Parish Office:

704-664-3992

Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00am-12:00pm; 12:30-4:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-6:30pm

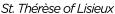
Sunday 7:30am-5:00pm

office@sainttherese.net

Mission Statement: The parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All

by doing ordinary things with great love.





# CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Faith Formation: 704-664-7762

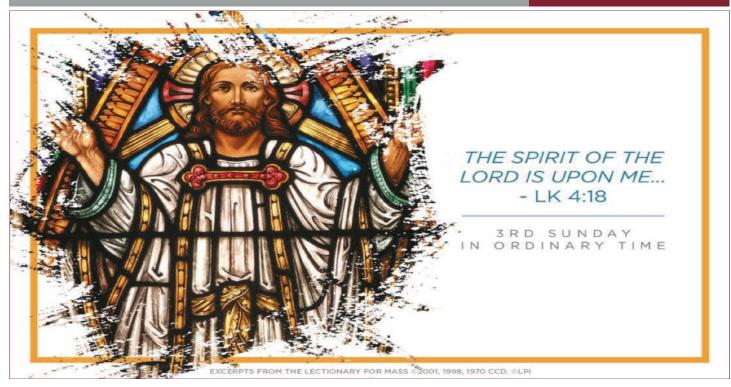
Hours: 10:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday and during Faith Formation hours. See page 13.

### Little Way Preschool 980-444-2305

Hours: 7:30am-3:30pm Monday-Friday See Page 13.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022



Pastor: Rev. Mark S. Lawlor | ext. 2102 | mlawlor@sainttherese.net Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bernard Oleru, MSP | ext. 2225 | boleru@sainttherese.net Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joe Santen 858-922-0325 | gon2mass@att.net Rev. Mr. Joe Smith 704-799-9144 | josmith3212@outlook.com Retired Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Sims and Rev. Mr. Myles Decker

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday Mass Times: (English) 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm (Spanish) 2:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri at 9:00am First Saturday Devotion: Monthly Mass at 9:00am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm-4:15pm **Sunday**: 4:45pm-5:15pm (Spanish) 2:00pm-2:20pm in the church or by appointment.

Please contact one of our priests by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for confession.

#### **Blessed Sacrament**

Join us for Adoration from 9:30am to 7:00pm on the First Friday of each month.

**Next Adoration date:** February 4

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# **Pastor's Reflection**



2022 A.D.

The abbreviation, A.D. signifies the Latin: Anno Domini or Year of the Lord. This designation was the idea of a 6th Century monk named Dionysius Exuguus (Little Dennis). People had kept track of years based on the reign of a king or since the founding of a city, or based on

the year of some incredible event such as a revolution or a military victory. Dionysius thought that we should count years from the time of Christ's birth. He spent time researching history and he counted back to what

he believed to be the year of Christ's birth. It is hard for me to imagine the task that he had since he was working from clues across different systems, cultures, and regions. Most of the nations of the world follow the reckoning of Dionysius and recognize this year as 2022 (whether they believe in Jesus Christ or not). We thank the good monk for his work about 1,500 years ago!

The Liturgical Year, of course, begins with the First Mass of Advent. We have now completed two seasons of the Liturgical Year: Advent and Christmas. The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord concluded the Christmas Season and Ordinary Time began last Monday. I thought that the Christmas Season went very well. Ordinary Time seems to be a peculiar title as nothing related to God is "ordinary." It simply means that there is not a particular aspect of Salvation History that is emphasized. It is a time to reflect on the

Lord's teachings, His miracles and a life of grace. We will be in the first part of Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday. on March 2. Ordinary Time will then continue after the Solemnity of Pentecost, on June 6, until the Feast of Christ the King in November.

The counting of years is an ancient tradition and many people celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. [I am pretty sure that I have more years in the past than I will have in the future. The Diocese of Charlotte was established on January 12, 1972. The Diocesan Celebration of its 50th anniversary will involve many parish, vicariate, and regional events, as well as activities and liturgies, and will continue until January 12, 2023. It will be like a Holy Year

> for the Diocese. Bishop Michael J. Begley, our first bishop, confirmed me in his second year in office. While I was away from the diocese for work and study, our family has been here for the entire 50-year history of the Diocese of Charlotte.

