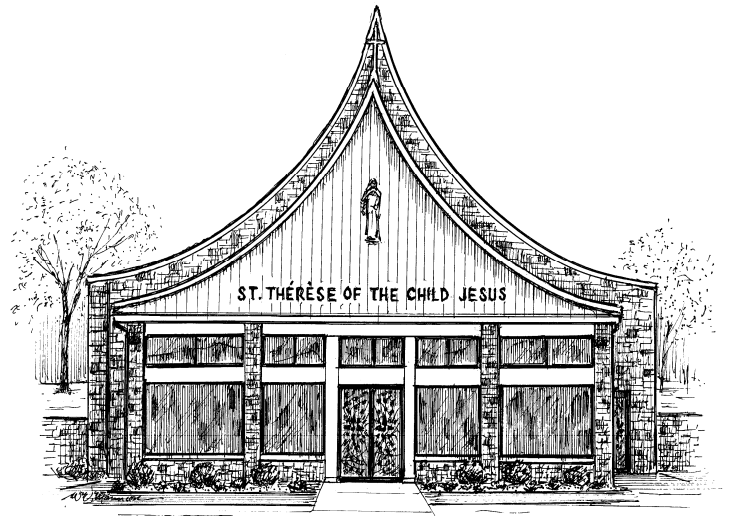


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



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Mass Schedule

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

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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.



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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— *Psalm 95:6*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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NOCTURNAL ADORATION

On Friday, February 2, 2024, the Nocturnal Adoration Society will gather at St. Mary, Altoona. 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.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Holy spirit Ministry will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar on Saturday, March 16, at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg.

This one day retreat includes dynamic spirit-filled teachings and testimonies from Fr. Brad Baldwin, Msgr. Stan Carson, Mandy Conrad, Fr. David Dodd, Fr. Mike Pleva, Deacon Mike Anna, Doug Putchko & Dominic Tornatore. Spirit-filled praise and worship, small group faith sharing and much more. Donation is \$20, if registered by February 26, 2024, \$25 afterward. Students are free. Lunch and Dinner provided.

Deadline to register is March 6, 2024.

To register contact 814-931-0192 or email: holyspiritministry20@gmail.com. All are welcome!

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them . . . one at a time.

—Anonymous

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

January 29: Mary Barr + Silas Chirdon + Raelyn Beck

January 30: Gary Williams + Travis Noel + Timothy J. Miller + Brooke Kitt + Michaela Etters

January 31: Penny Bush + Brooklyn Petrecca

February 1: Karen George + Devin Hoover + Albert Ayala

February 2: Diana Weston + Rebecca Kasun

February 3: Marsha Rapp + Carol MacIntyre

Anniversaries:

January 29, 2011: Patrick J & Kellie Crain

February 1, 1969: Theresa & John Plunket

WELCOME COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Welcome Committee will be on Monday, February 12, at 6:00 PM in Father Kelly Hall. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come to the meeting.

Any questions or concerns call: Paula Kensinger at 814-944-5463 or Paula Hall at 814-931-7320.

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.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of January 11 - 17, 2024

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,640.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 20.97
Monthly Collection:	\$ 341.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 468.00
Total Offertory:	\$3,469.97
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 220.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 265.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 36.00
Christmas:	\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 50.00
iGiveCatholic:	\$ 5.00
2nd Sunday:	\$ 1,230.00
Catholic Ministries/Share:	\$ 85.00
Other:	\$ 2,045.75
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 7,426.72

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 29, 2024:

7:45 AM BARBARA DUMM (Joe O'Leary)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024:

7:45 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, January 31, 2024: St. John Bosco

8:30 AM ANDY DICKSON (John & Ronald Bennett)

Thursday, February 1, 2024:

7:45 AM Brendan Orr (Joe O'Leary)

Friday, February 2, 2024: Presentation of the Lord

7:45 AM M/M JOE ECKENRODE (Tom Eckenrode & Family)

Saturday, February 3, 2024: Sts. Blaise & Ansgar

8:00 AM MRS. HELEN GRIMME [Birthday]

(Requested by her children)

5:00 PM MARY LOUISE HASSON [Anniversary]

(Jack & Cathy Reilly)

