December 13, 2020—3rd Sunday of Advent

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CLERGY

Fr. Leonard Andrie, Pastor
Deacon John Allgaier

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend:

- Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays:

- Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7:00 am
- Wednesday 5:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:
Wednesday: 5:00—5:20 pm
Saturday: 8:30 to 9:30 am
4:00 to 4:30 pm

Baptism:
Call Liz Lammers, 952-473-4422, to schedule Baptism preparation class.

Matrimony:
Call Geri Korman, 952-261-0560, at least six months in advance to schedule wedding preparations.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Tuesday: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Friday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

PASTORAL CARE

For the sick, homebound, dying and bereaved, contact the Parish Office at 952-473-4422.
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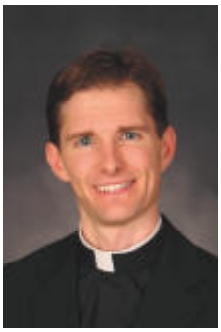
A Message from Father Andrie



Gaudete Sunday

This Sunday is referred to as Gaudete Sunday or "rejoice Sunday." On this Sunday, the priest leaves behind the purple vestments and wears rose, a more festive color. Additionally, this Sunday we light the rose colored candle.

Rose is the shade in between purple and white. It reminds us of the first rays of the sun as they peek out over the horizon. The sun (Son!) is coming and therefore we have great joy. On Gaudete Sunday, we take a break from our penances (Are you practicing a small penance?) to celebrate that Christmas is drawing near.

Our readings this Sunday are unified by the theme of rejoicing, reminding us the role of joy in the Christian life. Peter Kreeft, a professor at Boston College and well-known Catholic apologist, says, "Everyone wants pleasure. More deeply, everyone wants happiness. Most deeply, everyone wants joy." Simply put, we are made for joy.

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah says, "*God is the joy of my soul.*" While it is easy to gloss over this line, it conveys a deep truth. Unfortunately, very often we attempt to make something other than God the subject of this sentence. "Money, sports, success is the joy of my soul." All of these things, however, are something less than God. They are created goods, while God is infinitely good.

Additionally, "*God is the joy of my soul*" teaches us that joy results when we possess the good. God is infinitely good, and when we possess Him or are in communion with Him, we will have *great* joy. In other words, joy is the "fruit" or "effect" of possessing the good. Think of standing by a fire where you enjoy the effect of its heat. When we possess God, we experience joy.

Furthermore, St. Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit causes joy. According to Romans 14:17, "*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.*" If the Holy Spirit is charity or the love of the Father and the Son, then joy is the effect of charity. In other words, those who live in charity possess great joy.

Jesuit priest, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, once famously said, "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God." In this light, I remember walking down the hallway in my first year as a seminarian. Our rector said, "How's it going today?" "Just great," I said with a smile. He replied, "Joy is the sign of the presence of God." This made a deep impression on me. Not long afterward, I remember asking the Lord, "Jesus, give me the gift of joy. I want to be a joyful priest!" In short, if you want joy, ask for it!

In our second reading, St. Paul tells the Thessalonians, "*Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*" Notice that St. Paul couples joy with prayer and thanksgiving. In other words, joy results from a life of heartfelt prayer and gratitude.

There is a Latin phrase "*omne trium perfectum"* or everything that comes in three is perfect. As Catholics, this makes sense given that we believe in the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For example, Julius Caesar once famously said, "*Veni, vidi, vici*" or "I came, I saw, I conquered." The Olympic motto is "faster, higher, stronger." The Declaration of Independence outlines the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

For the Christian, a full or beautiful life is a life of prayer, gratitude, and joy. How often the saints reveal this truth! Rooted in prayer, they serve God and others out of gratitude and consequently, experience great joy in doing so.

As we mark the halfway point of Advent this Sunday, take a pause to focus on the great gift of joy. What role does joy have in your life? Is it something you ask the Lord to give you? Do you experience it in serving your family members, parishioners, or neighbors? Everyone wants pleasure. More deeply, everyone wants happiness. Most deeply, everyone wants joy. Possessing joy, you will be a great sign to others that God is good and that He lives in you!

