

## The Parish Cluster of

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Catawba

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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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE—  
January 9, 2022—The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” -  
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

**January 9, 2022**  
The Baptism of the Lord

## Mass Intentions for the Week

January 8 through January 16, 2022

Sat 4:30 pm St. Therese †Bill Baratka [Sparky & Marlene Barber]

Sun 8:00 am St. Therese People of the Parishes

Sun 9:30 am St. John †John Esterholm [Ellen Rogers]

Sun 11:00 am St. Paul †Bob Kempen [Jean Kempen]

Tues 4:00 pm St. Therese †Jerry Servinsky [Donna Bubenec]

Wed 8:30 am St. Paul †Leo Koblizek [Jim & Rose Markham]

Thurs 5:30 pm St. John †John Esterholm [Richard Norek]

Fri 8:30 am St. Therese †Eugene Kerner [Ellen Rogers]

Sat 4:30 pm St. Therese People of the Parishes

Sun 8:00 am St. Therese †Denise Gruszka [Tim & Christina Bernards]

Sun 9:30 am St. John †John Esterholm [Lester & Mary Jean Peterson]

Sun 11:00 am St. Paul †Pat Kurth [The Smugala Family]



## Pray for the Sick

Polly Anderson, Helen Bach, Joyce Bacholl, Pete Bartelt, Cindy Baumann, Dean Boris, Charlee Rose Guidry, James Bacher, Louie Bubenec, Theresa Collins, Dolly Curran, Michaela Eisner, Dorothy Eskola, Walter Felten, Nick Gillund, Charles Hardy, Katrina Haugsby, Mary Heinz, Kevin Holoubek, Stanley Holoubek, Madisen Johnson, Mildred Kempen, Connie Koci, Nancy Kokstis, Mike Kurth, Jr., Elaine Laatsch, Sue Leider, Lois Lemcke, Larry Makovsky, Gloria Marko, Nancy Marshall, Carol Moore, Jean Newbury, Karen Olson, Joe & Bernice Polacek, 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, Millie Trzecinski, 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

### Cluster Calendar of Events

#### Saturday, January 8

4:30 pm Mass at St. Therese

#### Sunday, January 9

8:00 am Mass at St. Therese

9:30 am Mass at St. John

11:00 am Mass at St. Paul

#### Tuesday, January 11

4:00 pm Mass at St. Therese

5:00 pm Pastoral Meeting at St. Therese

#### Wednesday, January 12

8:30 am Mass at St. Paul

6:00 pm Pastoral Meeting at St. Paul

#### Thursday, January 13

Noon Adoration at St. John

5:00 Confessions at St. John

5:30 pm Mass at St. John

7:00 pm Knight of Columbus Meeting at St. John in Prentice

#### Friday, January 14

8:30 am Mass at St. Therese

#### Saturday, January 15

4:30 pm Mass at St. Therese

#### Sunday, January 16

8:00 am Mass at St. Therese

9:30 am Mass at St. John

11:00 am Mass at St. Paul

**Reflection on Sunday Scripture**—Wednesday at 10:30 in a classroom at St. Therese.

**Parish Directory**—The Parish Directories will be arriving in March. We will contact you when they arrive.

**Christmas Cards**—If you have any extra religious Christmas cards, please donate them to the parish.

On January 22 of this year (2022), abortion will have been legal for 49 years in the U.S. This is a moral travesty. Please consider what you can do to help change the path of abortion. Pray and pray hard every day that the Supreme Court will overturn Roe v Wade. Euthanasia, Infanticide and Physician Assisted Suicide have increased and become very common. As Christians, we must not accept this and stand by and watch the destruction of our nation.

### Our Weekly Giving

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| St. Therese |            |
| Envelopes   | \$2,613.00 |
| Loose       | \$352.00   |
| Total:      | \$2,965.00 |

St. John & St. Paul will be published next week

(Totals include only the basic collection)

### 2021-22 Catholic Services Appeal As of December 28, 2021

|           | St. Therese | St. John | St. Paul |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Goal:     | \$31,954    | \$8,938  | \$9,977  |
| Paid:     | \$18,911.66 | \$4,565  | \$7,554  |
| To Raise: | \$13,042.34 | \$4,373  | \$2,423  |

### 16th Annual Music Ministry Retreat & Workshop

All pastoral musicians are invited to attend the 16th Annual Music Ministry Retreat and Workshop, held at St. Joseph Church in Amery on February 4 and 5, 2022. The presenters are Bonnie Faber and Roger Stratton and will guide attendees toward learning more about the liturgical musician's role of joyful servant as part of the worshipping assembly. Please check the Diocese of Superior website for more details. [www.catholicdos.org](http://www.catholicdos.org)

As the 2021/22 Catholic Services Appeal continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge.

For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the CSA, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that reflects your blessings.



## Cluster News

Offering Envelopes are on the table in the gathering area at all the churches in the cluster. If you did not get envelopes, and would like to receive them, please call Sue at the parish office at 715-339-2222.

### End of Year Parish Contributions Statements

If you would like a statement for tax purposes, please call (715-339-2222) or e-mail the parish office (oln@pctcnet.net) or put a note in the collection basket.

### Retrouvaille—February 18-20, 2022

Retrouvaille is a weekend experience designed to help a couple re-establish communication and to gain insight into themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for February 18-20, 2022 in Wausau, WI. For more information or to register, call toll free 1-877-922-4673.

### Advertiser of the Week



### 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 signed for visitors.

## St. John's News

CCW Meeting— Sunday, January 9th.

Religious Education—Classes run from 3 pm—4:30 pm on Wednesday

January 5—Class

January 19—Class

January 23—Children's Mass/Doughnuts

## St. Therese's News

Religious Education Classes

January 12—Class K-10

January 26—Class K-10

January 30—Youth Mass All Students AT 8 AM

Faith Formation K-10 families 9 to 10 am

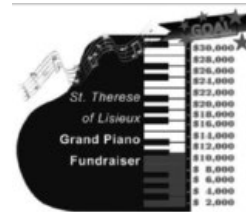
Confirmation Class for January

January 9—Confirmation Class at St. Therese 6:30 to 8:30 pm

In need of ice cream pails and cool whip containers. Please drop off in the kitchen.

CCW Meeting—There will be no CCW Meeting in January.

Our current grand piano is unusable as it does not keep a tune and cannot be fixed. The Liturgy Committee received approval to begin a fund raiser to purchase a grand piano without asking the Parish for funds. 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. Please contact Sue Klimowski at the office for further information. Please note the existing electronic keyboard will remain at the church. We had hoped to consider a lower priced piano; however, for our sized sanctuary a larger piano is recommended. If we do not reach our \$30,000 goal, we will look at other options. Thank you. The Phillips Liturgy Committee.



## St. Paul's News

Religious Education

January 9—Class

January 16—Class

January 23—Class

Confirmation Class for January

January 9—Confirmation Class at St. Therese 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Confirmation Candidate Conferences right after Mass on January 9.

Please join us to pray the rosary every Monday morning at 10:00 am

The CCW January meeting will be held on January 29 at 10:00 am in conjunction with a brunch for all the ladies of St. Paul the Apostle. Come and share your ideas with us as we plan our events for the year 2022.

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