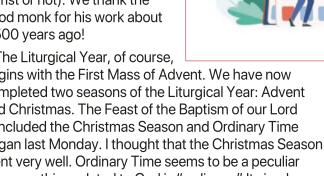
I am very hopeful for the New Year. We have many liturgical, catechetical, and charitable programs in our parish. I know that I am blessed to serve here as pastor! The Catholic Church has

been a witness to history for the past 2,000 years. In some ways, it could be called "old," but the Church is always new and fresh as Scripture is timeless.

Let us walk together in Faith proclaiming the "Good News."

In Peace.

Fr. Mark



### THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: "As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us.

A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness."

# Reflexión del Párroco

#### 2022 A.D.

La abreviatura, A.D. significa en latín: *Anno Domini* o Año del Señor. Esta designación fue la idea de un monje del siglo VI llamado Dionysius Exuguus (Denito). La gente había realizado un seguimiento de los años según el reinado de un rey, o desde la fundación de una ciudad, o según el año de algún evento increíble, como una revolución o una victoria militar. Denito pensó que deberíamos contar los años desde el momento del nacimiento de Cristo. Pasó un tiempo investigando la historia y contó hasta lo que él creía que era el año del nacimiento de Cristo. Es difícil para mí imaginar el reto que tuvo ya que estaba trabajando a partir de pistas en

diferentes sistemas, culturas, y regiones. La mayoría de las naciones del mundo siguen el cómputo de Dionisio y reconocen este año como 2022 (ya sea que crean en Jesucristo o no. ¡Agradecemos al buen monje por su trabajo hace unos 1.500 años!

El Año Litúrgico, por supuesto, comienza con la Primera Misa de Adviento. Ahora hemos completado dos temporadas del Año Litúrgico: Adviento y Navidad. La Fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor concluyó el

Tiempo Navideño y el Tiempo Ordinario comenzó el pasado lunes. Pensé que la temporada navideña fue muy bien. Tiempo ordinario parece ser un título peculiar, ya que nada relacionado con Dios es "ordinario". Simplemente significa que no hay un aspecto particular de la Historia de la Salvación que se enfatice. Es un momento para reflexionar sobre las enseñanzas del Señor, Sus milagros y una vida de gracia. Estaremos en la

primera parte del tiempo ordinario hasta el miércoles de Ceniza, el 2 de marzo. El Tiempo Ordinario continuará luego de la Solemnidad de Pentecostés, el 6 de junio, hasta la Fiesta de Cristo Rey en noviembre.

La cuenta de los años es una tradición antigua y muchas personas celebran cumpleaños y aniversarios. [Estoy bastante seguro de que tengo más años en el pasado de los que tendré en el futuro.] La Diócesis de Charlotte se estableció el 12 de enero de 1972. La Celebración Diocesana de su 50 aniversario incluirá muchos eventos parroquiales, vicariatos y liturgias. La celebración continuará hasta el 12 de enero de 2023. Será como un Año Santo para la Diócesis. El obispo

Michael J. Begley, nuestro primer obispo, me confirmó en su segundo año en el cargo.
Mientras estaba fuera de la diócesis por motivos de trabajo y estudio, nuestra familia ha estado aquí durante los 50 años de historia de la Diócesis de Charlotte.

Tengo muchas esperanzas para el Año Nuevo. Tenemos muchos programas litúrgicos, catequéticos y caritativos en nuestra parroquia. ¡Sé que tengo la bendición de servir aquí como

pastor! La Iglesia Católica ha sido testigo de la historia durante los últimos 2.000 años. De alguna manera, podría llamarse "vieja", pero la Iglesia siempre es nueva como la Escritura es atemporal. Caminemos juntos en la Fe proclamando la "Buena Nueva".

