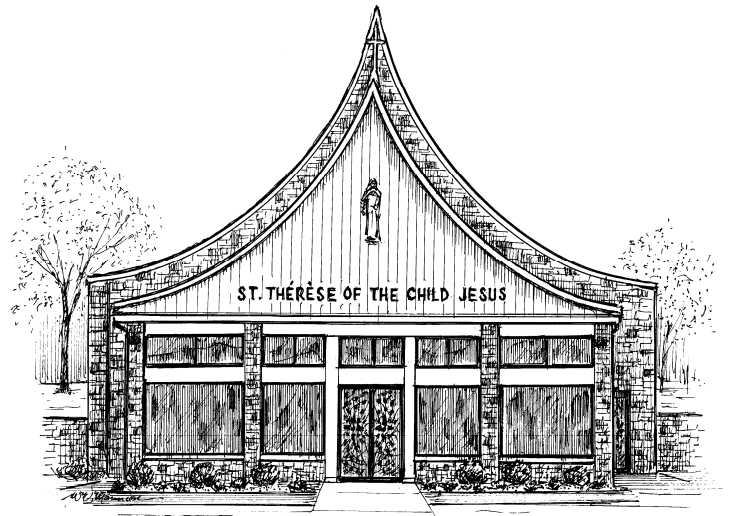


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



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
Fr. Kelley Hall: 814-944-7450
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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.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

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: \$10,035.00

Our remaining goal: \$11,575.00

We are at 47% of our goal with 48 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.

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 OR call 1-410-676-6000.

PENN STATE ALTOONA CHAPEL

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

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Blessing before Meals

You give us every good gift,

O God of the covenant.

Help us to see in the food spread before us another outpouring of your grace.

Be with us as we share this meal

and keep us ever mindful of the hungry.

Bless us and the food we are about to receive.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Neophytes

Perhaps you've noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren't they done? What's going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called "neophytes," and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name "mystagogy." They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community.

As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

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EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it's only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably "mythical" in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus' disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- April 24:** Debby Klinger + Camryn Colledge + Steven Barr + Jerry Brandt, III + Missy MacIntyre
- April 26:** Brenda Ajay + Michael Scharf
- April 27:** Paula Kensinger + Shirley Salesky + Mark Broadrick + Bridget Grassi + Brian Metzgar + Erin Laich
- April 28:** Margie Bakale + Samatha Slauter + Nicholas Villano
- April 30:** Peggy Karnes

Anniversaries:

- April 24, 1982:** David & Therese McCloskey
- April 28, 1979:** S. Patrick & Karen McKinney
- April 29, 2006:** James & Abby Carrieri
- April 29, 1972:** Lawrence Jr. & Catherine Sprouse
- April 29, 1961:** George & Carole Watt

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

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WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of: April 10 - 16, 2023	
Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,609.30
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 2.00
Monthly Collection:	\$ 510.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 45.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 3,166.30
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 155.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 195.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 37.00
Other Receipts:	\$ 882.00
Holy Land:	\$ 170.00
SVDP 5th Sunday:	\$ 180.00
Easter:	\$ 500.00

TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$ 5,285.30

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, April 26, 2023:

10:00 AM MARY W. HIMES (Renee Parowski)

Saturday, April 29, 2023: St. Catherine of Siena
5:00 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, April 30, 2023: 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM FOR LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH (St. Therese Conference/SVDP)

10:30 AM JOHN MAYERNICK (Dorothy & Jason Mallow)

BABY DRIVE

Starting May 6th through May 29th, the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americans, Court Prince Gallitzin #2625, Altoona, will be collecting baby items for Catholic Charities and other agencies in need. If you would like to donate please place your item(s) in the baby box provided in the church. As always, thank you very much for helping with this endeavor. God bless you all. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Grace Horton at 814-942-0397 or Jennifer Crum-Waite at 814-515-1067.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL "BEGINNING AGAIN"

Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, at the Bertschi Center at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Presentations by: Father Gardner, Fr. Brady, Fr. Norris and Robert Long. 8:00 AM Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Brian Norris in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel in the Administration building; use parking lot 6A. Cost is \$10.00. Register & pay online or register online and pay at door. Register online at: www.dioceseaj.org/beginning-again

