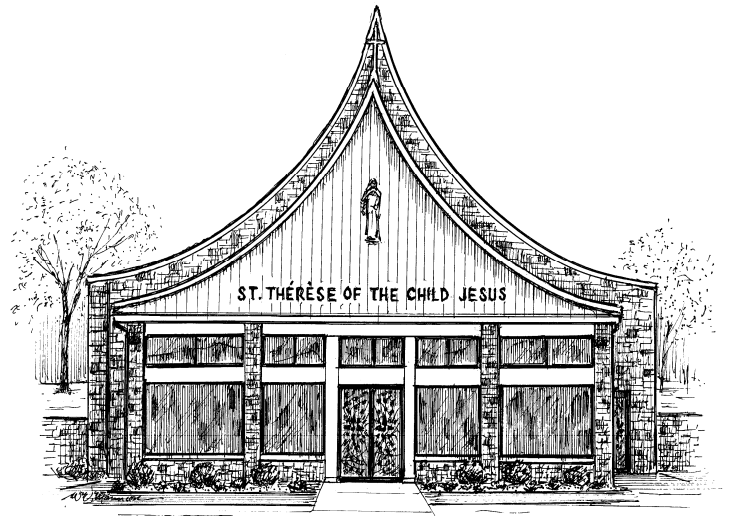


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**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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Elementary School Campus: ..... 814-381-7011  
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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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;  
 Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,  
 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
 Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
 Mt 5:13-16

**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.

Continuing Donations = \$ 100  
 Total \$ 4,495

- For long range giving, consider our Parish's St. Therese Foundation fund. Visit the "Legacy Giving" web pages at [www.icfoundation.us](http://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 appreciated.

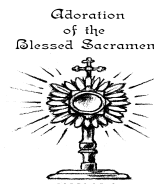
**OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish thanks  
**JOE MERRITT REMODELING**

For sponsoring an advertisement in our weekly bulletin.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

On Friday, February 3, 2023, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at St. Mary Church, Altoona. The special hour for St. Therese is 10:00 PM to 11:00 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.

**PRO-LIFE DONATIONS**

Thank you to our St. Therese Parish-Family for supporting the March For Life with \$413.00 in donations. And thanks to the CCD students who helped with the Collection.

**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.

**LOOKING FOR CANTORS**

Anyone interested in being a cantor at Sunday Mass (especially for 10:30 AM) contact the rectory.

**"HOLY MOMENTS"**

Welcome Committee Christmas gifts of a "Holy Moments" booklet are still available in the Narthex on the magazine rack.

**SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKLETS**

Two (2) copies of the "Save Around" Coupon booklets for 2023 are still available for sale at the rectory or in the Narthex for \$25.

**CRAFT FAIR**

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, 608 Main ST, Lilly, is having a craft fair on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please call 814-886-2504. All are welcome!

**PRO-LIFE MOVIE "LIFEMARK"**

Have you heard of the pro-life movie "Lifemark"? Based on a true story, it will touch your heart as an 18 year old finds out that he has been adopted as a newborn and meets his birthmother. Bedford County Pro-Life Chapter will be showing the movie at the Bedford Pitt Theater on Saturday, February 11 at 2:00 PM.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays:

**January 30:** Gary Williams + Timothy Miller  
+ Michaela Etters + Travis Noel

**January 31:** Penny Bush + Brooklyn Petrecca

**February 1:** Karen George + Jamie Stasky +  
Devin Hoover + Albert Ayala

**February 2:** Diana Weston + Rebecca Kasun

**February 3:** Marsha Rapp + Carol MacIntyre

## Anniversaries:

**February 1, 1969:** Therese & John Plunkett

**February 5, 1972:** Joseph & Pamela Fatigato

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

## WINTER BLUES CONCERT

Knights of Columbus Council #551 will host a Winter Blues Concert featuring "The Mannish Boys" on **Saturday, February 18**, at 1508 12th Ave., Altoona. Doors open at 6:00 PM with music from 7:00-10:00 PM. The \$25 ticket per person includes: food, beverages and music. They are a Blues based rock band with locally reunited members John McKelvey, Mark Panek, and Mark Ruston. Advance sales only. No walk-ins. For tickets or information call: (814) 942-6262 or (814) 280-7661.

## WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of January 18 - 24, 2023:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,426.18
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 10.32
Monthly Collection:	\$ 215.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 83.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 2,734.50
Christmas Club:	\$ 660.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 39.00
Other:	\$ 40.00
CMD Savings:	\$ 260.00
iGiveCatholic:	\$ 100.00
Save Around Fundraiser:	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 3,883.50</b>

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

## ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS

2022 Annual Contribution Statement were prepared and those \$600 and over were automatically mailed out. People who want their statement regardless should contact the parish office to obtain their report. Though we try to be accurate, if there is a discrepancy also contact the parish office. Note: Mother's Day, Father's Day and All Souls' Day are NOT contributions but donations for a service rendered.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, January 30, 2023**

7:45 AM JOHN MAYERNICK (Merrill & Rose Troxell Family)

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023 - St. John Bosco**

7:45 AM JAMES TURIANO [Wedding Anniversary] (Eileen Porta)

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

9:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION (Anonymous)

**Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 - Presentation of the Lord**

7:45 AM SPECIAL INTENTION (Anonymous)

**Friday, February 3, 2023 - Sts. Blaise & Ansgar**

7:45 AM SPECIAL INTENTION (Anonymous)

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

8:00 AM No Requested Intention

5:00 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

**Sunday, February 5, 2023: 5th Sunday in Ord. Time**

8:00 AM JUDY KLEIN (Veda & David George II)

10:30 AM SANDY COLEGROVE (St. Therese Conference/SVDP)

## BLESSING OF THROATS

Traditionally on the feast of St. Blaise, people receive a blessing for the protection against maladies of the throat and other diseases. On Friday, February 3, 2023, a service of Blessing of Throats will take place during and following the 7:45 AM Mass (the latter service will immediately follow the Sacred Heart devotions).



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## LITURGICAL ROLES

**FEBRUARY 4 & 5**

### ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM VOLUNTEER

8:00 AM Michaela Etters

10:30 AM CCD Students

### READERS

5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte

8:00 AM Kathryn Millward

10:30 AM CCD Students

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 PM Deacon Thomas McFee

8:00 AM Kimberly Etters

10:30 AM Robert Kasun

### GREETERS/USHERS

5:00 PM Rosalie Dickson, Judith Wilkinson

8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswwenger, Robert Gallagher, Jr.

10:30 AM Robert Chirdon, Cathy Chirdon  
CCD Students