En paz,
Padre Marcos



#### DOMINGO DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS



El Domingo de la Palabra de Dios, instituido por el Papa Francisco y que se celebrará cada año en el tercer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, nos recuerda, a pastores y fieles, la importancia y el valor de la Sagrada Escritura para la vida cristiana, así como la relación entre la Palabra de Dios y la liturgia: "Los cristianos somos un solo pueblo, que peregrina en la historia, sostenido por el Señor, presente en medio de nosotros, que nos habla y nos alimenta.

Un día dedicado a la Biblia no debe considerarse como un acontecimiento anual, sino como un acontecimiento que dura todo el año, ya que necesitamos urgentemente crecer en el conocimiento y el amor de las Escrituras y del Señor resucitado, que sigue diciendo su palabra y partiendo el pan en la comunidad de los creyentes. Por eso, es necesario que desarrollemos una relación más estrecha con la Sagrada Escritura; de lo contrario, nuestros corazones permanecerán fríos y nuestros ojos cerrados, infligidos como estamos por tantas formas de ceguera."

# **Worship & Prayer**

# MASS INTENTIONS

Saturd	ay, January 22					
5:00pm	Shorty Beauchesne †					
	C.P. Babu †	Renju Babu				
Sunday, January 23						
8:00am	Parishioners of St. Therese ¶					
10:00am	Don & Barbara Mayer †	Barbara Buklarewicz				
12:00pm	Alex Viespi †					
2.30nm	Anselmo Ramos †					
2.00pm	Andres Ramos †					
5:30pm	Connor Wills †					
Monda	ny, January 24 (Comm	union Service)				
	No Intention					
Tuesda	ay, January 25					
9:00am	Tom & Sue Coleman (Sp Int)	♥ Pompili Family				
	esday, January 26					
9:00am	John Horan, Sr	Sue Horan				
	Frank Schaffer †	Ingrid Schaffer				
Thurso	lay, January 27					
9:00am						
	Mary Fitzpatrick †	Hoar Family				
	January 28					
9:00am						
Mass in Thanksgiving for Special Intention						
	ay, January 29	John O Torry Cohoofer				
5:00pm	Leonard Weiner † Janis Niessing †	John & Terry Schaeler				
Sunda	ay, January 30	Clar Micssing				
8:00am		Edith Plata				
0.004111	Peter Sterling					
10:00am	Robert Kelley †					
	Kirsten falls (Sp. Int.) ♥	Anonymous				
	Parishioners of St. Therese					
2:30pm	América Jimenez †					
5.20nm	Paula Estrada Duran †					
5:30pm	Rosie Wells †					
Mathias Haru †Family						

# If you would like to request a Mass intention, please visit the Parish Office during office hours.

Monday to Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm | 12:30pm-4:30pm Saturday: 9:00am - 6:30pm | Sunday: 7:30am-5:00pm

### In Sympathy



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please use the online form on our website to request prayers: sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

#### Special intentions for Healing:

Angelita A., Michael A., Maria Ashenbrener, Ramon B., Cheryl Booth, Frederick Bruyns, Kyle Cannella, Jonathan Cantrell, Trevor Conklin, Tams D., William Dragon, Rebecca E., Nathan Ernzen, Joseph Fasi, Marilyn Fiore, Logan Fogg, Darril Fosty, David Gee, Alan I., Lucia Isone, Chris J., Gwen Kane, John Brian Kaup, Girish Kohli, Christopher L., Lucy M., Joey Maldonado, Pat Maletta, Wendy Mancilla, Emilio Manzo, Zach Misiak, Mark Morton, Dan Mulligan, Stephen O., Tina Olszewski, Tereza Pelouchova, Raajiv Prasad, Jamey Price, Laetitia Ranneberg, Levi Raymond, John Rocco, Christine Rosenberg, Rosaria Russo, Mary Sue S., Ludovico Sarraz-Bournet, Bryan Scharding, Tiffany Stewart, Oscar Tharpe, Carolyn Van Buren, Dein VanSickle, Jack W., Bob Wessmiller, Johnnie Ziats.