Everything that comes in three is perfect

Eucharistic Liturgy Calendar and Intentions: streamed on our website

Monday	12/14		Chapel is not open at this time
Tuesday	12/15	*7:00am	Stephi Pyle
Wednesday	12/16	*7:00am	Robert Morris
		8:00am	For our school teachers & staff
		5:30pm	†Lee Hanson
Thursday	12/17	*7:00am	†Irma Valles Weyer
Friday	12/18	*7:00am	†Helen Hasselstrom
Saturday	12/19	*8:00am	Tom Kleven
		5:00pm	Ellie Hexum
Sunday	12/20	8:00am	For the People
		10:00am	†John Daniel Kelly

*Restreamed at noon

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-3

Remember in Your Prayers

Rochelle (Daniels) Ratzloff, Janet Ziebarth, Theresa Nelson, Michael Scott, Bill Ashenbach, Richard Morton, Sr. Cecilia Albury, Aleen Okey, Kailey Giancola, Luke Hauser, Philomene Schultz, Mary Pat O'Connell.

To be included in our Prayer Requests, you or a family member should call the parish office, 952-473-4422. Names will be shown for 30 days unless renewed.

Upcoming Events

Dec 14:	Sharing and Caring Hands
Dec 15:	Bible Study
Dec 16:	Super Holy Hour
Dec 16/17:	Grief Group Zoom Mtgs
Dec 19/20:	ICA Food Collection Weekend
Dec 24/25:	Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Campus Closed
Dec 31/ Jan 1:	New Year's Eve/New Year's Day Campus Closed
Jan 5:	Bible Study
Jan 7:	St. Elizabeth Book Club—*"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek"*
Jan 16/17:	Community Caring for Life Diaper Drive
Jan 22/23:	Women's Retreat

Go to www.st-therese.org for parish updates on Confession and Adoration. Livestreaming of Mass and Rosary videos available on our website. Also, see our Covid Connect/C-19 corner for inspiration and home ideas for individuals and families.

ARTICLES/INSERTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have something printed in the bulletin, please submit the article 10 days prior to publication. Inserts are forms or flyers with information that will not fit in the body of the bulletin. Please submit inserts 5 days prior to publication. To have a pulpit announcement made during weekend liturgies, please submit it by Thursday noon. Please email submissions to Catherine at crupp@st-therese.org.

A Note From Deacon John

Rejoice in the Lord

This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete in Latin means rejoice. In the first reading (Isaiah 61:1- 11), Isaiah reminds us that the Messiah is coming and he is bringing us joy. He will especially bring joy to those who are afflicted - "the poor, the brokenhearted and liberty to prisoners." We may think that this promise of joy doesn't really impact us because by world standards, we may not be poor. We may also think we do not need liberty, since we are not prisoners. However, being poor is most often not in reference to financial poverty. Being a prisoner does not uniquely focus on those who are spending time in jail. After a visit to the United States, Mother Teresa reflected that "the poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty – it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God."

We rejoice as Christians, knowing that the Messiah is coming to bring us comfort and joy. There is no room for poverty in our heart if we fill our lives with our Lord. The poverty and loneliness that Mother Teresa witnessed was from those who were focused on worldly priorities over their relationship with God. Our focus on the gift of God, the Messiah, brings us joy.

This week of Advent, we are all called to "Rejoice" in the promise of the Messiah. He brings us comfort and joy that can only be found in Him. Rejoice in the Lord!

St. Therese Catholic School

Annual Christmas Service Projects

Here are our 8th graders packing shower kits for Sharing and Caring Hands in their Advisory. Every family donated 12 of an item to do a dozen kits. We love participating in this annual project along with St. Therese parishioners.

Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

We currently have priority enrollment for Kindergarten open until December 18th. Contact principal Adam Groebner (agroebner@st-therese.org) for more information.

Registration for current/returning students will automatically occur at the end of January. More details will be shared at that time.

SCRIP Gift Cards for Sale, Purchase for the Holidays!

Gift cards will be for sale near the kiosk for the next few weekends following Mass through December 20th. St. Therese School earns a percentage off all SCRIP card sales. Thank you for supporting St. Therese School!

Early Learning Center

Half Day Owls

The Owls have been having so much fun learning about animal families, our families, and as we get closer to Christmas, the Holy Family. We have been busy practicing our numbers, letters, and patterns. We continue to thrive outside learning and playing, and when possible enjoying campfires.

The Early Childhood Program at St. Therese is a fun and enriching place to be! Want to join the fun?
Contact: Jo Ellen Begalke at 952-261-0587 or on-line at jbegalke@st-therese.org or Emily Rohla at erohla@st-therese.org.

