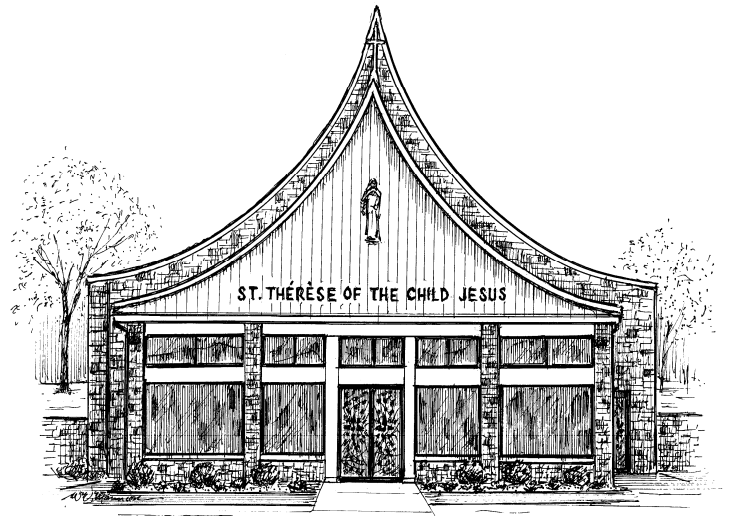


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father Brian Norris**  
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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  
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**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:45 AM, Wednesday at 8:30 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 Catholic School, grades Pre-school through 5th grade, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, grades 6th through 12th.

**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: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;  
 Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15  
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;  
 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

### 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: \$20,966.00**  
**Our remaining goal: \$ 644.00**  
**We are at 96% of our goal with 79 donations.**

All contributions received beyond our parish target will be used for our church projects, such as Hall air conditioning, new school roof and Church air conditioning.

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.

### MONTHLY ROSARY

A Monthly Rosary for the Intention of Vocations to the Priesthood & religious Life as well as for Pro-Life has started. The Rosary and Litany will be prayed in the church on the First Saturday of each month, after the 8:00 AM mass. **The next date will be Saturday, October 7, 2023.**

### FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



### VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR PARISH DINNER

#### **October 1st**

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. We need your name, number of people attending the dinner and what cover dish you plan to bring to share.

Meats & drinks are provided by the Church.

### HOLY NAME CHURCH

Brenda Garcia, who is a faithful Catholic and Hollywood stunt woman, has accepted an invitation to speak at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg, on Tuesday evening, **October 3, 2023** at 7:00 PM. She has appeared on movies and has also worked on tv series.

Appearance and talk will be open and free of charge and no registration will be needed.

A free will offering will be taken .

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:**

- September 18:** William Ajay + Tara Cropsey + Danielle Williams + Taryn Carruthers + Bailey Schandelmeier + Kathy Millward
- September 19:** Evelyn McDowell + Joseph Reismeier + Adam Chadbourn
- September 20:** James Weston + Paula McNulty
- September 21:** John Kilcoyne + Shelly Luciano + Emily McAleer + Andrew George + Brennan Raia
- September 22:** Lisa Drabic + Heather Foor + Dylan Clark
- September 23:** Lonnie Hrzic + Michael Bowers + Brandon Chadbourn +
- September 24:** Linda Guida

**Anniversaries:**

- September 18, 1971:** Anne & Raymond Kauffman
- September 18, 1976:** Mark & Christine Myers
- September 18, 1993:** William & Wendy Waksmonski
- September 21, 2002:** Tobias & Brandy Mercer
- September 21, 1996:** Joseph & Krista Schlecht
- September 22, 1989:** Melvin & Christine Kepner

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

The confirmation prep meeting is on **October 1, in Fr. Kelley Hall at 9:00 AM.** All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students must attend the meeting with at least one parent. Call Mary Beth, if you have any questions or are unable to attend. This is for all public school, Catholic School

**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of September 7-13, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	<b>\$ 2,269.00</b>
Sunday Offertory Students:	<b>\$ 5.81</b>
Monthly Collection:	<b>\$ 1,587.00</b>
Loose Collection:	<b>\$ 229.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 4,090.81</b>
Twin Parish Collection:	<b>\$ 185.00</b>
Christmas Club:	<b>\$ 493.00</b>
Votive Candles:	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Other Receipts:	<b>\$ 480.00</b>
Catholic University:	<b>\$ 205.00</b>
<b>2nd Sunday:</b>	<b>\$ 567.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 6,045.81</b>

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, September 18, 2023:**  
7:45 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (St. Therese Conf./SVDP)
- Tuesday, September 19, 2023: St. Januarius**  
7:45 AM NO MASS
- Wednesday, September 20, 2023:**  
8:30 AM DEBORAH CONSIGLIO (Linda & Dan Irvin)
- Thursday, September 21, 2023: St. Matthew**  
7:45 AM IMELDA AYERS [Anniversary 9/22] (Mary Ann Hofer & Sons)
- Friday, September 22, 2023:**  
7:45 AM ANTHONY I. HIMES (Aggie Pacifico)
- Saturday, September 23, 2023: St. Pius**  
8:00 AM ANDY DICKSON (Dan & Sandy Casey)  
5:00 PM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS, HERMAN NAGLE 85TH Birthday, [Sept 7] (From Family)
- Sunday, September 24, 2023: 25 Sunday in Ord. Time**  
8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY  
10:30 AM MARIO PORRECA [Anniversary 8/30] (Pat & Jerry Rose)

**ATTENTION!!**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS**

It is time to update our records for Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Greeters/Ushers. Please fill out the Sign Up Sheet that is on the table in the Narthex. Mass time, your name, phone number, and how often you would like to volunteer.

## LITURGICAL ROLES

**September 24 & 25, 2023 \*\*\*\***

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00 PM Max Stahlman, Alana Cropsey
- 8:00 AM Michaela Eters
- 10:30 AM Brennen Freiwald

**READERS**

- 5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte
- 8:00 AM Kathryn Millward
- 10:30 AM Andre McCarville, James Greco

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Deacon Thomas McFee, Taylor Hench, Anna Kepner
- 8:00 AM Vickie Gallardy, Mary Bravin, Kimberly Eters
- 10:30 AM Joann Kasun, Sandy Lear, Alice Sturm

**GREETERS/USHERS**

- 5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson, Judith Wilkinson
- 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Robert Gallagher, Jr.
- 10:30 AM Kris Hennaman, Donna Hoover, Ray Kauffman, Jr., Mary Kauffman