#### Those who are Homebound:

Doyle & Faye Atkins, Gregory Breeckner, Sister Margarita Brewer, Robert Davis, Leela Edwin, Audrey & Don Geyer, Julianne & Scott Jarvis, Jodi Knight, Cinda Landro, Angela Leuci, Charles M., Luiz M., Claradilla Pineda, Jim & Pat Richart, Mark Rossmiller, Rita Sabella, Paula Vernon, Sharon Williams.

#### Those in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

- Abernathy Laurels: Mary Frances Kimel.
- Accordius: Alfred Kern, Rosemary Leonetti, Hattie Walker, Diane Whitley.
- Cadence Living: Judy Richardson.
- Radbourne Manor: Patsy Freeze.
- Ranson Ridge: Dutch Detchemendy.
- Summit Place: Betty Beaulieu, Frank DeBerardinis, MaryJane Farrell, Mary Kozar, Nancy Nusser, Lewis & Rosemary Savisky.
- TerraBella Lake Norman:

Nancy Brown, Antoinette Foppiano, Helen Holmes, Jean Loeshen, Frances Mattasits, Joyce Schank, Stefanya Wackowski.

- The Citadel: Eileen Gubelman, Audrey Kufhta.
- The Pines: Dolly O'Brien.
- Williams Place: Lorna Josefchuk, Marie Salerno.

## **Praying for our Military**



Please use the online form on our website sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

to add or resubmit names and branch of service for this section. Let us pray together as a family for your intentions!

#### Air Force:

Army: Nathan-Erick Nance, Justus Neumann.

Coast Guard:

Marines: Ethan Hungarter, John McCue, Jesse-Elijah Nance, Joseph Priore, III.

Navy: Katherine Durham, Michael Durham.

Veterans: Don Geyer, Nick Johnson.

# **Liturgy & Worship**

To really know people, we need to recognize them and recognize that each of them bears the inviolable beauty of a son or daughter of God, a reflection of the Creator's image.

Pope Francis



Para conocer verdaderamente a las personas es necesario reconocerlas: reconocer que cada uno lleva en sí la belleza imborrable de ser hijo o hija de Dios, en la que se refleja el Creador.

Papa Francisco

# TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

Saturday, January 29 9:00am in the church

NEW and CURRENT Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are asked to attend a one hour training/review session.

Contact:
Rosemary Hyman,
rhyman@sainttherese.net



## VIRTUAL ROSARY

It's not too late to make a new New Year's resolution!

Pray the rosary with our Virtual Rosary Ministry each evening, Monday - Friday at 9:00pm. Sign in by 8:55pm to pray with us. Sign in via Zoom at

zoom.us Meeting ID: 841 0340 6162 Passcode: rosary

Visit our website for more details: sainttherese.net/ virtual-rosary

# 50th ANNIVERSARY DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

Monthly Intention: For peace.

Please join Bishop Jugis in offering up prayers and sacrifices for these special intentions each month during the 50th anniversary year:



# Readings for next weekend: January 30, 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Cycle C

Reading I	Responsorial Psalm	Reading II	Gospel
Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19	Psalm 71:1-6,15,17	1 Corinthians 13:4-13	Luke 4:21-30
The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.  Source: Loyola Press	A song in praise of God's salvation.	Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.	Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

# **Parish Life**

## 2022 SPRING SOFTBALL for Men and Women

April – June 2022 Mazeppa Park (Mooresville)

Come and join us for the Spring 2022 softball season. We have both men's and women's teams that play in the recreational division. Women play on Monday evenings and Men play on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

The only requirement is that players must be at least 18-year-old. Please visit our website for further information.

The deadline for signing up is February 15, 2022.

Information: sainttherese.net/adult-athletics

Contact: athletics@sainttherese.net



Special Works and Tasks (S.W.A.T.) Women's Day of Reflection SAVE THE DATE for Saturday, February 26.



# **Community Ministries**

# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The 22nd of January marks the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court Decision that made abortion legal in the United States. Since then, over 62 Million Lives have been lost and many of their parents' and families' lives shattered.

