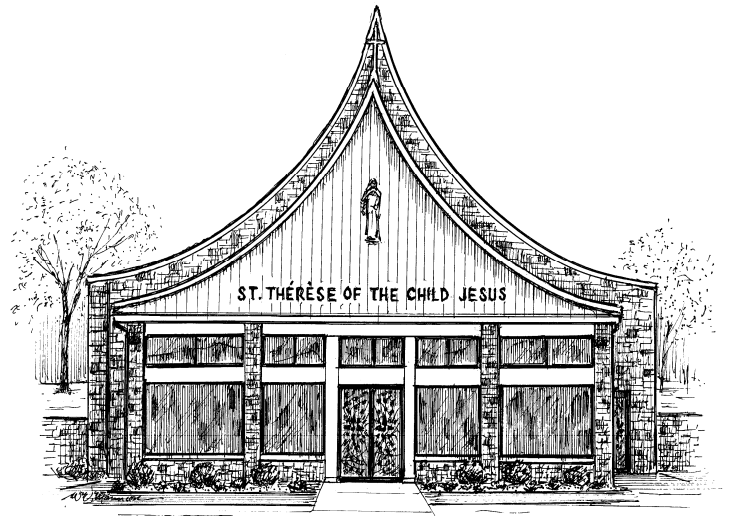


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



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
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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: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

- Regular updating of your Weekly and Monthly contributions through the Sunday Collection.
- Donations through the Diocesan Ministries Drive especially after reaching our diocesan goal (these are good through December).
- “IGiveCatholic” is an annual donation to the parish throughout the year by way of the collection basket. These donations are not confined to November.

Early donations = \$ 725
Online donations = \$ 120
Continuing Donations = \$ 1,350
Matching Funds = \$ 2,195
Total \$ 4,390

- For long range giving, consider our Parish’s St. Therese Foundation fund in, is acceptable. Visit the “Legacy Giving” web pages at www.icfoundation.us or call: (814) 201-2080. Our parish-family is facing a number of projects in the next few years, your considered assistance is and will be highly appreciation.

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.—G. K. Chesterton

OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish thanks
LIFE MATTERS, WWW.USCCB.ORG/RESPECT
 For sponsoring an advertisement in our weekly bulletin.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

On Friday, January 6, 2023, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at St. Rose of Lima. 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.



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 will be prayed on the First Saturday of each month. Anyone is invited and will gather in church following the early Mass on Saturday morning). The next date will be Saturday, February 4, 2023.

PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL

The Campus Chapel has Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM. All are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph

May we follow the faithful, loving witness of Mary and Joseph as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word, into the world. May we always follow his Gospel, now and forever. Amen.

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CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

“Thank you” to all those who served as Alter Services, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers/Greeters for the Christmas Holy Day Masses. You made the services and celebration inspirational and uplifting.

Thank You
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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED

Our appreciation to the individuals, families and groups who help make the celebration of Christmas so memorable. This includes those who cleaned and/or decorated the Church and the Christmas trees. We acknowledge those who prepared for the celebration of Masses. Without all the assistance we could not have experienced such a wonderful offering to the Newborn Prince of Peace. Thank you.



Happy New Year!

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- January 2:** Shawn Frank + Alaina Koehle + Ryan Ross
January 3: Derek Reed + Laura Reed
January 4: Patricia Forr + Donald Bowers + Luke Kelly + Nancy Williams + Keith Parowski + Zachary McClure
January 5: Rae Kapfhammer + Charmaine Weible
January 6: Mia Curfman
January 7: Taylor Wolf + Brody Page
January 8: James Stahlman + Lilly Brenneman

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

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of December 8 - 14, 2022:	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,633.05
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 3.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 995.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 41.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,672.05
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 135.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 130.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 27.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 509.25
Other Receipts:	\$ 995.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 200.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 355.00
Save Around Fundraiser:	\$ 150.00
Second Collection:	\$ 190.00
iGiveCatholic:	\$ 320.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 6,683.30

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of December 15 - 20, 2022:	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,720.07
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 8.50
Monthly Collection:	\$ 745.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 89.43
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,563.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 147.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 1,470.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 17.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 161.00
CMD:	\$ 485.00
SVDP:	\$ 200.00
Save Around Fundraiser:	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 140.00
Second Collection:	\$ 35.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 6,243.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, January 2, 2023: Sts. Basil & Gregory**
 7:45 AM JOHN KIRSCH FAMILY (Dave & Agnes Kirsch)
Tuesday, January 3, 2023: Most Holy Name of Jesus
 7:45 AM JOE ECKENRODE (Tom Eckenrode & Family)
Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 9:00 AM MERIAM ECKENRODE (Tom Eckenrode & Family)
Thursday, January 5, 2023: St. John Neumann
 7:45 AM MARY ANN KIRSCH GIBBONS (Dave & Agnes Kirsch)
Friday, January 6, 2023: St. Andre Bessette
 7:45 AM J. PHILIP HALL (Carla Dente Firment)
Saturday, January 7, 2023: St. Raymond
 8:00 AM TED STEOKO (Maureen Haller)
 5:00 PM CAROL KEYNER (Dave & Agnes Kirsch)
Sunday, January 8, 2023: Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 AM JUDY KLEIN (Grandchildren)
 10:30 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

CHURCH UNDECORATING FROM CHRISTMAS

Besides putting all the effort into preparations for Christmas, there will be on **Sunday, January 8**, following the celebration of the final feast of Christmas, the **Epiphany of the Lord**, after Masses the "Un-decorating" of our Church will take place. Those who decorated the trees are invited to come and claim their decorations as well as committees and groups who put up the wreaths and garlands around the church. Once again we thank you for all your time and effort honoring our Infant Lord.

LITURGICAL ROLES

January 7 & 8, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

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

READERS

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Melvin Kepner
 8:00 AM Kimberly Etters
 10:30 AM Deacon Thomas McFee

GREETERS/USHERS

- 5:00 PM David Mason, Theresa Plunket
 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Linda Guida
 10:30 AM Raymond Kauffman Jr, Marita Forr, Mary Kauffman, James Greco