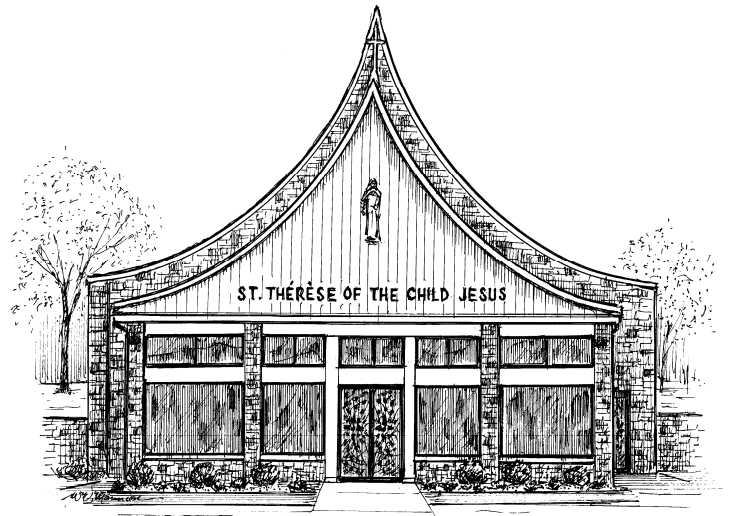


Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



Father Brian Norris
Deacon Thomas McFee
2301 Fifth Street
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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.

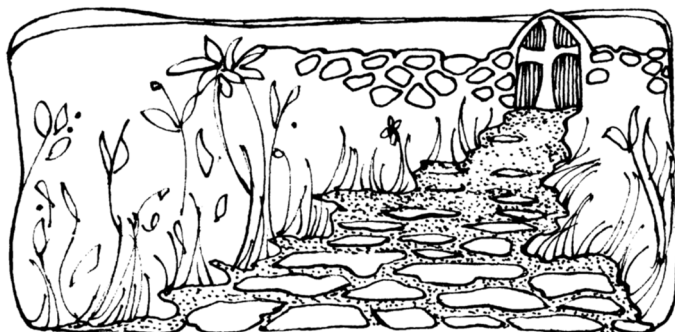
Weddings: Weddings are to be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance and should precede any other arrangements for the wedding. All Wedding liturgies are scheduled so as not to conflict with regularly scheduled parish liturgies. All Diocesan directives and regulations for Marriage preparation (FOCCUS,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



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First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.
— Psalm 25:4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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LENT AEROBIC DANCING CLASSES

Dancing to Christian music on Thursdays at Noon for six weeks beginning **February 15th** at Groove Fitness Studio, 539 E. 25th Ave (Ivyside Plaza). This class is included in all Groove Fitness Studio insurance programs and punch cards. Pay per price class is \$7.00.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC

For nationwide Mass times and locations:
Internet www.Masstimes.org OR call 1-410-676-6000.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

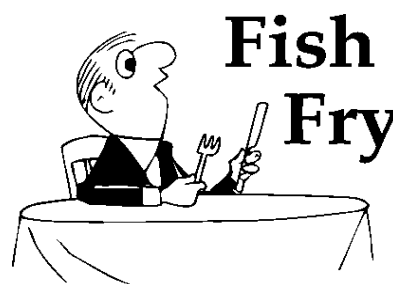
Holy spirit Ministry will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar on **Saturday, March 16**, at St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg.

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: holspiritministry20@gmail.com. All are welcome!

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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
READY TO GO ORDERS call
582-895-1741**

Cost: \$14.00– per Dinner



Birthdays:

- February 19:** Riley Ross + Ryan Kenner
- February 20:** Mona Greco + Dana Fischer + Michele DeBarnardis + Patricia Craig + Chelsey Settimio + Mark Page, Jr.
- February 22:** Joseph Fatigante
- February 23:** Judy Brunette + Nicole Settimio + Coltin Cover
- February 24:** Jamie Shortsleeve
- February 25:** Jamie McGreal

Anniversaries:

- February 22, 1975:** David & Denise Mason
- February 22, 1992:** John & Judy Negri

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

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

Easter Flower Memorials or Donations help defray the cost of flowers during the Easter season. These may memorialize (or remember) someone who is deceased, or be in honor of someone you respect or be a simple donation. Envelopes are in your monthly packet or may be obtained from the tables at the rear of each aisle.



THANK YOU TO THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee for St. Therese, made a generous donation in memory of Fr. D. Timothy Grimme. The donation is to be used for the Narthax Heat Replacement Project.

WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT

Deposits for the week of February 1 - 7, 2024:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	\$ 2,381.00
Sunday Offertory Students:	\$ 20.22
Monthly Collection:	\$ 2,340.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 247.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,988.22
Twin Parish Collection:	\$ 115.00
Christmas Club:	\$ 915.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 40.00
School Support:	\$ 245.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 280.00
Black & Indian:	\$ 165.00
2nd Sunday:	\$ 1,378.00
Other:	\$ 45.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT:	\$ 8,171.22

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



- Monday 19, 2024: President's Day**
7:45 AM NANCY & LOUIS BRAVIN (Daughter & Son)
- Tuesday 20, 2024:**
7:45 AM **NO MASS**
- Wednesday 21, 2024: St. Peter Damian**
8:30 AM LARRY SPROUSE (Cindy Sprouse-Baker & Family)
- Thursday 22, 2024: The Chair of St. Peter**
7:45 AM MRS. ANNA MOTTNER (Eileen Porta)
- Friday 23, 2024:**
7:45 AM WALTER DUMAN [Birthday] (Paula Hall)
- Saturday 24, 2024:**
8:00 AM VERONICA HEDDERMAN (husband, George Kunes)
5:00 PM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
- Sunday 25, 2025:**
8:00 AM FRANK J. RIMBECK (Margaret A. Rimbeck)
10:30 AM ANN SCHMIDHAMER (Mary Beth Schymidhamer)



LITURGICAL + ROLES

February 24 & 25, 2024

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM Alana Cropsey
- 8:00 AM Abraham Manfred, Reuben Manfred
- 10:30 AM Macyn Behe, Maxwell Stahlman

READERS

- 5:00 PM Kathleen Laporte, Rosalie Dickson
- 8:00 AM John Bravin, Andrew Potopa
- 10:30 AM Louis Gresik, Mary Beth Schmidhamer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- 5:00 PM Melvin Kepner, Christine Kepner, Deacon Thomas McFee
- 8:00 AM Mary Bravin, Kimberly Eppers, Deacon Thomas McFee
- 10:30 AM Thomas Forr, Patricia Forr, Deacon Thomas McFee

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 Kristine Hennaman, Marita Forr, Dianne Hite, Paul Hite

Stations of the Cross -- We will have Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7pm on Fridays. The Stations of the Cross devotion is an excellent way of meditating on what Jesus went through on Good Friday to free us all from sin and death. Meditating on these stations helps us to see just how much Jesus loves us, and can help us to recommit ourselves to our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices help us to grow in our love for Jesus Christ.

Hospital Visits – The Altoona Hospital does not reach out to our parish when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital. The Pastoral Care staff at the hospital can arrange for patients to receive the anointing of the sick and communion. However, if you would like me to visit you or a loved one who is in the hospital, please call the rectory and I will be happy to visit them.

Lenten Penance Service — Our Lenten Penance Service will be on Saturday March 16th at 10am. Please take advantage of this penance service and the extra priest confessors to make a good confession in preparation for the great feast day of Easter!

Lent — The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning “spring,” or “a new birth.” This time of year, helps us to renew our lives as Catholics and renew our life in Jesus, his Church, and his Father. These 40 days allow us to journey with Jesus through his passion and death leading us to rejoice in his resurrection. This is the reality of the Paschal Mystery, the essence of our sacramental life in the Church. In order to be fully immersed in the Lenten experience, the Church gives us three extraordinary ways to draw closer into this mystery: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

1. Prayer — Prayer is conversation with God. Prayer is essential for fasting and almsgiving because prayer gives us the strength to fast. Pope Francis said, “Lent is a privileged time for prayer.” In prayer, we draw closer in our relationship with God. A deeper relationship with God makes us grateful for the blessings we have received. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey and is vital to all of our actions in life.

a. Scripture References for Prayer: Zephaniah 3: 17; Joel 2: 1-2; John 16: 33; Philipians 3: 10-11

2. Fasting & Abstinence — Fasting and abstinence are old traditions in Judeo-Christian history and early Lenten practice. Found in the Scriptures, they offer a way of growing closer to God. Pope Francis reminds us, “Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else...”

a. Individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by having only one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

b. All over the age of 14 are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.

c. In addition to the above traditional forms, try fasting from social media, technology, gossip, and excessive screen time. Fasting reminds us of our hunger for God.

d. Scripture References for Fasting: Joel 2: 12-14; Isaiah 58: 6-7; Matthew 6: 16-18; Mark 1: 12-15

3. Almsgiving — Almsgiving (giving) is a response to God’s having first blessed us. God who has blessed us with material wealth, asks us to show generosity by blessing the less fortunate through almsgiving. Almsgiving helps us to realize that we are the Body of Christ, responsible for each other. Justice, mercy, and charity are integral elements of our Baptismal call to be disciples of Jesus.

a. Scripture References for Almsgiving: Leviticus 19: 9-10; Proverbs 19: 17; Luke 19: 1-10; Romans 15: 25-28

Lenten Season

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