At St. Therese, the Cemetery of The Innocents has been erected on our front lawn as a memorial to these children.

Each cross represents One Million Children. We mourn these children and beg God's forgiveness for a country that has allowed this to happen. As a Pro-Life Community, we pledge to help mothers and fathers grieving after an abortion, and educate others so that the value of "Life" is once again cherished as a "Gift" from our Heavenly Father.

### DID YOU KNOW? Life Begins at the time of conception!

- At 18 Days after conception the baby's heartbeat can be heard!
- At 6 Weeks following conception the baby's brain waves can be measured!
- At 8 Weeks the baby's stomach, liver and kidneys are functioning and fingerprints have been formed.

If you are pregnant and need help, please call the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman 704-664-HOPE (704-664-4673).

JESUS Forgives and Saves

# PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

Answer Pope Francis' call to care for our common home with...

# CREATION AT THE CROSSROADS

Explore God's love for us as expressed through creation and answer the call to care for it and His children.

JOIN A SMALL FAITH SHARING COMMUNITY

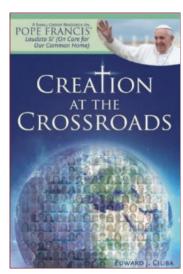
To deepen your faith through the readings of Pope Francis' writing on Creation.

Through scripture, prayer, reflections, faith-sharing questions and practical ideas for protecting and caring for the environment and people, this resource will move Catholics to faith-based action.

When: 12 weeks beginning Tuesday January 25, 2022 Where: Virtual via Zoom Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$20 suggested donation. Sponsored by the St. Therese Peace and Justice Ministry

Please register by going to sainttherese.net/ care-for-gods-creation



# **Community Ministries**

# PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

According to the latest statistics, through early October, gun violence killed more than 1,165
American teens and children, from toddlers caught in crossfire, to teenagers fighting turf wars, and for postings of the "wrong thing" on social media<sup>(1)</sup>.

The reasons go on and on. There are more guns available on the streets today, and the question is "Must we turn to gun violence when we are mad?"

We ask that you encourage ways to deal with issues without harming others.

<sup>(1)</sup> CBC News. October 11, 2021.



# DONATIONS NEEDED Weekend of February 12-13





In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte and its 50 Acts of Kindness, Community Ministries is collecting items for Fifth Street Ministries, FeedNC, The Christian Mission and Kindness Closet.

The following items are needed:

- Baby Wipes
- Bars of Soap
- Bath Towels
- Coffee
- Conditioner
- Cough and Cold (adult and children)
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Feminine Hygiene
- Hand Sanitizer
- Large bottles of spices
- Laundry Detergent
- Multi-vitamins
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Cups for cold/hot beverages
- Plastic silverware
- Quart & Gallon Baggies
- Shampoo
- Single Size tents
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Tylenol (adult and children)

### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

The Community Ministries with Prayerful Servants CLC and West Methodist Church are filling backpacks every other week. To help us out, you can donate items in the carts in the church narthex.



# Our next packing will be February 2.

Items needed are:

- Regular or Quick Oatmeal (18 oz. canisters)
- Canned Vegetables (15 oz.)
- Canned Fruit (15 oz.)
- Canned Soup (15 oz.)
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Tuna
- SpaghettiOs®

Also needed: toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, personal products, etc. for 6 families from Lake Norman High School.

Cash and Gift Card donations are also welcome. BACKPACK envelopes are available in the narthex of both churches. Just place them in the collection basket.

We appreciate any help you can give and truly appreciate your generosity!

Thank you very much.

# **Community Resources: Do YOU need support?**

#### **Hot Meals**

5th Street Ministries (Statesville) Lunch and Dinner 704-872-4045

> FeedNC (Mooresville) Breakfast and Lunch 704-660-9010

#### Mental Health

Partners Behavioral Health 1-888-235-HOPE (4673)

Drug-Alcohol Coalition of Iredell 704-978-8814

> Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-8255 text TALK to 741741

### **Financial Assistance**

United Way: Dial 2-1-1
Iredell Christian Ministries
704-924-6700
Mooresville Christian Mission
704-664-2357
Matthew 25 Ministries

704-546-5859

# **Parish News**

### WELCOME NEW STAFF



Lynn Auten Part-time Facilities Maintenance Assistant

We welcome to our staff Lynn Auten,

Part Time Facilities Maintenance Assistant!

