

# 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.”

**February 28, 2021 • The Second Sunday of Lent**



## 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

Rev. John J. Schneider, Pastor

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Rev. Mr. Robert Bugaj, Deacon

Mr. Frank Kozuch, Music Director

Mr. Kevin McManamon, Office Manager

Mrs. Joanna Parsons, PSR Coordinator

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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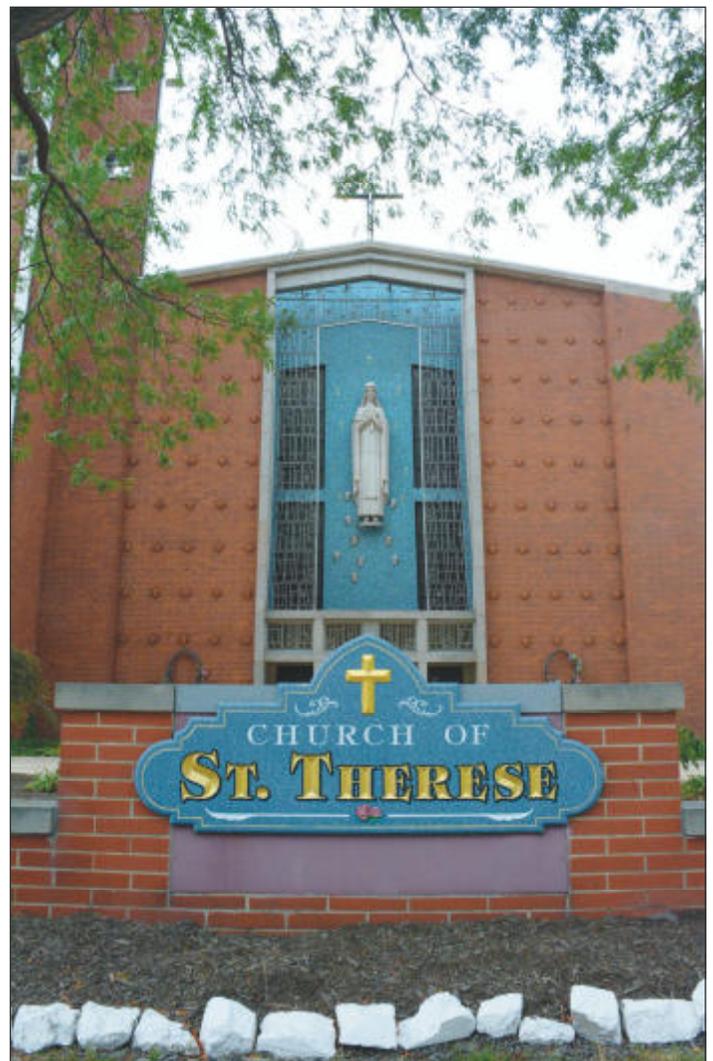
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# FEBRUARY 28, 2021

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 27

#### Vigil

SS. P&P 4:00 PM Agnes Krupa  
St. T 5:30 PM Sharon Bahleda

### Sunday, February 28-Second Sunday of Lent

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2:30 PM

### Monday, March 1

St. T 6:30 PM Deceased Members of the  
Kipfstuhl Family

### Tuesday, March 2

#### No Mass

### Wednesday, March 3-St. Katharine Drexel

St. P&P 8:30 AM The Holmolka & Galiardi Families

### Thursday, March 4-St. Casimir

St. T 8:30 AM Casey Szubra

### Friday, March 5

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Paul Kobylesky, Jr.  
St. T Noon Stations of the Cross  
SS. P&P 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 6

SS. P&P 4:00 PM Tony Hrestak (AM)  
St. T 5:30 PM Rudy & Rose Firem

### Sunday, March 7-Third Sunday of Lent

SS. P&P 8:00 AM Adoration  
SS. P&P 8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory  
St. T 10:00 AM Adoration  
St. T 10:30 AM The People of the Parishes

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,15-18; Rom 8:31b-34;  
Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



## February 21

Collection: \$4,552.11\*      Envelopes Used: 138  
SVDP: \$220      Central & East. Europe: \$41  
Black & Indian: \$134      PSR: 20  
Latin American/El Salvador: \$4

\*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$664      Restoration: \$39  
Ash Wednesday: \$497      Initial Offering: \$12  
Fuel & Utilities: \$15

Thank you for your continued generosity! If you would like information about automatic giving through We Share, please contact the rectory.

