

ST. THERESE PARISH

MISSION STATEMENT

“We the people of St. Therese Parish, are disciples of Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit and made one in our celebration of the Eucharist. Nourished by our faith and with a desire to serve others, we are to hear the word of God, keep it, and share the Good News.”

January 31, 2021 • The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:10 p.m. followed by Miraculous Medal Novena & Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Vigil Saturday: 5:30 p.m. • **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days: Check bulletin prior to Holy Day

Holidays: Check bulletin

Confessions: Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

STAFF

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Mr. Kevin McManamon, Office Manager

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Mrs. Tracy Johnson, Youth Minister

SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS: Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to the date of the wedding. Time is necessary for instructions, paperwork and sacramental preparation.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements in advance. Pre-Baptismal instructions are required for parents.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please call or stop in the Parish Office.

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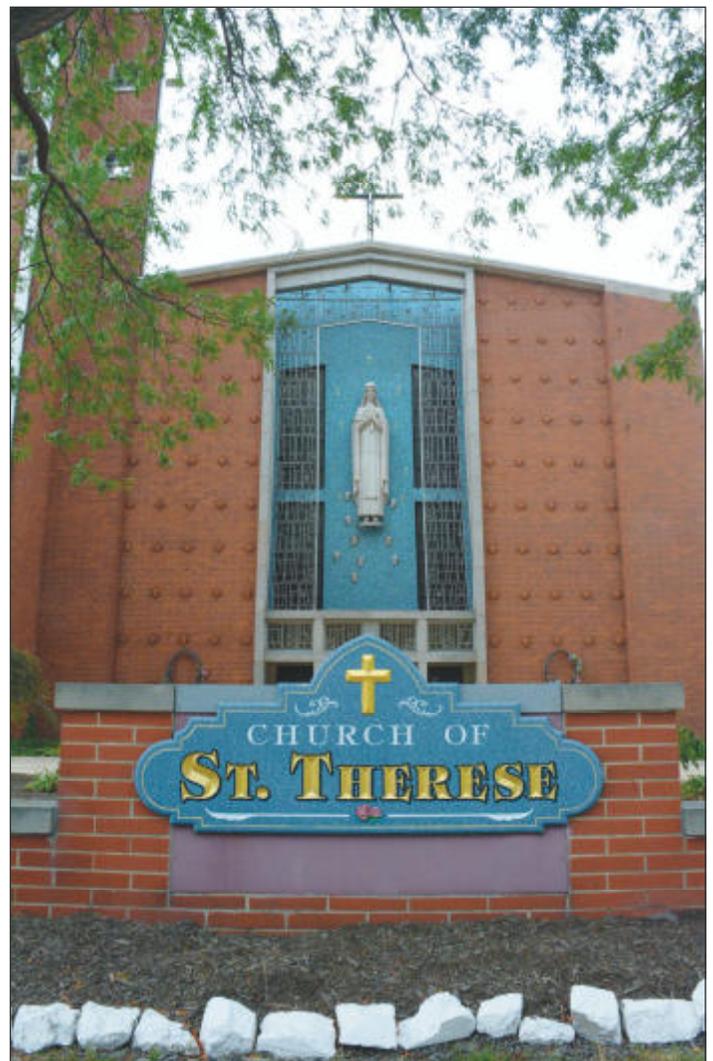
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JANUARY 31, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30

Vigil

SS. P&P 4:00 PM The Mazzi & Koenig Families
St. T 5:30 PM Larry Pentek

Sunday, January 31-4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SS. P&P 8:30 AM The People of the Parishes
St. T 10:30 AM Johnnie Braddock

Monday, February 1

St. T 6:30 PM John Golembiewski (AM)
James J. McGrath IV

Tuesday, February 2-The Presentation of the Lord No Mass

Wednesday, February 3-St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

St. P&P 8:30 AM Robert A. Dobies, Sr. &
Joseph J. Dobies

Thursday, February 4

St. T 8:30 AM John & Agnes Biegacki

Friday, February 5-St. Agatha

St. P&P 8:30 AM Louise (Mignogna) Hryb

Saturday, February 6-St. Paul Miki & Companions

SS. P&P 4:00 PM Paul Kobylesky, Jr.
St. T 5:30 PM The People of the Parishes

Sunday, February 7-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SS. P&P 8:00 AM Adoration
SS. P&P 8:30 AM Parrick McGloin
St. T 10:00 AM Adoration
St. T 10:30 AM The Skuta & Rusnaczyk Families

