

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."

September 26, 2021 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary



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Credit Union Website: www.allsaintsfcu.com

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 prior to Holiday

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

STAFF

Rev. John J. Schneider, Pastor

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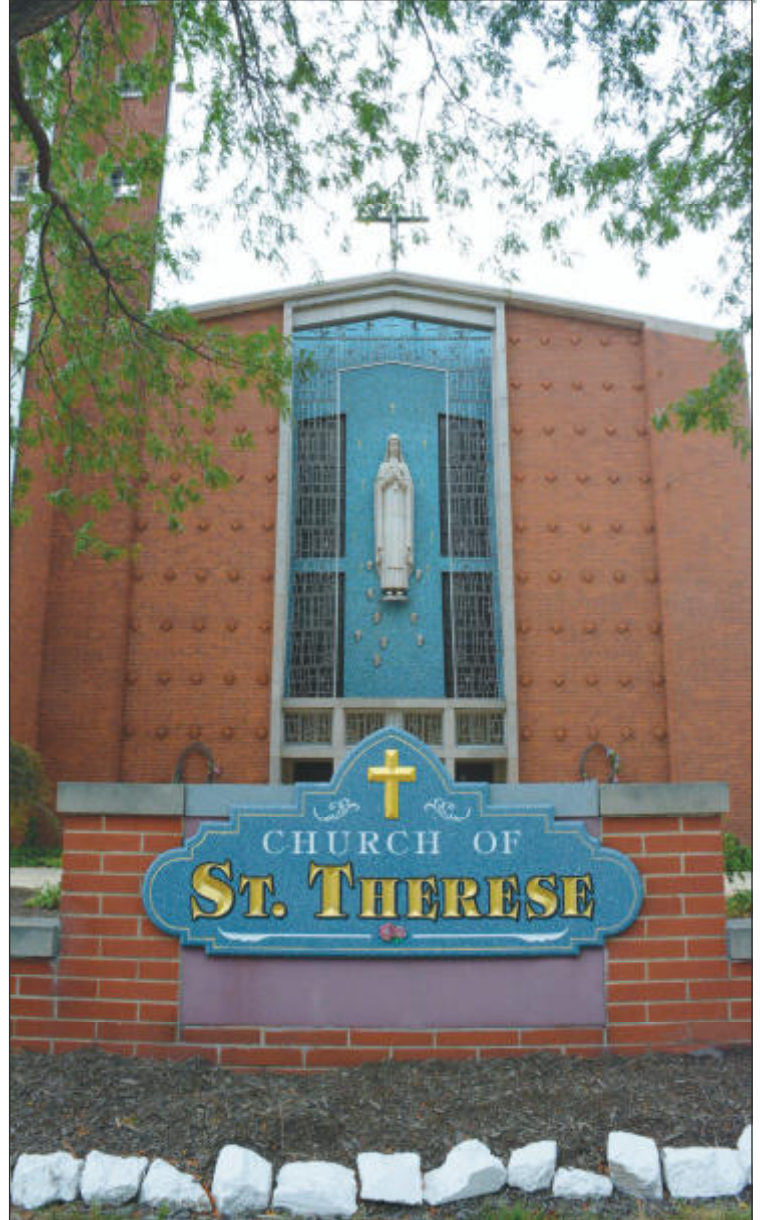
SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE...MONDAY AT NOON



SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25

Ss. P&P 3:00 PM Confessions
Ss. P&P 4:00 PM Bernice Minarczyk
St. T 5:30 PM Mary Braydich

Sunday, September 26– Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Adam & Alicia Sullivan
4th Wedding Anniversary
St. T 10:30 AM The People of the Parishes

Monday, September 27– St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

St. T 6:30 PM Carletta Robbins
St. T 7:00 PM Confessions

Tuesday, September 28– St. Wenceslaus, Martyr No Mass

Wednesday, September 29– Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Edward J. Slovenski

Thursday, September 30– St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

St. T 8:30 AM Amy George
Palmer Sabatine

Friday, October 1– St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Intention of the Celebrant
Fr. John's 5th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Therese and Ss. Peter and Paul

Saturday, October 2– The Holy Guardian Angels

Ss. P&P 3:00 PM Confessions
Ss. P&P 4:00 PM The People of the Parishes
St. T 5:30 PM Mark, Helen, and Joanne Callahan

Sunday, October 3– Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Rose Solt
St. T 10:30 AM Alex Cook

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29;
James 5:1-6;
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday: Zechariah 8:1-8;
Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zechariah 8:20-23;
Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;
John 1:47-51
Thursday: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;
Luke 10:1-12
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22;
Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29;
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

