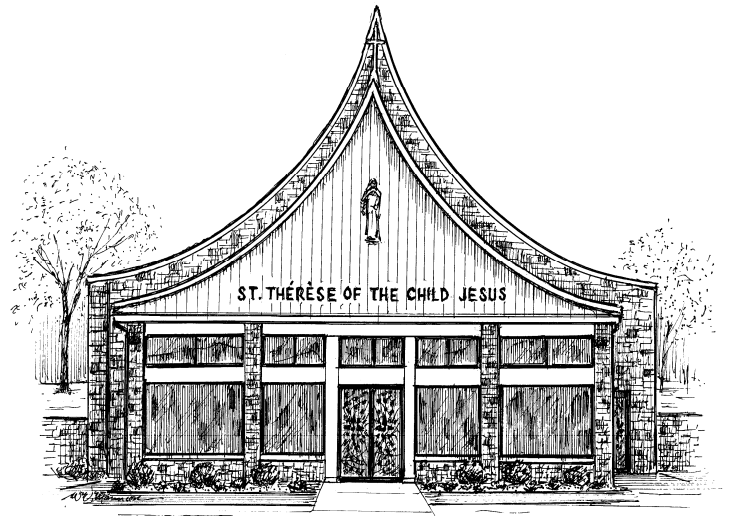


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father Brian Norris**  
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**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  
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**Weekday Masses:** Monday at 7:45. No mass on 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: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;  
 Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8;  
 Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
 Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;  
 Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];  
 Mt 21:28-32

**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: \$20,986.00**  
**Our remaining goal: \$ 624.00**  
**We are at 96% of our goal with 81 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.**

**PET DRIVE**

Catholic Daughters of America, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625, will be conducting their annual Pet Drive to benefit the Humane Society throughout the month of October. Any items can be placed in the provided box located in the Narthax of the church. As always thank you for your generosity.

**CALL UPON THE LORD**

The very first line of today’s first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today’s responsorial psalm: “The Lord is near to all who call upon him” (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, “For to me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today’s Gospel. There we find that God’s love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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**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 25:** Monica Kelly + Ronald Stoltz + Jordan Conklin
- September 26:** Lois Bozzo + Carolyn Hupert + Michael Rimbeck
- September 27:** Bennie Plunket + Sandy Nagle + Tracy Wilt
- September 28:** Andrea Weibley + Maria Greco + Vincent Sprouse
- September 29:** Robert Crook II + Nicholas Consalvo
- September 30:** George Watt
- October 1:** William Bennetti, II

**Anniversaries:**

- September 26, 1992:** Christopher & Tammy Fasick
- September 26, 1970:** John & Catherine Reilly
- September 27, 1986:** Michael & Cristina Settimio
- September 28, 1996:** Mark & Angel Page
- September 29, 2018:** Brittany & Bradley Brennehan
- October 1, 1994:** Perry & Linda Russo

**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 and home-schooled students who belong to the parish.

**SINCERE GRATITUDE**

Catholic Daughters of America, Court #2625, would like to express their sincere gratitude to all parishioners for their recent donations to our annual Baby Drive. Through your generosity those items were able to benefit 3 agencies, Catholic Charities, Precious Life, and Kid's First. God Bless you all!

**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of September 14 – 20, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	<b>\$ 2,098.50</b>
Sunday Offertory Students:	<b>\$ .75</b>
Monthly Collection:	<b>\$ 320.00</b>
Loose Collection:	<b>\$ 460.90</b>
Total Offertory:	<b>\$ 2,880.15</b>
Twin Parish Collection:	<b>\$ 160.00</b>
Christmas Club:	<b>\$ 955.00</b>
Votive Candles:	<b>\$ 59.00</b>
Other Receipts:	<b>\$ 460.00</b>
Catholic Ministries Drive:	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
2nd Sunday:	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 4,744.15</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, September 25, 2023:**  
7:45 AM NANCY & LOUIS BRAVIN (Daughter & Son)
- Tuesday, September 26, 2023: Sts. Cosmas & Damian**  
7:45 AM NO MASS
- Wednesday, September 27, 2023: St. Vincent:**  
8:30 AM FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE (St. Therese Conf/SVDP)
- Thursday, September 28, 2023: Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz**  
7:45 AM DEB CONSIGLIO (Cathy Chiridon)
- Friday, September 29, 2023: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael**  
7:45 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (Steve & Mary Barr)
- Saturday, September 30, 2023: St. Jerome**  
8:00 AM ANDREW DICKSON (Sally (Sara) Young)  
5:00 PM BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO SANDY NAGLE [Birthday 9/27] (from Family)
- Sunday, October 1, 2023: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM JEAN GALLAGHER (St. Therese Conf/SVDP)  
10:30 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

**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 30 & OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00 PM Makayla Silver
- 8:00 AM Colin Etters
- 10:30 AM Ellie Kauffman, Samuel Kauffman

**READERS**

- 5:00 PM Raymalee Frank
- 8:00 AM Heidi Manfred
- 10:30 AM Louis Gresik, Eileen Porta

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Albert Schlecht, Judy Wilkinson, Mel Kepner
- 8:00 AM Kimberly Etters, Vickie Gallardy, Anna Kepner
- 10:30 AM Deacon Thomas McFee, Monica Kelly, James Greco

**GREETERS/USHERS**

- 5:00 PM David Mason, Theresa Plunket
- 8:00 AM Robert Gallagher, Jr., Linda Guida
- 10:30 AM Donna Boslet, Marita Forr, James Greco, Daniel Smith



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## **CHOIR RETURNS!**

*We are excited to announce that the St. Therese Choir is coming back.*

*Choir and cantor rehearsals will resume beginning **Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 PM**, after which time the choir will gather and sing from the loft during the 10:30 AM Sunday mass starting October 1.*

*For more information, please contact Dr. Nina Tedeschi at [musicprof2@yahoo.com](mailto:musicprof2@yahoo.com).*



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## **FALL BASKET RAFFLE FOR ST. THERESE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**

Once again we are selling tickets for a chance to win a Wine Basket.

We will begin our raffle on October 1<sup>ST</sup> and pick a winner on October 29<sup>TH</sup>.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.

Help us continue to serve the poor in our community!