Deacon*  
2301 Fifth Street  
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## 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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**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.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15  
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18  
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14  
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

### 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: \$21,610.00**

**Donations: \$ 320.00**

**Our remaining goal: \$19,880.00**

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.

### FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

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

### NOCTURNAL ADORATION

On Friday, March 3, 2023, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at Sacred Heart, Altoona. The special hour for St. Therese is 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM. If you are concerned about the Covid virus, use your own judgement as to whether or not to attend. Hand sanitizer is available.

### PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL

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

### 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.

### HOLY COMMUNION

Effective this Holy Thursday, Bishop Mark has directed that parishes may begin distributing Holy Communion under both forms. Parishioners who feel comfortable receiving from the chalice are invited to do so. It is important to remember that the complete presence of Jesus Christ's resurrected body, blood, soul, and divinity is present under each of the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. It is also important to remember that Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds.

### IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A PRIEST

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.**



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays:

- April 6:** Joey Jackson + Emily McConnell + Victoria Clapper  
**April 7:** Timothy Behe + Colin Etters + Natalie Etters  
**April 8:** Ashlyn Carruthers  
**April 9:** Debbie Reed + Nicole Ellick  
**April 11:** Heather Thomas  
**April 12:** Patricia Ross + Cathy McFee + Brandy Oswald + Brandon Zlupko  
**April 13:** Betty Carrieri  
**April 14:** Paulette Gresik + Beth Gartmann + Chris Stever + Kelsie Shortsleeve  
**April 15:** Mark Page + Michael Petrecca + Andrea Wallack + Billy Ajay  
**April 16:** Jake Dick + Carter Ellick + Evelyn Hoover

## Anniversaries:

- April 9, 2005:** Thomas & Michele DeBernardis  
**April 16, 1999:** Eric & Cheryl Tittler

## REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

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## WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of March 22 - 28, 2023:	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,842.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 12.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 1,796.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 125.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,775
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 50.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 702.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 22.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 425.00
Fish Fry #:	\$ 3,505.25
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$9,479.25</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, April 15, 2023:**

8:00 AM MERIAM ECKENRODE [Anniversary 4/10]  
 (MaryAnn Eckenrode)

5:00 PM Donna McConnell (Dan & Terri Riccio)

**Sunday, April 16, 2023:**

8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

10:30 AM CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS #26258  
 (State Court)

## CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.

has risen, as he foretold, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world

by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

Grant, we beseech you,

that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,

his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## NEW WORD AMONG US

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

## LITURGICAL + ROLES

**April 15 & 16, 2023**

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

5:00 PM VOLUNTEERS  
 8:00 AM Edith Manfred  
 10:30 AM Macyn Behe

### **READERS**

5:00 PM Raymalee Frank  
 8:00 AM Heidi Manfred  
 10:30 AM Jay Burlingame, Alice Sturm

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

5:00 PM Albert Schlecht  
 8:00 AM John Bravin  
 10:30 AM Deacon Thomas McFee

### **GREETERS/USHERS**

5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson, Judith Wilkinson  
 8:00 AM Linda Guida, Kenneth Klinger  
 10:30 AM Dana Boslet, James Greco,  
 Dianne Hite, Paul Hite



## **TO THE PARISHIONERS AND STAFF**

On behalf of the entire family of Father Grimme, we would like to express our appreciation and thanks for all the support, assistance and grace you have shown us in the past few difficult weeks. Your kind words and hospitality have meant so much to us.

Though we may not know everyone's names a few in particular we would like to thank includes: Deacon Thomas McFee, Paula Hall, Laurie Lytle, Joseph Kapfhammer, and all the talented ladies that made baked goods for the funeral reception.

Please know that you were all dear to Father Tim and your outpouring would have meant so much to him.

May the Lord Bless You All.