September 19

Collection: \$4,987.00* Envelopes Used: 194
Restoration Fund: \$115.00 PSR: \$70.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$335.00 Fuel & Utilities: \$92.00
Catholic Communication: \$10.00
Special Collection for Hurricane Ida: \$150.00

This does include the collections from the Parish Picnic

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$1,095.00

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 :



Derek Arnold, David Bob, Beverly Briggs, Kara Brucksotter, David Burchfield, Robin Buckley, Janet Carrol, Leon David, Mary Decker, Al Deuche, Dolores DiBaggio, Paula Dragunas, Ann Duhanich, Charlie Dunlap, Dick Fabian, Edward Figler, Dick Fisher, Marian Golembiewski, Lisa Hall, Ray Haske, Dori Herout, Alex Herve, Mary Ann Ineman, Joseph Juby, Joyce Kedzierski, Jim Khol, Pat Kipfstuhl, Nancy Kolecki, Kenny Krawczyk, Josephine Mathews, Daria Melnyc, Robert Novak, Rick Price, Joan Ratchko, Gary Skelley, Sandy Skul, Greg Skuta, John Sorma, Joe Suster, Lenny Visconti, 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 all our deceased.

Helen Benko

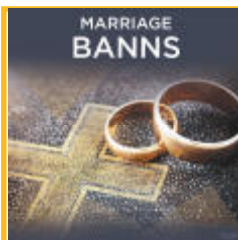
**Deacon Robert J. Matoney, Jr.
Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour
at St. Therese Parish, **today, Sunday,
September 26, 2021** at 2:30 pm.

All are welcome!



**I. Monica Moeller &
Matthew Pintur**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Our Young Church

YOUTH412 Youth Group will have their first meeting **Thursday, September 30th** from **5:30 to 7:00**

pm in the **St. Therese Church Hall**. This group is open for students in 6th to 12th grade. All are welcomed, and you can even bring a friend! Contact Tracy Johnson, our Youth Ministry Coordinator, at Youth_Ministry@sttheresegarfield.org with any questions.

Bring your pets on **Saturday, October 3rd** at **11:00 am** in the St. Therese Church parking lot for a blessing.

Pet Blessings

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

GOD BLESS FR. JOHN

May God bless Fr. John Schneider as he celebrates his 5th Anniversary of being our Pastor. Continue to lift him up in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to lead his flock at St. Therese Parish and Ss. Peter and Paul Church with grace, wisdom, and love. Thank you, Fr. John for everything you have done, continue to do, and will do for St. Therese Parish and Ss. Peter and Paul Church! We look forward to making many more memories with you in the years ahead.

Imitating Mary's 10 Virtues
Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28
6:00 to 8:00 pm
Loyola Retreat House

700 Killinger Road, Clinton, Ohio

A virtue is an attitude or way of life that will help us grow in holiness. When we live a virtuous life we receive inner joy, strength and peace from the Holy Spirit, Mary's Sweet Spouse. Come and see if living by each of these ten amazing virtues, you will change your relationship with God. The retreat costs \$45 and includes all three nights plus light supper each evening.



A Celebration for Cleveland Polonia

Rejoicing in the recent beatification of the Primate of the Millennium, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, and Mother Elizabeth Czacka, all of Cleveland Polonia is invited to a celebration of thanksgiving marking the one month anniversary of this historic event on Tuesday, October 12th at 7 pm at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus (3649 East 65th Street, Cleveland) This festive Mass will help us to renew our appreciation for their great witness and our determination to follow in their example of discipleship. All are welcome!

Ask Father



Question: I have always been curious about the part of the Apostles Creed, "descends into Hell." Please explain your understanding of this.

Answer. Back in May of this year, we went over Question 632 of the Baltimore Catechism and introduced two concepts: Limbo of the Fathers, and Limbo of Infants. Limbo of the Fathers is the state or place that all the righteous waited in before Christ opened Heaven whereas Limbo of Infants is the place that many theologians have theorized exists for the souls of the unborn and unbaptized. The Church has always taught the existence of the first limbo - the Limbo of the Fathers - and recently has clarified that the second limbo is not part of the same teaching.

Now, when the Apostles Creed states that Christ descended into Hell, it is referring to Him going to the Limbo of the Fathers. All the souls waiting to enter into Paradise were there. When Christ went there, He embraced those souls with His victory and then took them to Heaven. For all of human history until that moment, the righteous had waited there without pain but without the satisfaction of seeing God. Satan was quite pleased to have denied them all the eternal beatitude of Paradise. In descending into Hell, Christ is despoiling Satan of all those souls.

In other words, the Limbo of the Fathers was not what we understand Hell to be. There was no suffering or pain; the souls there were not damned to eternal punishment. The Apostles Creed is using "Hell" in its expansive meaning to refer to the whole of the afterlife, which Satan reigned over in a sense. After all, the Devil desires all souls to remain away from God.