Lynn is responsible for the day to day maintenance and upkeep of parish buildings, grounds, and equipment. He comes to us with a wide variety of experiences and skills.

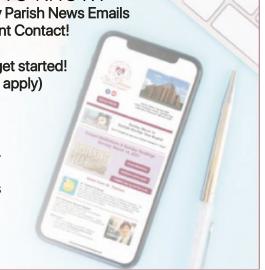
### BE THE FIRST TO KNOW!

Sign up to receive weekly Parish News Emails sent via Constant Contact!

 Text OCTROSE to 22828 to get started! (Message and data rates may apply)
 OR

• Sign up online at: sainttherese.net/email-newsupdates-from-st-therese

Weekly "Parish News" emails will keep you up to date on events and activities at St. Therese!











### JOIN THE ST. THERESE PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY!

We believe that using photos of friends of all ages in our print and web publications fosters a greater sense of community. Photography and video of our parish members and friends help to display the vibrancy and joy of our parish community.

The St. Therese Photography Ministry serves God and His people as photographers for our parish. We have been able to document Masses, major events, and parish life.

We are looking for experienced volunteers to join our team!

If you have an interest in this ministry and have a camera, please contact Lisa Cash, lcash@sainttherese.net

# **Stay Connected**

### YouTube Channel



#### **Facebook**



### **Live Streaming**



sainttherese.net/mass-livestream

# **Education & Formation**

BIBLE STUDY: THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION (Narratives of Jesus)

Lenten 6-week Bible study starting in March (Zoom or in person)



This Lent 2022, St. Therese is pleased to offer an opportunity for enrichment and study, as we journey through the Gospel stories of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, revealing further the nature of God, person of Jesus and the path for each of us as a disciple of Christ.

TWO schedules available for this 6-week Lenten journey:

Women's Bible Study: Thursday daytime meetings
Start on Thursday, March 3 and end on Thursday, April 7.
Meetings are in person at 10:00am.
To register, contact Paula Boyd, pboyd2722@gmail.com

Adult Men and Women's Bible Study: Tuesday evening meetings
Start on Tuesday, March 1 and end on Tuesday, April 5.
Meetings take place via Zoom at 7:00pm.
To register contact Donna Smith, dsmith18123@gmail.com

Register by February 14 to receive a discount price of \$12 for Study Guide, which may be purchased through facilitators.

For more information, visit: sainttherese.net/womens-bible-study

# **Little Way Preschool**

Registration for the 2022-23 School Year Little Way Preschool registration for the 2022-23 school year starts in January:

- Ongoing until January 30 Registered parishioners
- January 31 Remaining spots open to the public

For more information, please contact the Little Way Preschool Director: **Dayna Auten**, 980-444-2305, <u>dauten@sainttherese.net</u>

## Job Opening Little Way Preschool is Seeking a Lead Teacher for Pre-K

This part-time paid position works 27 hours per week and reports to Little Way Preschool Director. Hours are 8:30am to 1:30pm plus two hours per week planning. Includes paid Holy Days, holidays, vacation and sick time.

