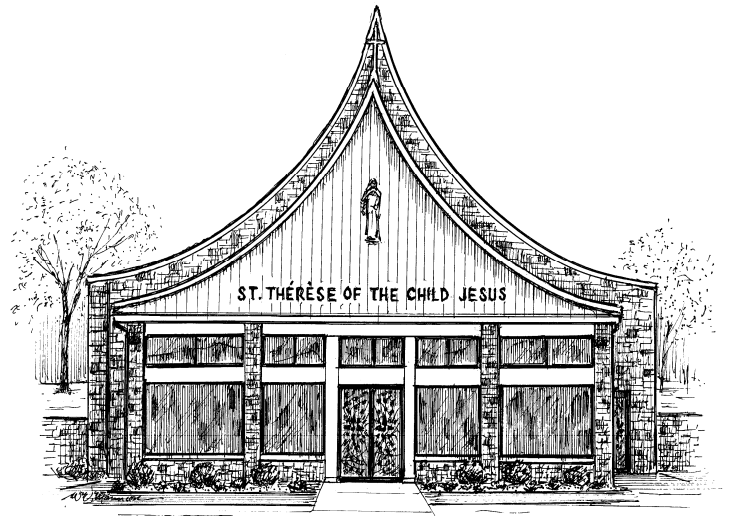


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



Father Brian Norris
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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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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.

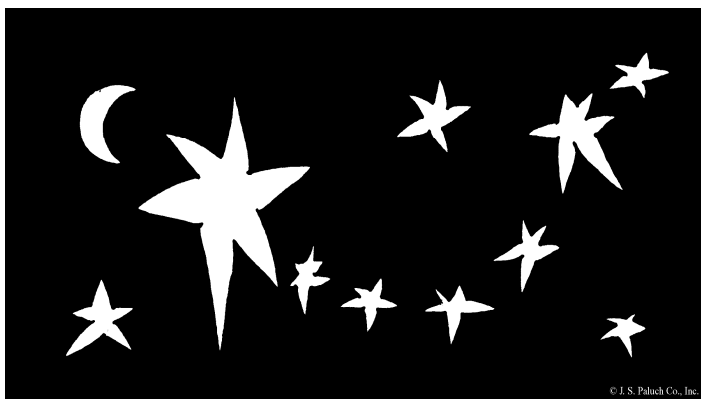
Weddings: Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (FOCCUS,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



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars
and calls each by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11;
Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40;
Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40;
Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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GIVING STATEMENTS 2023

The 2023 Statements have been mailed out to anyone who has contributed \$600.00 or more. If you would like a copy of your contribution statement please call the Rectory Office.

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

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!

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BLAZIN' ANGELS

Join us on February 4th for a night of fellowship at St. John the Evangelist's Parish Center from 6-9pm. Bring a Friend! Anyone ages 18-39 are welcome to join. If you are interested in attending or interested in learning more please let us know by emailing us at blazinangels.yagroup@gmail.com.



LENTEN FISH FRY

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish
Father Kelley Hall (25th Ave & 5th St)
Fridays during Lent.
February 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15, 22
4:00 PM until 7:00 PM or fish runs out.**

A choice of Baked or Fried Fish
Macaroni & Cheese or French Fries
Stewed Tomatoes
Cole Slaw or Apple Sauce
Plus Dessert

EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT

Cost: \$14.00– per Dinner

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

- February 1:** Karen George + Devin Hoover + Albert Ayala
- February 2:** Diana Weston + Rebecca Kasun
- February 3:** Marsha Rapp + Carol MacIntyre
- February 6:** Mary Ann Locke + Cathie Reilly + Benjamin Dick + Makayla Conrad
- February 7:** Charlene Frank + Karen Fields + Karen Fox + Jamie George + Nina McCarville

Anniversaries:

- February 1, 1969:** Theresa & John Plunket
- February 5, 1972:** Joseph & Pamela Fatigante
- February 6, 1979:** Monica & Robert Crook



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.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of January 18-24, 2024:

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| Sunday Offertory Adults: | \$ 2,380.00 |
| Sunday Offertory Students: | \$ 6.63 |
| Monthly Collection: | \$ 1,084.00 |
| Loose Collection: | \$ 231.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$ 3,701.63 |
| Twin Parish Collection: | \$ 75.00 |
| Christmas Club: | \$ 1,201.00 |
| Votive Candles: | \$ 53.00 |
| Other Receipts: | \$ 155.00 |
| Black & Indian: | \$ 10.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary: | \$ 18.00 |
| Easter Flowers: | \$ 20.00 |
| School Support: | \$ 103.00 |
| 2nd Sunday: | \$ 270.00 |
| TOTAL DEPOSIT: | \$ 5,606.63 |

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, February 5, 2024: St. Agatha**
7:45 AM ANDY DICKSON (Eileen Porta)
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024**
7:45 AM **NO MASS**
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024:**
8:30 AM GEORGE LÉPORE [Birthday (Wife & Children)]
- Thursday, February 8, 2024: St. Jerome & Josephine**
7:45 AM LARRY SPROUSE (John & Jean Chiridon)
- Friday, February 9, 2024:**
7:45 AM FRANK J. RIMBECK (Margaret A. Rimbeck)
- Saturday, February 10, 2024: St. Scholastica**
8:00 AM PATRICIA MONTGOMERY [Anniv.-1 year] (Estate)
5:00 PM THERESA KRUG COLE (Earl & Sandy Krug)
- Sunday, February 11, 2024: 6th Sun. in Ord. Time**
8:00 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
10:30 AM FR D. TIMOTHY GRIMME (Paula Hall)

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.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

February 10 & 11, 2024

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

“NO GREATER LOVE”

Adult Education will continue during Lent in Fr. Kelley Hall. The next series that we will watch is “No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk-Through Christ’s Passion.” The series will be shown in two sessions like the “Biblical Walk Through the Mass”. The first session will begin on Wednesday February 14th at 6pm (after the Ash Wednesday service concludes). The second session will begin at 9am on Sunday February 18th. Here’s a description of the series:

“Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ’s life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God’s immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.”

Please join us for this spiritually enriching series to learn more about the ultimate sign of Jesus’ love for us. It is free to attend the series. If you have any questions please call Mary Beth Schmidhamer at (814)-515-2914 or Sandy Lear at (814) 215-4970.

SAINT BLAISE

On February 3rd, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Blaise who was a bishop in Sabastea (in Modern Turkey) who died in 316AD. He was known for his holiness, his ability to tame animals, and for being a healer. On one occasion as he was being led to prison for not renouncing his faith, Blaise healed a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. St. Blaise is now most commonly known for the St. Blaise Day throat blessing where two un-lit candles are placed on either side of a person’s neck and the following prayer is said

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

We will celebrate these throat blessings after each mass this weekend, **February 3rd and 4th**. Simply line up as if you were going to communion to receive a throat blessing.

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next week we will have our usual second Sunday collection. This month’s collection will be for the Narthex HVAC system that I have spoken to you about in the past. We are off to a good start with this project. So far we have raised \$4,406.00 of our goal of \$14,500.00. Please continue to give generously to this project.

-Fr. Norris