January 24

Collection: \$5,049.00* Envelopes Used: 118
Religious Retirement: \$15 Catholic University: \$80
El Salvador-Latin American: \$194

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$605 Restoration: \$80
Various Holy Days: \$35 Initial Offering: \$41
Fuel & Utilities: \$175

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Pray for the Sick :

Anthony Amato, David Bob, Beverly Briggs, Robin Buckley, Janet Carrol, Bob Cermak, Leon David, Mary Decker, Al Deuche, Dolores DiBaggio, Paula Dragunas, Ann Duhanich, Charlie Dunlap, Edward Figler, Dick Fisher, Ray Haske, Dori Herout, Joseph Juby, Joyce Kedzierski, Jim Khol, Pat Kipfstuhl, Nancy Kolecki, Kenny Krawczyk, Josephine Mathews, Daria Melnyk, Barbara Sever, Sandy Skul, Greg Skuta, Joe Suster, Shirley Zwilling

If you know of any names that should be removed or added, please contact the rectory at 216-581-2852.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

As you may have noticed, the company we use to mail your collection envelopes recently changed from mailing two months' worth of envelopes at a time to mailing one month at a time. This may or may not change again in the near future. Thank you for your understanding as we work with them to provide the envelopes to you in a timely manner.



Please pray for the recently deceased:

Sophie K. Tessmer
Carole Tomko
Edward J. Fiorucci
John J. Kipfstuhl
Rev. Richard Burchell

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Drawing

The \$100.00 winners of our January 24 drawing were Susan Cromika and Jim McGrath.

Candlemas

Blessed candles will be available (a pair of tapers for a \$5 donation or a votive for a \$3 donation) after Masses the weekend of February 6/7 in celebration of Candlemas Day.



St. Therese Parish 4th Annual Soup & Chili Cook Off Pick-up

If you bought tickets, pick-up is today, Sunday, January 31, between 1 and 2 p.m. Pull your car up near the entrance to the church hall on the church parking lot side. Stay in your car. Someone will take your ticket or tickets from you and then will bring your order right to your car. Thank you for participating in this event!

Are you being Called?

The PSR Program is looking for a catechist and classroom aide to teach our youth about God and the Catholic faith. We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:15pm and you will be provided with all the teaching materials you need. If you are interested, please email Joanna Parsons at PSR_Program@sttheresegarfield.org or call the St. Therese Rectory 216-581-2852.

Love Your Neighbor. Your support of the 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: 'I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Please consider a generous gift that will change the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the Appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. The In-pew appeal will take place February 20-21.

Ask Father

Q. "Is civil disobedience & conscientious objection allowable when it comes to defending the lives of the innocent unborn?"



A. Absolutely. First, the Church prefers to use the term "freedom of conscience" to denote when an employee has the right to refuse orders that go against their faith. "Conscientious objection" on the other hand primarily refers to those who are in the military but refuse to bear arms. Second, and much more importantly, we have to evaluate civil disobedience prudentially. I think that the March for Life is a wonderful event to keep us committed to protecting the unborn. At the same time, it has little discernible effect on convincing people to change their minds about abortion.

Why is that? Our cultural elite, a.k.a. the mainstream media, think that abortion is cool. It's cool because it empowers them. Why is it powerful? Well, what is more powerful than having the legal power to murder someone? They do not care about the women's emotional lives which are destroyed let alone the tens of millions of lives lost. The media cares about looking cool and having the right opinion to be in the "cool club."

Any act of civil disobedience to protect the unborn needs to be conceived as operating in an environment that is hostile to it. Marches and demonstrations are likely never going to be that effective. Holding a peaceful and prayerful vigil will always be effective because prayer is always a good idea. Again, advocating for the lives of the unborn is a duty of Christians. We need to be very prudent and selective in how we do this going forward.

