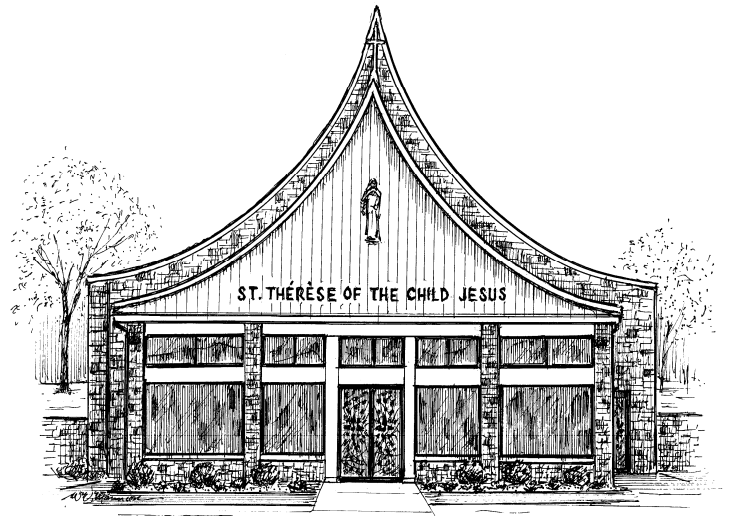


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father Brian Norris
Deacon Thomas McFee
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Altoona, PA 16601-3863**

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening:..... 5:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Parish Telephones

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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.

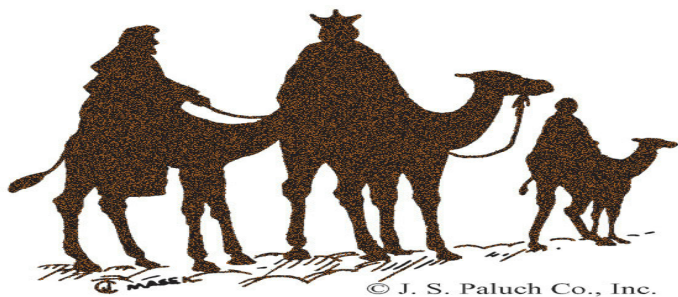
Weddings: Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (FOCCUS, 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.



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalm 72:11*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20;
1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or
Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

CHURCH UNDECORATING FROM CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Season will end on Sunday January 7th with the celebration of the Epiphany. “**The Undecorating**” of the church will take place on Sunday, January 7 at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited to help with taking down the decorations. 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.

MONICA’S TEARS

Following the example of St. Monica, we will gather at **St. Rose Church, Altoona** in Adoration of Our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour every Thursday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to pray for the return of our children and grandchildren to the practice of the Catholic Faith. Please contact: Peach Maschue at (814) 943-7809.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

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Internet www.Masstimes.org OR call 1-410-676-6000.

GOD’S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God’s glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God’s fidelity to them, all people shall become God’s children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city’s cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

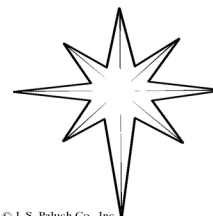
This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city’s possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick’s in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as “an exceptional work of human creative genius.” This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain’d to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- January 8:** Jim Stahlman + Lily Brenneman
January 9: Willow Floyd
January 11: Eric Curfman + Tori VanKlaveren
January 12: Kelley George
January 13: David Hrzic + Earl Krug + Cathy Chirdon
January 14: Carolyn Coleman + Heidi Manfred + Nate Patton + Anna Kepner

Anniversaries:

- January 13, 1973:** Joseph & Donna Miller

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

HEALING MASS

Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**, at 7:00 PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Fr. Brad Baldwin, TOR, will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!



WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

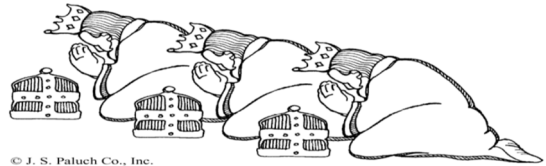
Deposits for the week of December 21-28, 2023:

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| Sunday Offertory Adults: | \$ 2,303.00 |
| Sunday Offertory Students: | \$ 2.15 |
| Monthly Collection: | \$ 755.00 |
| Loose Collection: | \$ 260.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$ 3,320.15 |
| Christmas Club: | \$ 628.00 |
| Votive Candles: | \$ 44.00 |
| Christmas: | \$ 1,075.00 |
| St. Vincent DePaul: | \$ 715.00 |
| Save Around: | \$ 25.00 |
| Fr. Kelley Hall Rental: | \$ 375.00 |
| Immaculate Conception: | \$ 35.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary: | \$ 291.00 |
| TOTAL DEPOSIT: | \$ 6,508.15 |

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, January 8, 2024: Baptism of the Lord**
 7:45 AM JUDY KLEIN [11/8 Anniversary] (Mother, Anna Mae) (Moved from 11/8/23)
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024:**
 7:45 AM NO MASS
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024:**
 8:30 AM DEBORAH CONSIGLIO (St. Therese Conf. Society of SVDP)
- Thursday, January 11, 2024:**
 7:45 AM BETTY TITTLER HEALTH & WELFARE (St. Therese Conf./Society of SVDP)
- Friday, January 12, 2024:**
 7:45 AM IRENE BATHURST HEALTH & WELFARE (St. Therese Conf./Society of SVDP)
- Saturday, January 13, 2024: St. Hilary**
 8:00 AM HILDA SIGRIST HEALTH & WELFARE (St. Therese Conf./Society of SVDP)
 5:00 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
- Sunday, January 14, 2023: 2nd Day in Ord. Time**
 8:00 AM JOSEPH BEISWENGER (Wife & Family)
 10:30 AM MARY ANN WEIGHT (Anna M. Swanger) (Moved 12/8/23)



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LITURGICAL ROLES

January 13th & 14th

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM Alana Cropsey
 8:00 AM Colin Etters, Natalie Etters
 10:30 AM Ellie Kauffman, Samuel Kauffman

READERS

- 5:00 PM Raymalee Frank, Rosalie Dickson
 8:00 AM Eileen Porta, John Bravin
 10:30 AM Joann Kasun, Sandra Lear

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Janet Durbin, Kathleen LaPorte, Judith Wilkinson
 8:00 AM John Bravin, Kimberly Etters, Mary Bravin
 10:30 AM Deacon McFee, Patricia Forr, R. Thomas Forr

GREETERS/USHERS

- 5:00 PM Barbara Grimme, Judith Wilkinson
 Dave Mason, Leonard Haduck
 8:00 AM Robert Gallagher Jr, Robert Gallagher, III, Marjorie Beiswenger
 10:30 AM Mary Alice Kauffman, Raymond Kauffman, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER



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