LITURGICAL ROLES

April 29 & 30, 2023

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM Makayla Silver

8:00 AM Colin Etters

10:30 AM Owen McCarville, Paul McCarville

READERS

5:00 PM Judy Wilkinson

8:00 AM Kathryn Millward

10:30 AM James Greco, Louis Gresik

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 PM Kathleen LaPorte

8:00 AM Rev. Mr. Thomas McFee

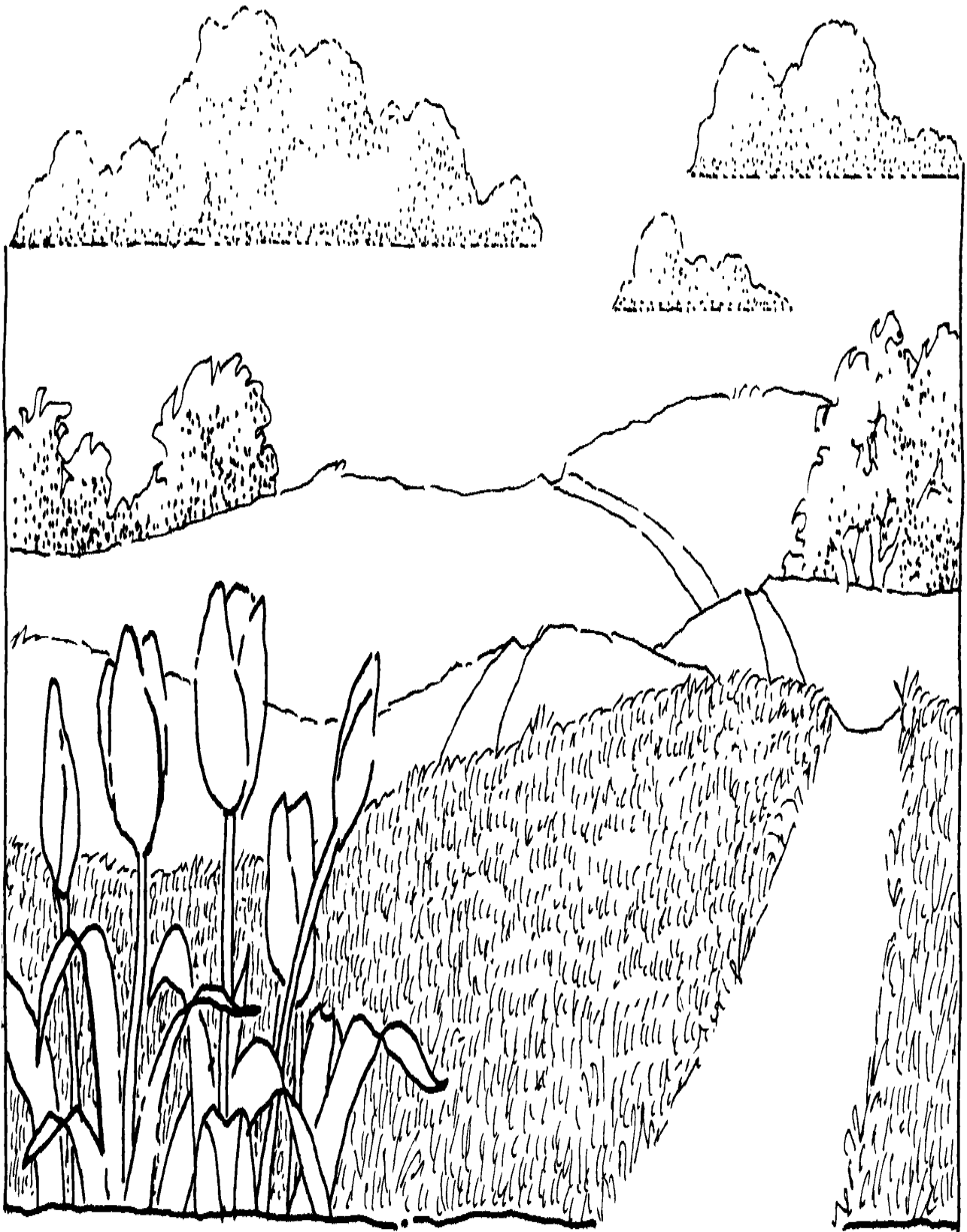
10:30 AM Sandra Lear

GREETERS/USHERS

5:00 PM Janet Luciano, David Mason

8:00 AM Robert Gallagher, Linda Guida

10:30 AM Marita Forr, Kristine Hennaman
Donna Hoover, Daniel Smith



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