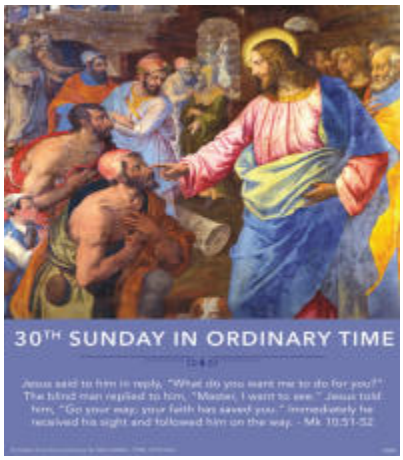

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Sacraments

Baptism—Either Saturday or Sunday during Mass or other times by request
Marriage—Please make arrangements at least SIX MONTHS in advance.
Confessions– Anytime by request.
Anointing/Prayers/Visits—If you are sick, having surgery or health issues and would like Fr. Lourdu to anoint, pray or visit, please call the parish office at 715-339-2222 or Fr. Lourdu at 715-560-3452.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm St. Therese
Sunday 8:00 am St. Therese
Sunday 9:30 am St. John
Sunday 11:00 am St. Paul

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday 4 pm St. Therese
Wednesday 8:30 am St. Paul
Thursday 8:30 am St. John
Friday 8:30 am St. Therese

Holy Day Mass Schedule

7:00 pm Anticipated Mass at St. John's; 5:30 pm at St. Therese; 7:00 pm at St. Paul's

New Parishioners are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by or call the cluster office.

Office Hours:
St. Therese-Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
St. Paul-Monday and Friday 9 am to noon

SYNOD OF THE WORLD'S BISHOPS—Pope Francis is convening a Synod of the World's Bishops in October of 2023 to discuss the very notion of "Synodality," with the three main themes being Communion, Participation and Mission. Pope Francis has said that he sees this synod as a fulfillment of the Second Vatican Council, the central teaching of which was the Universal Call to Holiness. The Holy Father is asking us to grow in true communion with the Lord and with each other. In preparation for the Synod taking place in Rome in 2023, there will be two prior phases of the Synod. The first phase will happen at our local, Diocesan level from this October until April of 2022. We are being asked to pray and reflect with the entire People of God on the mission of the Church and how the Holy Spirit is moving to lead us into a deeper sense of and commitment to Communion, Participation and Mission.

In the pews you will find a card titled "Synodal Prayer to the Holy Spirit." We will pray this prayer at every Mass until April 2022.During the second phase, our Diocese will submit a report on our process to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops –the USCCB –which will synthesize the reports of the entire country. This work will then be submitted to the Vatican in preparation for the gathering of the universal Church in 2023

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE—October 24, 2021—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey. St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

October 24, 2021
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

October 23 through October 31, 2021
Sat 4:30 pm St. Therese †Helen Marinich [Family]
Sun 8:00 am St. Therese †Anna Loula [Therese Trojak]
Sun 9:30 am St. John People of the Parishes
Sun 11:00 am St. Paul †Joe & Lucille Makovsky [Lester & Mary Jean Peterson]
Sat 4:30 pm St. Therese †Bill Baratka [Bob & Sandi Heimerl]
Sun 8:00 am St. Therese People of the Parishes
Sun 9:30 am St. John †Arlene DeBoth [Lester & Mary Jean Peterson]
Sun 11:00 am St. Paul †Tammy Nelson [Ryan & Nikki Sidenbender And girls]

Cluster Calendar of Events
Saturday, October 23
4:30 pm Mass at St. Therese
Sunday, October 24 (World Mission Sunday)
8:00 am Mass at St. Therese
9:30 am Mass at St. John
11:00 am Mass at St. Paul
Saturday, October 30
4:30 pm Mass at St. Therese
Sunday, October 31
8:00 am Mass at St. Therese
9:30 am Mass at St. John
11:00 am Mass at St. Paul

Bible Study—Wednesdays at 10:30 at St. Therese.

October—Respect Life Month
Although we must cherish, protect and defend human life year-round, the Catholic Church in the United States sets aside each October as Respect Life Month. Through our Christian hope in the resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith and protect all vulnerable life. Please keep in your prayers, the most precious and innocent lives of the unborn, handicapped and aged.
This is from the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities USCCB.
October is a month when the Catholic Churches in the United States increase their emphasis on the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. The 2021 theme kicking off Respect Life Month in October is "St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us."

National Night of Prayer for Life—Takes place every year from 9 pm December 8th to 1 am December 9. It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life. St Therese Church in Phillips will hold this celebration...everyone is welcome to attend for an hour or two or the entire evening

Please welcome
Fr. Aaron Devett (Woodruff) October 23 & 24.
Fr. Kevin Farrell (Rhinelander) October 30 & 31
Fr. Dean Buttrick (Cable) November 6 & 7.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
If you are interested in taking classes to prepare for entry into the Catholic Church, please contact Sue at the parish office at 715-339-2222. This program is for those who are considering becoming Catholic and those Catholic adults who have not been confirmed.