## 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, Lisa Hall, Ray Haske, Dori Herout, Joseph Juby, Joyce Kedzierski, Jim Khol, Pat Kipfstuhl, Nancy Kolecki, Kenny Krawczyk, Josephine Mathews, Daria Melnyc, Barbara Sever, Gary Skelley, Sandy Skul, Greg Skuta, Joe Suster, Linda Wright, Shirley Zwilling,

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



Please pray for the recently deceased:

**Thomas L. Divoky**  
**Deacon Carl M. Varga**  
**Rev. Thomas J. Hagedore**  
**Nicole Dursa**

## Lenten Family Challenge-February 28

**CHALLENGE:** Read a story from the Old Testament as a family.

**FOCUS:** Before Jesus was born, people knew about God and some were called to preach about God. What did you learn about God in the story you read with your family?

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

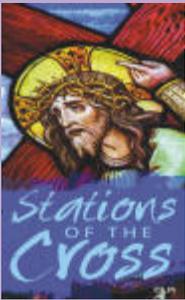
## Weekend Drawing

The \$100.00 winners of our February 21 drawing were Julie Kiefer and Pat Kazimour.



### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

St. Therese Church—Sunday, March 21, 3:00pm



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Therese Church—Noon  
Saints Peter & Paul Church - 7pm\*  
March 5, 12, 19, 26

**\*Please note the new time at  
SS. Peter & Paul: 7 pm**

## The 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who participated in Catholic Charities In-Pew weekend at St. Therese last weekend. Because of your support, over 400,000 individuals will receive help and hope through the programs and services made possible by people like you.

If you have not had a chance to make a gift, please visit [CatholicCommunity.org/Donate](http://CatholicCommunity.org/Donate), text CCHOPE to 41444, or mail your donation to the Catholic Community Foundation at 1404 E. 9th St, Cleveland OH 44114.

## Old Palms

You're invited to bring your old palms to the church from now through Palm Sunday. You can leave them in the marked baskets near the Granger Road entrance. The palms will be reverently burned.

**Little Black Books** and **Little Purple Books** (for children) are available near the church entrances and at the rectory for your use during Lent. A free-will offering will be accepted.

## Ask Father

**Q.** "How does someone create a prayer space/altar at home?"



**A.** There is nothing required to make a space of prayer except to set it aside. Although we can certainly pray when and wherever we want, having a space that is only used for prayer is a good idea. Having said that, we can make it easier on ourselves by having the following. First, have a crucifix or a holy image to look at. Ideally, we would have the image on the eastern wall to recall that Christ is the rising sun of our lives, but this is truly optional. Second, have a chair or kneeler to recline on while praying. Third, have your prayer book and bible nearby and ready. Fourth, have a ritual to start and end prayer. Such a little ritual could be using some holy water to bless ourselves before praying or making a sign of reverence to the crucifix. It could simply be a pious sign of the cross. Whatever it is, do it so that you actually utilize the space and related items. You can make a prayer space as big or as small as you want. I know a retired priest who almost made his library into a chapel. I also know a parishioner who had a table, a picture of Mary, and two candles in the corner of her living room. Both worked because both of them used these places with their bodies and their souls.



There will be a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** on Sunday, February 28, at 2:30 PM in St. Therese Church. Please wear a mask. All are welcome!

## 2021 Bringing America Back to Life Convention March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit [www.bringingamericabacktolife.org](http://www.bringingamericabacktolife.org) or call (440) 281-1502. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

## Coming this summer: Vacation Bible School

**Exciting news!** Save the Date: July 12 – July 16 @ St Therese Parish Hall

### Volunteers Needed

For more information or to volunteer please contact the parish office.

216-581-2852

# FEBRUARY 28, 2021

## Saint Therese will be participating in a Diocesan-wide survey.

Saint Therese will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help.

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/kaktxk0k9x> from February 20, 2021 to March 22, 2021 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. John and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer, you may pick up a paper copy of the survey. They will be located on the table in the vestibule of the church. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at the parish office or in the collection basket at Saint Therese Church. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the parish office at 216-581-2852.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, February 28

Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:30 p.m., C

### Tuesday, March 2

Bible Study 6:30 p.m., R

AA 7:30 pm, church hall

### Wednesday, March 3

PSR 6 p.m., H

### Friday, March 5

Stations of the Cross, noon, C

## Sunday March 14, 2021 Serving 1-3pm

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## HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 13, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to prepare for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar.

**HOLY CROSS Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park  
RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3**

## Catholic Cemeteries Association One-Year Anniversary Mass, March 19, 10 a.m.

We pray for your peace and consolation and we remember your dearly departed loved ones from the past year in our special One-Year Anniversary Mass. This Mass is celebrated annually on March 19, the feast day of St. Joseph, the patron saint of a happy death. This year's One-Year Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 19, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 East 131st Street, Garfield Hts., OH 44105. For more information contact Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.

