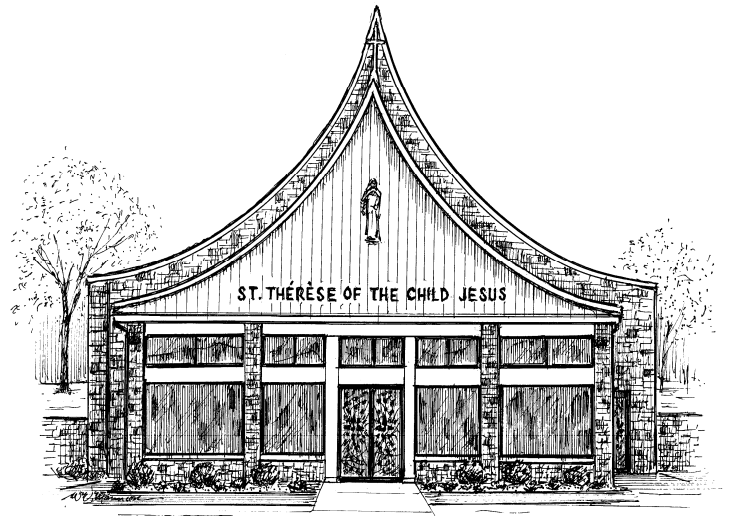


# Saint Therese of the Child Jesus



**Father Brian Norris**  
**Deacon Thomas McFee**  
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

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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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**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3, 2024**

I, the LORD, am your God . . .  
You shall not have other gods besides me.  
— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;  
 Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
 Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
 Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;  
 Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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[stthereseofjesus.flocknote.com](http://stthereseofjesus.flocknote.com)

**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. Instructor is Cathy Chirdon.

**FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLIC**

For nationwide Mass times and locations:  
Internet [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) OR call 1-410-676-6000.



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**Lenten Penance Service Schedule:**

- March 3**  
-Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Altoona – 4:00 PM
- March 6**  
-Saint Mary Parish, Altoona – 5:30 PM
- March 10**  
-Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, Loretto – 7:00 PM
- March 14**  
-Saint Mark Parish, Altoona – 5:30 PM
- March 16**  
-St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Altoona 10:00 AM
- March 18**  
-Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona – 7:00 PM
- March 20**  
-Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona– 6:00 PM
- March 21**  
-Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona – 5:30 PM
- March 24**  
-Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg – 4:00 PM
- March 27**  
-Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly – 6:00 PM



**Fish Fry**  
**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  
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**Spring forward!**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!**

Sunday, March 10, Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM. Before retiring for the night on Saturday, March 09, be sure to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour.

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthdays:**

- March 4:** Craig McCloskey + Brady Freiwald
- March 5:** Krista Schlecht + Jordan McClure + Raymond Eckenrode
- March 6:** Cynthia College
- March 7:** Robert Gallagher, III + Lily Adams + Max Kessinger
- March 8:** Amber Bott
- March 9:** Alan Temofonte + Brad Brenneman
- March 10:** Donna Hoover + Brian McFee

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

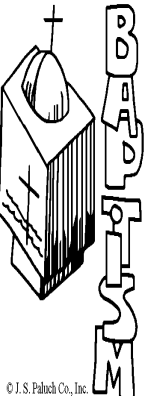
**BAPTISMS!**

We want to welcome and congratulate our three newest Parishioners:

**Eliza Hoover**, daughter of Devin and Danielle Hoover baptized on 02/11/24.

**Kal Metzgar**, son of Brian and Kasie Metzgar baptized on 2/4/24.

**Kara Metzgar**, daughter of Brian and Kasie Metzgar baptized on 2/25/24.



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**WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT**

Deposits for the week of February 15 - 21, 2024:

Sunday Offertory Adults:	<b>\$ 2,245.00</b>
Sunday Offertory Students:	<b>\$ 10.39</b>
Monthly Collection:	<b>\$ 334.00</b>
Loose Collection:	<b>\$ 233.00</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$ 2,822.39</b>
Twin Parish Collection:	<b>\$ 255.00</b>
Christmas Club:	<b>\$ 1,198.00</b>
Votive Candles:	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
School Support:	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
Other Receipts:	<b>\$ 270.00</b>
Black & Indian:	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
Easter:	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
Easter Flowers:	<b>\$ 330.00</b>