Sunday, February 4, 2024: 5th Sunday in Ord. Time

8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

10:30 AM PAUL & MARY ANN WEIGHT

(Therese & Taylor Seidel)



LITURGICAL ROLES

February 3 & 4, 2024

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM Alana Cropsey, Maxwell Stahlman

8:00 AM Camryn College, Mya Colledge

10:30 AM CCD Mass

READERS

5:00 PM Raymalee Frank, Rosalie Dickson

8:00 AM John Bravin, VOLUNTEER

10:30 AM CCD Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 PM Janet Durbin, Albert Schlecht,
Deacon Thomas McFee

8:00 AM John Bravin, Mary Bravin,
Kimberly Etters

10:30 AM Amber Bott, Sandra Lear &
Cathy Chirdon

GREETERS/USHERS

5:00 PM Janet Luciano, Leonard Haduck
Dave Mason, Theresa Plunket

8:00 AM Marjorie Beiswenger, Kenneth Klinger,
Robert Gallagher, Jr.,

Robert Gallagher, III

10:30 AM CCD Mass

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2024 is **January 28 – February 3**. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2024 is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” As I was reflecting on the theme of unity, I feel that it is a real blessing for us as a parish to have a Catholic School on our parish campus. In my time here at St. Therese, I have seen that unity on display during the school masses on Wednesdays. There, daily mass parishioners and the Holy Trinity students praise God together. I know the students really enjoy those masses, and the daily mass goers have often told me that they enjoy the student’s enthusiastic singing!

Each time we have an all-school mass on Wednesday, I recall the school masses I participated in as a student at Hollidaysburg Catholic School and at Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School. The grace of those all-school masses, in addition to the Sunday parish masses, helped to open my heart to receive Christ’s call to the priesthood. Additionally, I can remember specific homilies and talks given by priests and teachers that got me thinking about a priestly vocation. I feel blessed that I was able to have those moments in our area’s Catholic schools, and it is really awesome to be a part of Catholic education for the next generation on our campus and at Bishop Guilfoyle. I hope and pray that our Catholic schools will nurture more priestly and religious vocations in the years to come!

During this year’s Catholic School’s Week, I would ask you to pray for the teachers, staff, volunteers, and administration of our Catholic Schools who work hard to give quality Catholic education to both Catholics and non-Catholic students in our area. In a special way, I would ask you to pray for the teachers, staff, and administrators of Holy Trinity who work on our parish’s campus.

Additionally, I want to thank all of you for your continuous generosity towards the parish. Money donated to the parish helps us to maintain our school building that is used by Holy Trinity Catholic School. Without the generous support of parishioners like you, Catholic education would not be a reality in our area.

If you or anyone you know is interested in Catholic education in our area, I would encourage you or them to reach out to Holy Trinity or Bishop Guilfoyle to get a tour and to talk about financial aid opportunities.

- Fr. Norris

MARCH FOR LIFE COLLECTION – The Citizens Concerned for Human Life would like to thank our parish for contributing \$623.00 in donations after masses on January 13th and 14th. The money raised at our parish helped to pay for the March For Life bus that traveled from the Altoona area to Washington D.C. Thank you all for your generous donations in support of the Pro-Life movement in our area!

ITALIAN CULTURE CLASS - All Saints Parish (Somerset County) will offer a lecture on Italian culture by Sam Patti on Monday Feb 5th at 6:30 PM at their parish hall (505 Center Street), entitled “Understanding Italian American Culture: Reading, Listening, Watching and Googling into Clarity.” Sam is the owner of LaPrima Coffee Company in Pittsburgh and has been a student and teacher of Italian American history and culture for over 45 years. He has done graduate work in the field at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania. All are welcome, refreshments will be served for more information or to register, please contact the Boswell parish office at: (814-629-5551).

STRENGTH IN CHRIST MEN’S CONFERENCE (JOURNEY TO JESUS) – The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will offer another Men’s Conference this spring on March 3rd from 11:30 AM-5:00 PM! The event will feature Catholic Speaker Cooper Ray, a panel of local Catholic men, talks by two priests, and mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak. There is no cost to attend, including free food and drinks! Seating is limited so please register for the conference on the diocesan website or with this link: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/2024-mens-con/>

Registration ends on February 23rd so act fast and register for this great opportunity to deepen your faith during Lent!