Pray for the Sick

Polly Anderson, Helen Bach, Joyce Bacholl, Pete Bartelt, Cindy Baumann, Dean Boris, Charlee Rose Guidry, James Bacher, Louie Bubenic, Theresa Collins, Dolly Curran, Michaela Eisner, Dorothy Eskola, Walter Felten, Nick Gillund, Rabbi Jacob Goode, Charles Hardy, Katrina Haugsby, Mary Heinz, Kevin Holoubek, Stanley Holoubek, Madisen Johnson, Mildred Kempen, Connie Koci, Mike Kurth, Jr., Elaine Laatsch, Sue Leider, Lois Lemcke, Larry Makovsky, Gloria Marko, Nancy Marshall, Carol Moore, Jean Newbury, Cassy Norwick, Karen Olson, Jean Ravet, Chuck Regner, Don Ringersma, Tim Salisbury, Kristin (Wanish) Salisbury, Joseph Saunter, Olivia Schmidt, Kathy Smugala, Rosey Smugala, Clifton Surprenant, Diego Surman, Clifford Timmers, Kate Tollefson, Al Voss, Rita Warren, Miriam Weber, Steve Wirtas. ***Please call the parish office at 715-339-2222 to add a name to this prayer list published in the bulletin.***

Pray for the Military Personnel

Our Weekly Giving

St. Therese	
Envelopes	$2,039.00
Loose	$243.74
Total:	$2,282.74
St. John	
Envelopes:	$2,050.45
Loose:	$82.00
Total:	$2,132.45
St. Paul	
Envelopes	$810.00
Loose	$151.00
Total:	$961.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2021-22 Catholic Services Appeal

	St. Therese	St. John	St. Paul
Goal:	$31,954	$8,938	$9,977
Paid:	$ 8,320	$2,300	$2,612
To Raise:	$23,634	$6,638	$7,365

CSA—Thank you for filling out a CSA Envelope. For those who did not fill one out, please do so before you leave church today. No gift is too small and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. There are many challenges that face us today. The shortage of priests is one such challenge., The responsibility our parish has to help provide diocesan services and ministries such as support for vocations and the education of seminarians is an answer to that challenge.

World Mission Sunday
TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Cluster News

Fr. Jerry's 30 Year Ordination
Fr. Jerry celebrates his 30 year ordination anniversary on November 3rd.To congratulate and celebrate this milestone, all are invited to join Fr. Jerry after the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass on 10/30 and after each of the morning Masses on Sunday 10/31 at Holy Family parish in Woodruff. The celebrations will be held in the Parish Hall. An anniversary cake will be served along with light refreshments. Please plan to join and celebrate with Fr. Jerry, fellow parishioners, family, and friends

St. Paul's News

Challenge—Marilyn VanDeVoort has donated $1,000 to the St. Paul the Apostle Maintenance Fund/Building Fund. She is challenging other families to also donate $1,000 to the Maintenance Fund. If she gets ten families to donate $1,000 to the fund she will donate another $1,000.
12/27/20, 4/4/21, 4/19/21, 5/2/21, 5/2/21, 6/6/21, 8/1/21 Anonymous donations of $1,000 each, 10/3/21 St. Paul's CCW $1,000

Religious Education Confirmation Classes
October 24 and October 31 No Confirmation Class
November 7 Confirmation Class at St. Therese 6:30 to 8:30 pm
Religious Education
October 31—Class—All Saints Day Program
November 7—Class

The next CCW meeting will be Monday evening, October 25th, at 6:00 pm. We're hoping for a good turnout of active and new active members as this will be election of officers, since at this time we are without a President. Please don't stay away out of fear of being elected to an office! You will be treated kindly.

St. Vincent De Paul News
Thrift Store hours are Tuesday through Friday 9:30am to 5pm and Saturday 9am-4pm. Donation drop-off hours are 10am to 2pm Tuesday through Saturday. All hours of operation are subject to change; please confirm by phone at 715-339-6979 to avoid inconvenience. Thank you for your generosity and understanding!
Outreach help line remains active for telephone-only visits. Monetary donations to St. Vincent de Paul are gratefully accepted by mail to 134 S. Avon Ave. Phillips, WI 54555.
Food Pantry Hours:
Phillips: Tuesdays, 9am to 11am
Catawba: Third Saturday of the month, 9am to 11am. Food will be boxed and can be picked up outside the pantry. Forms will be proxy

St. Therese's News

Volunteers are needed for vacuuming the pews and dusting on November 10th at 9:00 am. If you are able to help, contact Mary Lou Kolnik at luludk@pctcnet.net or give her a call.

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Religious Education Classes
October 27—Class K-10
November 3—Class K-10
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The good news is we have 65 students enrolled in our religious education program! The challenge is to find volunteers to support this important mission of raising life-long Catholics. We could use a middle school teacher, middle school aid, substitute teachers and support staff. Won't you consider helping to make a valuable difference in our parish? Please let Elizabeth know if you are willing to serve. 715-339-4885.
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The grand piano in our church is unusable as it does not keep a tune and our piano tuner said it cannot be fixed. The Phillips Liturgy Committee has been given approval to begin a fund raising project to purchase a grand piano for St. Therese. Members of the Liturgy Committee will be evaluating pianos and preparing a budget. We will not be asking the Parish for funds to purchase a piano. The piano will be funded by donations and/or fund raising efforts. Donations may be given in memory of a loved one, if desired. Donors may be kept anonymous or may choose to have name(s) added to a plaque which will be placed by the piano. Please contact Sue Klimowski at the office for further information.

To address a few issues, we would like to clarify that the existing electronic keyboard will remain in the church. We had hoped to be able to obtain a piano at close to half the price, but after visiting the vendors, we found that the lower priced pianos would not be adequate for our church. If we do not reach the $30,000 goal, we would look at a smaller piano and considering micing it, but that is not ideal. Or we may consider a slightly used piano of the same size for a lower price.
Thank you, The Phillips Liturgy Committee.

St. John's News

Religious Education—Classes run from 3 pm—4:30 pm on Wednesday
October 24 (Sunday) —All Saints Program/Children's Mass/Doughnuts
November 3—Class
November 17—class

CCW meeting at St. John's on Sunday, November 7 following Mass..

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