For qualifications and more information, please visit: sainttherese.net/st-therese-is-hiring

# Ignatian Corner

# KINDNESS by Joyce Eckhart

If we observe a garden, healthy plants bear fruit. Plants remain healthy through care and attention, proper nourishment, watering, weeding, sunshine. If a plant or vine has all of this, it will probably bear fruit. So, too, if the seeds of the spirit are cared for, the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self-control are harvested. (section 736 Catechism of the Catholic Church sec. ed.) As we think of the new year and resolutions one thing that comes to mind is increasing our habit of kindness. To see with eyes of kindness, we focus on someone other than ourselves. Ignatius taught that we are Christ to each other. Do we treat others with respect and dignity? Are we impatient, resentful, unforgiving? Do we see ourselves as more important than others? I was at the food store several weeks ago and someone cut in front of me. I was ready to tell him where the back of the line was, but I just didn't. After a few minutes, he realized what he had done, apologized, and told me that he had just come from the emergency room where his wife had been admitted. I was so grateful that I hadn't pointed out his mistake. What did I learn, we never know what others might be experiencing. For this year let us nurture kindness as a habit. Wouldn't it be satisfying if the St. Therese Community was known for kindness.

> Be Aware. Think of Others. Be Kind.

# **Stewardship: The Grateful Response of a Christian Disciple**



"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

# **Stewardship of Treasure - Thank you for your generosity**

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE OFFERTORY RECEIVED AT MASSES, BY MAIL, AND ONLINE THROUGH December 31, 2021

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)
Christmas	\$52,646	\$51,000	\$1,646
December 26	\$24,845	\$15,000	\$9,845
End of Year Receipts	\$25,755	\$25,000	\$755
YTD (7/1/21—12/31/21)	\$975,696	\$895,000	\$80,696

Offertory Budget for the year is \$1,800,000 2,981 Registered Families as of 12/31/2021 **Thank You for Your Generosity!** 

#### **Total Mass Attendance** December 26, 2021 = 1,309Sunday Sunday Sunday Sunday Saturday Sunday 5:30pm 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 2:30pm 5:00pm N/A 225 425 303 203 153

# CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES TO BE MAILED NEXT MONTH

Please take notice of two addressed envelopes to St. Therese in your bi-monthly envelope package.

For those unable to attend Mass in person, these can be used to mail in your contributions directly to St. Therese.

Thank you for your support of our church.



# **Tax Letters 2021**

We will be mailing out acknowledgement letters by January 31, 2022 to all parishioners that made donations of any amount between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

If you do not receive a letter for any reason by February 7, 2022, requests can be sent by email to Mike Kilburn, Operations Assistant, or by calling the Parish Office at 704-664-3992.

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# **Evangelization & Communication**

### Connect with others through prayer, fellowship and faith sharing!

The Evangelization and Communication Commission is in the planning stages of forming new parish-wide Small Groups at St. Therese and we need your help!

In Small Groups, 8-10 parishioners gather for fellowship that encourages growth in relationship with Christ and each other through faith sharing.

We're looking for a team of individuals to help set up and implement this new Small Group program.

If you are interested in helping with this exciting project, please contact **Gail Benson**, <u>ECC@sainttherese.net</u>, 704-619-2663.

# **Community**

### RETROUIVALLE Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too.

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Catholic Charities Elder Ministry:

Free Seminar: Caregiving from the Heart Thursday, February 10 at 2:00pm (Webinar)

Join us to explore ways that we can support caregivers and learn about resources available for the care recipient and caregiver.

In-Person option also available:

- February 9 (Hickory) St. Alovsius Catholic Church (Hickory)
- February 23 (Lenoir) St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- February 23 (Morganton) St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

For more information or to register, contact:

Sandra Breakfield, Program Director Elder Ministry, 704-370-3220, sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org

### Women's Walk With Christ Weekend Retreat February 4-6, 2022 (Catholic Conference Center - Hickory)

A weekend retreat for women 18+ to live an experience of Discovery, Healing, and Transformation. Cost: \$395 per person. Includes: lodging, materials and delicious full-course meals prepared by the Executive Chef of the Catholic Conference Center, in Hickory, NC.

For more information, please visit: womenswalkwithchrist.org/newattendeeform/119



# **Ministerio Latino**

## sainttherese.net/ministerio-latino

Olga Ferber, Coordinadora Latina, 704-664-3992 ext. 2114, oferber@sainttherese.net HORAS DE OFICINA PARA LA COMMUNIDAD LATINA:

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#### **DONACIONES DE COMIDA**

Ver la página 7 para una lista completa de alimentos tales como **vegetales y frutas enlatadas, avena, atún, y sopa enlatada, etc.** para apoyar a niños necesitados en nuestro circuito escolar. Por favor dejar sus donaciones en los carritos que se encuentran ubicados a la entrada de la iglesia.