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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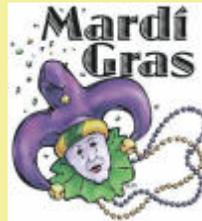
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Next up: Chicken Marsala- February 24

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**SS. PETER & PAUL MARDI GRAS
PARISH PORK CHOP DINNER
SATURDAY—February 13, 2021**

Dinner: 2 Boneless Pork Chops -
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The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 31

Soup/Chili pickup 1-2 pm, church parking lot

Tuesday, February 2

AA 7:30 pm, church hall

Wednesday, February 3

PSR 6 pm., church hall

Thursday, February 4

Finance Council Meeting 7 pm, R

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord be with you!

We have arrived at the final mark of the Church: Apostolic. Although the *Baltimore Catechism* does not use the word "Magisterium" in the questions below, it does correctly relate the teaching office of the Church to her Apostolic roots.

Question 567. How is the Church Apostolic?

Answer. The Church is Apostolic because it was founded by Christ on His Apostles, and is governed by their lawful successors, and because it has never ceased, and never will cease, to teach their doctrine.

Question 568. Does the Church, by defining certain truths, thereby make new doctrines?

Answer. The Church, by defining, that is, by proclaiming certain truths, articles of faith, does not make new doctrines, but simply teaches more clearly and with greater effort truths that have always been believed and held by the Church.

Question 569. What, then, is the use of defining or declaring a truth an article of faith if it has always been believed?

Answer. The use of defining or declaring a truth an article of faith, even when it has always been believed, is:

- (1) To clearly contradict those who deny it and show their teaching false;
- (2) To remove all doubt about the exact teaching of the Church, and to put an end to all discussion about the truth defined.

My commentary.

I am going to divide our discussion this weekend into two parts. The first part will simply explain the role of the Magisterium in the life of the Church. The second part will use a lot of philosophy to explain what a paradigm is. The second part might make your head hurt *and* is definitely my opinion so take it with the proverbial grain of salt.

In Latin "*Magister*" is the word for teacher so that "Magisterium" refers to the teaching office of the Church. As the questions above so clearly articulate, the Church does not develop new doctrines. Instead, the Church refines previous announcements to make things clearer or more explicit. These new definitions refute the errors and misunderstandings that inevitably occur. Look at it this way. There are many things that we take for granted and never argue about. Occasionally, something happens to cause us to reexamine those thoughts and clarify them.

Let's take the example of Mary's Immaculate Conception. The Church has always taught that Mary was without sin. Theologians struggled for centuries, however, about when that started. Eventually, a theological breakthrough happened in the twelfth century: prevenient grace. Duns Scots proposed that Christ could apply the fruits of His Resurrection to Mary at the moment of her conception. It was not until 1854 that Pope Pius IX codified this universal belief as a dogma of the Church with *Ineffabilis Deus*. The Church's belief had not changed in its essence but in its accidents.

Now to the hard part: paradigms. A paradigm is a grand perspective that unifies how we think. A paradigm uses a core vocabulary of words and insights to explain the world. Every paradigm will also have some core assumptions that cannot be disputed but must be accepted in the paradigm for it to function.

Let's take a non-religious example first: physics. Relativity is a coherent paradigm in physics as is Newtonian physics and we often use them both, but they are not compatible with each other. Einstein's relativity holds that space is curved such that gravity is not actually a force but the consequence of objects "falling" to where there is less space. Newton, however, calculated gravity as a distinct force and held that space is flat, i.e. it does not change. For almost a hundred years, physicists have been trying to reconcile these two paradigms without success.

Now, the Church does not have a paradigm as such but does possess the Deposit of Faith. Remember that the Revelation of Jesus Christ is the revealing of God's mercy to us in His Person. You cannot make a person into a paradigm. As time has gone on, however, the Church has collected certain key words - like grace and Eucharist - to explain parts of the Deposit. Theologians, being humans, will develop their own paradigms or perspectives on the Deposit to help explain things. The *Summa Theologiae* is such a work that contains a distinct perspective on God and the Church. As excellent as St. Thomas was at philosophy, however, even he understood that this work was "but straw" in comparison with knowing Christ experientially.

Doctrines do not evolve into something different and new, but paradigms do come and go in the Church. The great theologians give us penetrating but human insights into the divine. The Church, as successors of the Apostles, hands down to us the gift of knowing Christ. When the Church defines a doctrine, she is not inventing something new: she is safeguarding our knowledge of the eternal.

In Christ,
Fr. John

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