TOTAL DEPOSIT: **\$ 4,990.39**

\*\*\*Totals of FISH FRIES: Week 1: \$4,462.00  
 Week 2: \$5,158.00

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, March 4, 2024:**  
7:45 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY (Kapfhammer Family)
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024:**  
7:45 AM NO MASS
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024:**  
8:30 AM IRENE SCHLECHT (Albert Schlecht)
- Thursday, March 7, 2024: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity**  
7:45 AM STEVE IRVIN (Cropsey Family)
- Friday, March 8, 2024: St. John of God**  
7:45 AM NO MASS
- Saturday, March 9, 2024: St. Francis of Rome**  
8:00 AM ANN SCHMIDHAMER (Society of SVDP, Altoona Council)  
5:00 PM JOAN & EDWARD MILLER [Birthday 1/13] (Earl & Sandy Krug)
- Sunday, March 10, 2024: 4th Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 AM BRIAN KLINGER {Birthday} (Ken & Debbie Klinger)  
10:30 AM FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

**NIGHTS AT THE RACES**

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**, at Holy Trinity-Eldorado Gym. Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner is at 6:00 PM, and Horse Races start at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$40.00 includes: food, drinks and one horse, jockey or trainer. Receive \$15.00 in family fundraising credit for each ticket sold under the student's name. Stay after the races for an "after hours" get-together! Kentucky derby dress attire is highly encouraged. Contact Holy Trinity at 814-942-7835 for information.

**LITURGICAL + ROLES**

**March 9th & 10th, 2024**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- 5:00 PM Alana Cropsey, Maxwell Stahlman
- 8:00 AM Colin Etters, Natalie Etters
- 10:30 AM Owen McCarville & Paul McCarville

**READERS**

- 5:00 PM Albert Schlecht & Judith Wilkinson
- 8:00 AM John Bravin, Andrew Potopa
- 10:30 AM Jay Burlingame, Andre McCarville

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- 5:00 PM Melvin Kepner, Christine Kepner, Anna Kepner
- 8:00 AM Kimberly Etters Mary Bravin, Deacon Thomas McFee
- 10:30 AM Alice Sturm, Robert Kasun, Sandra Lear

**GREETERS/USHERS**

- 5:00 PM Barbara Grimme, Janet Luciano, Dave Mason, Leonard Haduck
- 8:00 AM Robert Gallagher Jr, Robert Gallagher, III, Kenneth Klinger
- 10:30 AM Cathy Chirdon, Robert Chirdon, Mary Alice Kauffman, Raymond Kauffman

## **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2024 “ENCOUNTERING CHRIST”–**

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving, those in need, and formation of our diocesan priests and deacons.

This year, our campaign’s theme is Encountering Christ. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Encountering Christ is an invitation to grow in your living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to open your heart to serving your brothers and sisters, and to fulfill your holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

If you did not bring your pledge card to mass this weekend, or send it in this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the near future. Our diocesan ministries need your support.

Our parish goal for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive is \$21,294.00. All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be used for the Church Narthex HVAC Renovation. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our diocese’s vital ministries!

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP -**

Please join us for a Young Adult Theology on Tap Event on March 7th at Jethro’s Restaurant and Bar in Altoona. The talk will start at 6pm. Theology on Tap is an event designed to bring together young adult Catholics (ages 21 - 39) into one community. The premise of the event will be a social time and then a brief theological talk by Father Brian Norris. The plan is for this to be a monthly event with new speakers each month.

### **DR. EDWARD SRI EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENT-**

The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown proudly presents: DR. EDWARD SRI, a nationally recognized theologian and speaker, for a 2-day event celebrating the national Eucharistic Revival. The event will take place at Mount Aloysius College at the Athletic Convocation and Wellness Center.

Friday April 19th, Dr. Sri will give 2 talks from 7pm-9:30pm that will be open to High School Students, College Students, and Young Adults. His topics will be: Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love and When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul.

Saturday April 20th, Dr. Sri will speak to the general public in 3 talks from 9am-12:30pm. His topics will be: Into His Likeness: Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ; When You Pray: Trust, Surrender and the Transformation of Your Soul and Vibrant Faith in a Secular Age. Sign up for this awesome event on the diocesan website: [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) or mail in a form available at each parish in the diocese (available on the narthex tables).

Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna: email [llamagna@dioceseaj.org](mailto:llamagna@dioceseaj.org) or phone at 814-742-7894.