## SAINT THERESE THOLIC CHURCH Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## December 19, 2021

## Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:45am & 7:00pm

Sunday 8:30am Mass streamed

LIVE on YouTube

#### Daily Masses

Refer to schedule on page 4

#### Confessions

Thursday: 6-6:30pm Saturday: 3:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:15am Also by appointment

## Parish Information

#### Contact Information

901 North Tahoe Trail Sioux Falls, SD 57110 Phone: 605.338.2433 Fax: 605.339.2203

Website: www.sttheresesf.org

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm Parish School

St. Lambert School Colleen Davis, Principal



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## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

### PRAYER FOR CONVERSION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Oh Divine Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, You died for us on the cross. In doing so you saved the world and forgave our sins. The source of our life flowed from your side and enveloped every nation. We pray today that our world may be converted to your Most Sacred Heart and again embrace and spread Your Holy Gospel to every corner of the world. We beg You to make us fervent missionaries of Your Word to all people. Help us always to share with others Your message of Faith, Hope and Love. Transform our lives so that we may attract others to You. Thank you for sharing with us Your ministry of healing and deliverance. We recognize that the sickness and evil that we daily encounter are more than we can bear. It is only through Your grace and Divine assistance that we are able to wage constant battle against the evil one. Make St. Therese parish and parishioners willing participants in the life-long task of bringing You to others. We ask this through Your Most Holy Name, Amen.



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## **OUR PARISH**

### Staff

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## Information

Membership & Prayer Requests

Contact the parish office at 605.338.2433 or office@sttheresesf.org

**Bulletin Submissions** 

Email: bulletin@sttheresesf.org Deadline is Tuesday by 11:00am for the weekend bulletin

**Baptisms** 

Contact Deacon Barnier to schedule a preparation meeting

Weddings

Contact Father O'Dell to set up wedding preparation classes prior to scheduling a date

## A NOTE FROM DOUG DEBELAK

THE CATHOLIC REASON FOR VOLUNTEERING

Pope Benedict XVI said that Christian volunteer efforts should not merely be "an expression of good will" but should be "based on a personal experience of Christ." "He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all. That gift was not based on our merits. From this we learn that God gives us himself." He later says that "the experience of God's generous love challenges us and liberates us to adopt the same attitude towards our brothers and sisters: 'You received without pay, give without pay' (Mt 10:8). We experience this especially in the Eucharist when the Son of God, in the breaking of bread, brings together the vertical dimension of his divine gift with the horizontal dimension of our service to our brothers and sisters". (Remarks made November 11,2011)

The question I present to you my brothers and sisters is do you volunteer? If not, why not? God calls us to be volunteers and I will give you reasons to do so. 1) Volunteering is life changing. Your interactions with others will help and change people. Volunteering will also change you as you face new experiences. 2) Volunteering will give you a broader perspective of life and what others go through. You will have new experiences and they impact you and how you evaluate the world. 3) Through volunteering you will develop new friendships. Volunteering allows you to develop new relationships with others. 4) Volunteering will allow you to develop a sense of pride and better self-image. Volunteering gives one a sense of accomplishment. 5) Volunteering makes you a better thinker and helps in decision making. Volunteering requires sacrifice and preparation. You must learn to accommodate and make 6) Volunteering will make you more sacrifices to volunteer. generous. Generosity is the giving of time, talent, and treasure. Volunteering allows you to see the need for your generosity and how thankful people are of your giving. 7) Your talent is needed whatever your talent is. Your talent is different than mine, but the world needs both. St Paul writes: We have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function...Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them" (Rom 12:4,6). 8) Volunteering gets you involved with activities that are outside of your comfort zone. Think of Christ, the apostles, and the saints, and how uncomfortable they may have been. Christ did not come to make us comfortable. He came to save When his Light and Goodness invades our lives, we are transformed by them. Our efforts as Pope Benedict said are based on a personal experience of Christ. Volunteering allows us to follow Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Light.

Our volunteer efforts allow us to share in the carrying of the Cross. The two dimensions of the Cross are the vertical which is our relationship with God and the horizontal which is one's relationship with others. The Cross is not complete without both dimensions. Volunteering enables us to deepen and grow our relationship with Christ while serving your brother and sisters. Look for opportunities to volunteer, look for opportunities outside of your comfort zone. God will support you. As it says in the book of Isiah 41:10 "fear not for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God I will strengthen you, I will help you."

## PARISH NEWS

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS NEEDED FOR EUCHARISTIC OUTREACH

Every Sunday after the 8:30 Mass, our Eucharistic Outreach Team takes the Eucharist out to our parishioners who are homebound and to the nursing homes in our area. We are in need of more volunteers for this ministry, to ensure we can bring the gift of Jesus to these residents each week. If you are interested in helping out with this beautiful and rewarding mission of bringing Christ to those who can't join us at Mass, please contact Deacon Thane at the parish office for details.

#### ADVENT BABY SHOWER

The Respect Life Committee is once again sponsoring the Advent Baby Shower. Items such as diapers, clothing, and blankets are most needed. Pick up a complete list of suggestions located next to the display. Donations will be distributed to various agencies that are in need of these items. St. Therese parishioners have always been extremely generous for this cause. Thank you for your support.

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON SPECIAL MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

Fri Dec 24th: 4:00pm & 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sat Dec 25th: 8:30am & 10:45am No 4pm Sunday Vigil Mass

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**Sun Dec 26th:** 8:30am & 10:45am & 7:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD—Not a Holy day of Obligation this year

Fri Dec 31st: 4:00pm Vigil Mass Sat Jan 1st: 9:00am

#### USHERS NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES

If you'd like to help out, please contact Deacon
Thane at the Parish Office.