#### DONACIONES PARA LA COMUNIDAD

Los Ministerios Comunitarios solicitan artículos de higiene personal tales como jabón de manos, champú, acondicionador, pasta y cepillos de dientes, hilo dental, desodorante, jabón de ropa, alcohol en gel, pañales y toallas de bebé, toallas sanitarias, multivitaminas, Tylenol, Asímismo, se acepta café molido, cubiertos plásticos (cuchillos, tenedores y cucharas) vasos de cartón, bolsas con cierre plástico (tipo Ziploc) de 1/4 de galón y de 1 galón. Las donaciones deben ser traídas el 12 y 13 de febrero. Con su apoyo, ayudaremos a varias organizaciones locales por medio de este Acto de Caridad que es parte de la celebración del 50 Aniversario de nuestra Diócesis de Charlotte.

## Lecturas para la próxima semana: 30 de enero, 2022

IV Domingo de Tiempo Ordinario—Ciclo C

l Lectura	Salmo Responsorial	II Lectura	Evangelio
Jeremías 1:4-5,17-19	Salmo 19:8-10,15	1 Corintios 13:4-13	Lucas 4:21-30
El Señor asegura a Jeremías que lo librará de todos los que luchan contra él. Fuente: Loyola Press	Un canto de alabanza a la salvación de Dios.	Pablo describe el amor como la mayor de las virtudes.	Jesús es rechazado en su ciudad natal, Nazaret.

#### Mission Statement:

The parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to **Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All** by doing ordinary things with great love.



### Welcome to St. Therese Catholic Church! Thank you for being here with us!

The parishioners of St. Therese welcome our visitors. Please introduce yourselves to your neighbors. Your presence is very important to us, as is your support.

### ¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Teresita! ¡Gracias por estar aquí con nosotros!

Los feligreses de Santa Teresita dan la bienvenida a nuestros visitantes. Su presencia es muy importante para nosotros, así como lo es su apoyo.



#### Registration

Every household is invited to register. Forms are available in the Parish Office or on our website. According to Diocesan policy, parish registration is required for Faith Formation, all Sacraments, ministries, and school vouchers.

MOVING? Please notify the Parish Office!

#### Communion of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you want communion brought to the home, hospital or nursing home. Hospitals **do not** notify the church that you are there except at your direct request.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office of those who are homebound or in hospitals, or nursing homes, especially when seriously ill.

#### Marriage

According to Diocesan policy, registered couples must begin marriage preparation at least **SIX MONTHS** prior to the desired wedding date. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Lawlor, Pastor.

#### Registro Parroquial

Invitamos a todas las familias a registrarse. Formulario disponible en la Oficina Parroquial o en nuestra página web. Según la política diocesana, el registro parroquial es necesario para la formación de la fe, todos los sacramentos, ministerios y vales escolares. ¿Se va a mudar?

Por favor notificar la Oficina Parroquial.

#### Comunión de los enfermos

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial si usted desea la comunión llevada a casa, hospital, o asilo de ancianos. Los hospitales <u>NO</u> le notifican a la iglesia que usted está allí, excepto a su petición.

#### Unción de los enfermos

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial acerca de las personas confinadas en casa, en hospitales, o asilos de ancianos, especialmente cuando se encuentran seriamente enfermos

#### **Matrimonios**

Según la política diocesana, las parejas registradas deben comenzar la preparación del matrimonio por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada de la boda. Para más información, contacte al Padre Marcos Lawlor, Párroco.

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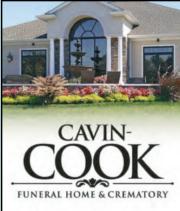




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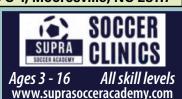
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