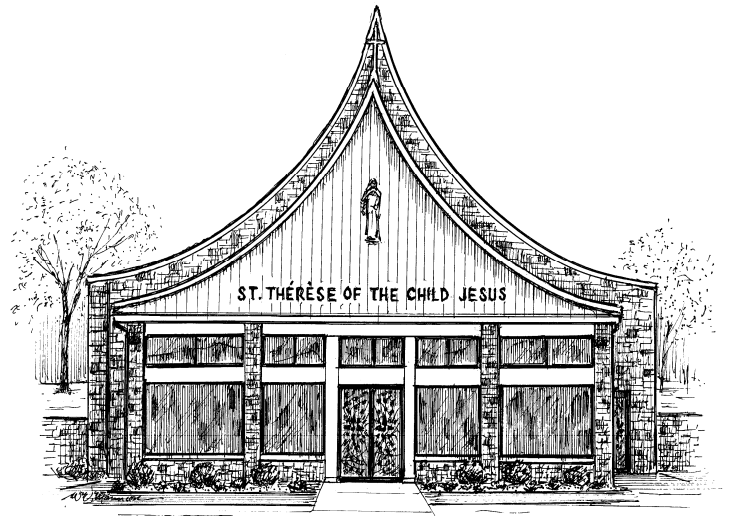


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**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

Holy Trinity Regional Catholic School:

Elementary School Campus: ..... 814-381-7011  
Middle School Campus:..... 814-942-7835  
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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.



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**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: \$ 9,560.00****Our remaining goal: \$12,050.00****We are at 47% of our goal with 47 donations.**

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.

**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.****FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC**

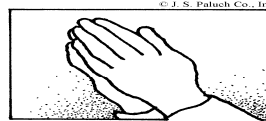
For nationwide Mass times and locations:

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

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH****Divine Mercy**

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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**PRAYER****CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER****From Saint Patrick’s Breastplate**

I arise today  
 through God’s strength to pilot me,  
 God’s might to uphold me,  
 God’s wisdom to guide me,  
 God’s eye to look before me,  
 God’s ear to hear me,  
 God’s hand to guard me,  
 God’s way to lie before me,  
 God’s shield to protect me,  
 God’s hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.

**PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL**

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

**WORDS FOR THOUGHT****DOUBT**

There lives more faith in honest doubt, Believe me, than in half the creeds.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

**SAVE UP**

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

—Anonymous

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:**

- April 17:** Patty Burlingame + Allison Barlick + Benjamin Kepner + Samuel McClure Jr.
- April 18:** Danielle Adams + Kristlyn Stoltz
- April 19:** Mary Smithmyer + Diane Glasgow + Sean McDowell + Elsie Behe + Giavanna Gormish
- April 20:** Wendy Himes + Shalon Hench + Christina Brunette + Riley McGreal
- April 22:** Rachel DeStefano + Lucas Conrad + Alanna Gartmann + Kirstin Hawksworth
- April 23:** Jack Reilly + Anthony Koehle, III

**Anniversaries:**

- April 19, 1969:** David & Rebecca Willnecker
- April 20, 1985:** David & Sally Settimio
- April 23, 1994:** Sean & Kimberly Etters

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Our parish was involved in this voluntary collection of Operation Rice Bowl, a subsidiary of the Catholic Relief Program, which supports Christians in third world countries. Our participation was outstanding. We have collected **\$769.55**. Thank you for your generosity. God will bless your efforts.

**EASTER FLOWERS (Con't)**

- Cory Lynn
- Joe Luciano
- George Jacobs
- Bob Yvonne Dinsel
- Lou & Nancy Bravin
- Father Grimme



By: M/M Terrence Lynn

**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of April 3 & 9, 2023:	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 1,221.15
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 181.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 3,345.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 228.85
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,976.00
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 90.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 703.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 17.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 70.00
<b>Easter:</b>	<b>\$ 6,180.00</b>
<b>Other:</b>	<b>\$ 6,134.59</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT:</b>	<b>\$ 18,170.59</b>

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Wednesday, 19, 2023:**

10:00 AM FR. D. TIMOTHY GRIMME [Month's Mind 4/19] (Office Staff)

**Saturday, 22, 2023:**

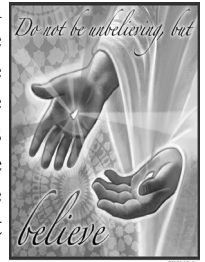
5:00 PM Anthony L. Himes (Rose, James & Family)

**Sunday, 23, 2023: 3rd Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM IMELDA AYERS (Mary Bravin)  
10:30 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

**EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH**

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## LITURGICAL ROLES

**APRIL 22 & 23, 2023**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
- 8:00 AM Michaela Etters
- 10:30 AM Kayla Blough

**READERS**

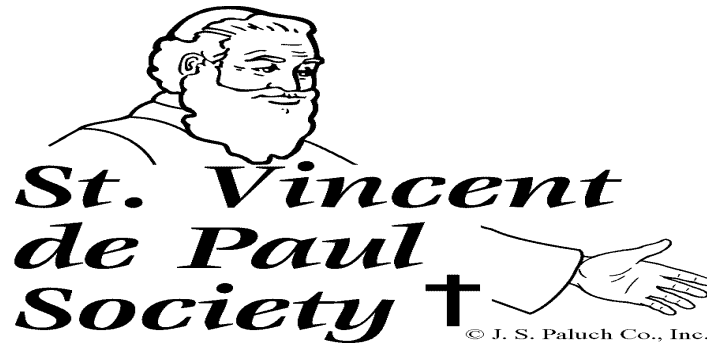
- 5:00 PM Barbara Fagan
- 8:00 AM John Bravin
- 10:30 AM Joann Kasun, Sandra Lear

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Deacon Thomas McFee
- 8:00 AM Mary Bravin
- 10:30 AM R. Thomas Forr

**GREETERS/USHERS**

- 5:00 PM Leonard Haduck, Theresa Plunket
- 8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Robert Gallagher, III
- 10:30 AM Robert Chirdon, Cathy Chirdon, Raymond Kauffman, Jr. Mary Kauffman



## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE**

A big thanks for helping make our wine basket raffle a huge success!!

The winner of the basket was Deacon McFee!

We plan on having another basket raffle in the fall. Due to our conference not doing the annual flea market we will have various fundraisers during the year to obtain funds to assist the poor.

Your generosity over the last 20 years in our 5th Sunday collections and support in fundraisers has sustained us to continue our mission.

## **A HUGE THANK YOU!!**

Any food items donated will be given to the St. Vincent store to give to those in need. Our Blessing boxes are presently on hold. Again a "thank you" to all those who helped in our plastic mat project. It was a success and all were donated to Hope Drop In Center.

If you are interested in becoming a member, our meetings are the first Sunday of the month at 11:30 in the rectory meeting room. Come join us in making a difference to those less fortunate.