## FAMILY HOLY HOURS FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE WORLD

Family Holy Hours continue every Thursday
Beginning with Vespers at 5:15 PM
Mass at 5:30 PM

Adoration follows with Benediction at 6:30 PM Confessions after Mass until 6:30 PM

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS.



The Little Flower Council #6605 welcomes the following new Brothers to the Knights of Columbus:

Jay Anders

Joseph Anders

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us Sunday, Dec. 19th at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit Parish for an evening of "Lessons and Carols" and enter into the last week of Advent with a beautiful evening of prayer. We hear a series of readings from Scripture about the prophecies of Christ's birth and the birth narratives themselves. Each reading is followed by a familiar hymn or carol. There will be refreshments after in the Lower Level. Please contact Fr. Klein with any questions. Hope to see you there!

## **EDUCATION**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-5th (6-7pm) 6-8th (7:15-8:15pm) 12/22 & 12/29 No Class Merry Christmas!

NATIVITY PLAY: WILL BE HELD JUST SHORTLY BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF 12/24 4PM MASS!

UPCOMING YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES: RESTART—Feb 12 @ 7pm—O Gorman What is RESTART (FAMILIES WELCOME):

It would be equivalent to a Steubenville event.

- 1. High Energy Music and worship
- 2. Keynote speaker
- 3. Adoration with Fr. Tony
- Worship

Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Allie if you would like tickets!

March for Life will take place on Jan. 19-23rd, 2022 in Washington D.C..

You are invited to join us on pilgrimage with people from around the diocese. Check out the diocesan website for more information: <a href="http://www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife/march-for-life/">http://www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife/march-for-life/</a>



ST LAMBERT SCHOOL NEWS

Ms. Colleen Davis, Principal

Dec. 22 - Christmas Dress Up/Down Day Classroom Christmas Parties 11:30 Dismissal for the Christmas Break

Dec. 23-Jan. 4 - No School



#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sun	Dec 19	8:00am 8:30am 10:15am 10:45am 7:00pm	Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish (also streamed Live on YouTube) Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish Mass - St Therese Parish		
Mon	Dec 20	8:00am	Mass - † Sr. Elise Haverkamp (also streamed Live on YouTube)		
Tue	Dec 21	8:00am Mass - † Peg Donner (also streamed Live on YouTube)			
Wed	Dec 22	8:00am	Mass - † Edward Dryer (also streamed Live on YouTube)		
Thu	Dec 23	8:00am Mass - † Deacon Joseph Pepe (also streamed Live on YouTube 5:15pm Vespers (Evening Prayer) 5:30pm Mass - Conversion of the World to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Adoration & Confessions after Mass until 6:30pm			
Fri	Dec 24	7:00am Mass - † Judy Steele <i>(also streamed Live on YouTube)</i> 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass with Youth Program <i>(also streamed Live YouTube)</i> 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass			
Sat	Dec 25	8:30am 10:45am	Christmas Day Mass - <i>(also streamed Live on YouTube)</i> Christmas Day Mass		
Sun	Dec 26	8:00am 8:30am 10:15am 10:45am 7:00pm	Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish (also streamed Live on YouTube) Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish Mass - St Therese Parish		

#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of Dec. 19, 2021

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

[4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. Mon:

7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-Tues: 3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wed: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,

8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thurs: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Fri: *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/

Lk 1:67-79

Sat: *Vigit*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17,

27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/

Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn**: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-

12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,

9-14

**Next Sunday**: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3,

4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-

17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2,

21-24/Lk 2:41-52

CALENDAR OF EVENTS										
MON 12/20	TUE 12/21	WED 12/22	THUR 12/23	FRI 12/24	SAT 12/25	SUN 12/26				
8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 3:30pm CGS: Level 2	8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary	8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary	8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 5:15pm-6:30pm Holy Hour (Vespers, Mass, Adoration, Confessions)	CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass—with Kid's Program (also streamed LIVE on YouTube) 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass	8:30am Christmas Mass (also streamed LIVE on YouTube) 10:45am Christmas Mass	8:00am Confessions 8:30am Mass (also streamed LIVE on YouTube) 10:15am Confessions 10:45am Mass 7:00pm Mass				

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### O+GORMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPENINGS

After School Teacher Assistants: PT/Seasonal (2:45-6:00pm) for St. Michael, Holy Spirit and St. Mary; Custodian: FT/Year Round (11:00am-7:30pm) for St. Mary Elementary. Preschool Educational Assistant: PT/Seasonal (7:45-11:45am) on Tues, Wed & Thursday for Christ the King Elementary. Go to the website: www.ogknights.org for more details or if interested in applying. Great Employment opportunities!

**LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS** is hiring for the following positions: Dishwasher/kitchen helper: PT/Seasonal (10:00-1:30pm) for Holy Spirit; Kitchen helper: PT/Seasonal (9:15-1:15pm) for St. Michael; Cashier: PT/Seasonal (10:30-1:30pm) for St. Lambert. interested in applying go to lunchtimesolutions.com>careers>Bishop O'Gorman

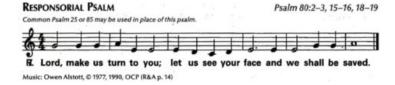




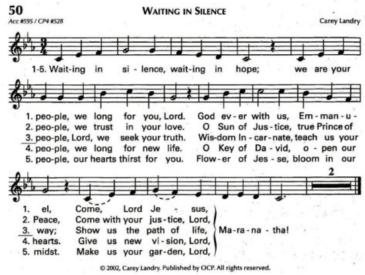
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Text: LM with refrain 'O' Antiphons; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6, para. in Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Chant, Mode 1; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890.

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