Faith Formation

Our Confirmation candidates are getting closer to their reception of the Sacrament, which is less than two months away! On **Sunday, February 7th,** Bishop Cozzens will be visiting St. Therese to Confirm nearly 50 of our teens. In preparation, they have spent the past couple of months designing personal prayer plans to bring them closer to Jesus. They have also been engaging in church ministries such as Bible studies, Service Saturday projects, and social media outreach, as well as hearing from guest speakers about pressing issues in the church today. (See the photo of our talk from speaker Kory LaCroix about the issue of being "Spiritual, but not religious.") Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they come closer to this life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit! Thank you!

You are invited to support St. Therese Faith Formation through joining our prayer team! Each week, you will receive a brief update on our ministry and a prayer intention. We need prayers more than anything, and we would be honored to have you on our team. Sign up at https://www.st-therese.org/faith-formation or email Joe at jschiltz@st-therese.org.

Service Saturday is moving to in-home projects! Start saving your plastic grocery bags. Our next Service Saturday event will include cutting up the bags to make sleeping mats for those experiencing homelessness. If you have extra plastic bags that you would like to donate to this project, (for anyone not wanting to cut up the bags on their own) please talk to Addy Diaz (adiaz@st-therese.org). More information can be found on our website. Thank You!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK December 13, 2020

WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

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Questions of the Week

Adult: What example do you give others to help them recognize Jesus?
Child: What will you tell others about Jesus this week?

Your family is invited to take advantage of a free, home, Advent Retreat. Just go to https://www.st-therese.org/advent-retreat and decide which retreat is best for your family. There are two different retreats for two different age groups: Grades K-5 & Grade 6+. Alter the retreats in whatever way works best for you and your family. The retreat booklet is available to download on this webpage and the talk is there for you as well. This experience will take no more than an hour. Questions? Contact Addy Diaz at: adiaz@st-therese.org.

Save the Date! Fifth Annual St. Therese Women's Retreat

Friday & Saturday, January 22-23, 2021. St. Therese parish is excited to welcome the Sisters of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus from New Ulm, MN as retreat leaders. The retreat theme is: *All will Be Well.* This retreat may be attended in-person or virtually via livestream. Cost is $30.00. Register on-line at: st-therese.org. Registration forms also available in the parish office and gathering space.

Financial Stewardship

November 2020 COLLECTIONS	November 2020	November 2019	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru November	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	$ 100,479.96	$ 81,179.75	$ 19,300.21	$ 473,541.28	$ 447,678.93	$ 25,862.35
Sunday Plate	$ 2,588.05	$ 5,905.12	$ (3,317.07)	$ 9,330.49	$ 31,537.53	$ (22,207.04)
Total	$ 103,068.01	$ 87,084.87	**$ 15,983.14**	$ 482,871.77	$ 479,216.46	**$ 3,655.31**

Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Please prayerfully consider including St. Therese parish in your estate planning.

Parish and Community

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December 16 & 17

Wednesday morning: 10:00-11:00am
Thursday evening: 7:00-8:00pm
Via website zoom link

Donations for Christmas Flowers in Honor of a Loved One
See today's bulletin insert or stop by the parish office to donate in memory of someone.

St. Martha's Circle Christmas Cards for Sale
St. Martha's Circle is offering beautiful Christmas cards! 10 cards for $10.00 — Contact either Paulette Marini at 952-938-5652 or Nan Bell at 952-476-1111.

Eucharistic Adorers Needed
Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00pm
Thursdays: 1:00—2:00pm
3:00-4:00pm

Please call or stop in the parish office or call Marilyn Olson at 952-474-4344. Thank you.

Parish Staff & Phone Numbers

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Mondays - Fridays: 10:00am-4:00pm
Saturdays & Sundays: Closed

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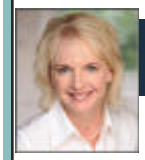
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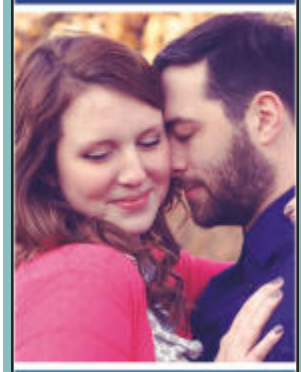
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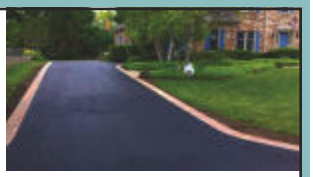
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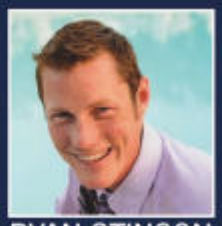

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