## The Lord be with you!

Continuing our examination of the sacraments in general, this weekend we look at why Christ instituted the sacraments and how they operate. Both the minister and the recipient of the sacrament need to have the right intentions for sacraments to confer grace.

### Question 580. Why have the Sacraments been instituted?

Answer. The Sacraments have been instituted as a special means through which we are to receive the grace merited for us by Christ. As Christ is the giver of the grace, He has the right to determine the manner in which it shall be given, and one who refuses to make use of the Sacraments will not receive God's grace.

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Question 581. Do the Sacraments recall in any way the means by which Our Lord merited the graces we receive through them?**

Answer. The Sacraments recall in many ways the means by which Our Lord merited the graces we receive through them. Baptism recalls His profound humility; Confirmation His ceaseless prayer; Holy Eucharist His care of the needy; Penance His mortified life; Extreme Unction His model death; Holy Orders His establishment of the priesthood, and Matrimony His close union with the Church.

**Question 582. Give, for example, the outward sign in Baptism and Confirmation.**

Answer. The outward sign in Baptism is the pouring of the water and the saying of the words of Baptism. The outward sign in Confirmation is the anointing with oil, the saying of the words of Confirmation and the placing of the bishop's hands over the person he confirms.

**Question 583. What is the use of the outward signs in the Sacraments?**

Answer. Without the outward signs in the Sacraments we could not know when or with what effect the grace of the Sacraments enters into our souls.

**Question 584. Does the outward sign merely indicate that grace has been given, or does the use of the outward sign with the proper intention also give the grace of the Sacrament?**

Answer. The outward sign is not used merely to indicate that grace has been given, for the use of the outward sign with the proper intention also gives the grace of the Sacrament. Hence the right application of the outward sign is always followed by the gift of internal grace if the Sacrament be administered with the right intention and received with the right dispositions.

My commentary.

The above questions raise a critical point about the sacraments and the gift of grace: we can say "no" to them. God never forces His gifts upon us; He offers them to us. Nevertheless, we need to distinguish between someone who is explicitly rejecting the sacraments from someone implicitly doing so. Implicitly or accidentally rejecting the sacraments happens when someone does not know about them or has invisible ignorance about them. For example, a Muslim would implicitly reject the sacraments because they are not part of Islam. Is God's grace automatically kept from him? No. It is possible for any person to receive grace from God so long as he desires grace and is living an upright life. Whether and how such grace is conferred is a matter of theological speculation, and theologians will disagree on this.

Explicit rejection from the sacraments can be either malicious or confused. A Catholic would maliciously reject the sacraments by either being convinced that he does not need them (i.e. "I am already good enough") or cannot use them (i.e. "God would never forgive me"). Now, there are many Catholics who are simply confused about the sacraments and their need for them. Their thinking goes along the line of, "I can receive whatever I need from God no matter what." This thinking rightly acknowledges that grace is coming from God but it forgets to ask a simple question, "What does God want me to do?"

By instituting the sacraments, the LORD has shown us what He wants as the normative and formative way of growing in His Life. As Question 581 so wonderfully points out, by participating in the sacraments we are imitating the very actions of Christ. When we choose not to use them, we are like a child who demands that his parents buy him a red fire truck when they have just given him a toy police car. Certainly, the parents might give him the new toy, but the child does not deserve it. And here is the critical problem: Catholics who through confusion neglect the sacraments often end up rejecting them as well.

Our last two questions explain well that the sacraments require our active participation to be effective. To be clear, we do not need perfect intentionality here. For the offering of the sacrament to be effective it suffices for the priest to intend the sacrament to be helpful. Unless a priest or other minister intends against the conferral of grace, we can assume that he has a right intention. In a similar way, we need to desire grace to receive the sacrament in an effective manner. Whereas the minister's intention does not add grace to the sacrament per se, how much grace the recipient receives is usually limited by his desire.\* Thus, we need to put effort into receiving the sacraments as worthily as possible for our life of grace to deepen.

God is always offering us His Love. The sacraments are the privileged method by which that Divine Mercy is given to us. The more we cooperate with them, the more they can do for us. Far from limiting grace, the sacraments are truly the spring from which graces flow.

In Christ,  
Fr. John

\*A minister can merit additional graces for the recipient if he celebrates the sacrament with charity. Such graces, however, are accidental to the sacrament.

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