Birthday Calendar is Returning!

St. Therese is bringing back the birthday calendar to celebrate everyone's birthday. If you and your family would like to be included in the **Birthday Calendar**, there will be **sign up sheets** on the tables throughout the **Church**. Please print clearly to help avoid typos and mistakes. You may also call the Parish Office at 216-581-2852 or email at jparsons@sttheresegarfield.org. The **first month we will feature is October** in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux's Feast Day.



Feast of St. Therese

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Therese on **Saturday, October 2nd after 5:30 pm Mass with Pizza**, and on **Sunday, October**



3rd with donuts along with a short talk about the Rosary and a Rosary craft. Please join us as we celebrate and honor our Patroness and try to follow her "little way."

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Marriage Encounter Enrichment Overnight Seminar October 15-17, 2021



Attendees' personal testimony
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Knights of Columbus 4130 Dinner Wednesday, September 29th: Lasagna Reservations by Sunday, September 26th at 8 pm \$10 per meal



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Rosary Rally Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 12:00 Noon



Outside at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine at Saints Peter and Paul Church. Hosted by the Altar & Rosary Sodality. For your comfort bring your own lawn chair. Face mask are optional. For more information call Iva 216-385-1348 or Therese 216-475-5488

Recitation of the Rosary Month of OCTOBER Saints Peter and Paul Church

Wednesday	8:10am
Friday	8:10am
Saturday	3:35 pm
Sunday	8:05 am



Knights of Columbus CLAMBAKE 2021

Due to supply issues and the increase cost of clams, we **WILL NOT HAVE A CLAMBAKE** this year. We will have it in 2022. Thank you for your patronage.

St. Stanislaus Polish Festival

Friday, October 8th to Sunday, October 10th

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus will be hosting its annual Polish Festival. The event will be all indoors, it will feature wonderful food & drink, live entertainment, games, vendors, and more!

Doors open 5 pm on Friday, 4 pm on Saturday, and 11 am on Sunday. Ample secure parking and free admission. Hope to see you there! For more information, call 216-341-9091



May God bless
Finley Louise Harter,
who was baptized last Sunday.

Senior's Meeting

The seniors will only meet once in September. Join them at their next Senior's Meetings on **Monday, October 4th** at 1:00 pm in the St. Therese Church Hall.



Magnolia Clubhouse Health Screenings October 1st 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 11101 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Magnolia Clubhouse is hosting their 2nd annual Flu-B-Que. During this event, guests can get a flu shot, have their blood pressure and blood sugar checked, and women 40 and over can make an appointment to get a mammogram on the Metro Health Mobile Mammogram bus. A podiatrist will also be available by appointment. Of course there will music and food, both of which will be provided free of charge! For more information please call 216-721-3030



Donut Sunday has been moved from Sunday, September 26th to the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd in honor of the Feast of St. Therese. We hope to see everyone after the masses next weekend!

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 27

Boy Scouts 7:00 pm, Church Hall

Tuesday, September 28

Bible Study 6:30 pm, Rectory

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Wednesday, September 29

PSR Class 6:00 pm, Church Hall

Thursday, September 30

YOUTH412 5:30 pm, Church Hall

Friday, October 1

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Saturday, October 2

Pet Blessing 11:00 am, Parking Lot

Pizza 6:30 pm, Church Hall



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The LORD be with you! We have come to the last part of our discussion of the work of the Holy Spirit within us. For the next few weeks we are going to examine the marks of Christian perfection in this life: the Beatitudes and then the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Question 708. Which are the Beatitudes?

Answer. The Beatitudes are:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.
3. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Question 709. What are the Beatitudes and why are they so called?

Answer. The Beatitudes are a portion of Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, and they are so called because each of them holds out a promised reward to those who practice the virtues they recommend.

Question 710. Where did Our Lord usually preach?

Answer. Our Lord usually preached wherever an opportunity of doing good by His Words presented itself. He preached at times in the synagogues or meeting-houses but more frequently in the open air -- by the sea-shore or on the mountain, and often by the wayside.

Question. 711. What is the meaning and use of the Beatitudes in general?

Answer.

- (1) In general the Beatitudes embrace whatever pertains to the perfection of Christian life, and they invite us to the practice of the highest Christian virtues.
- (2) In different forms they all promise the same reward, namely, sanctifying grace in this life and eternal glory in the next.
- (3) They offer us encouragement and consolation for every trial and affliction.

My commentary.

If you have ever attempted to practice any one of the Beatitudes habitually, you know from experience that it is far from easy. They are so difficult that some preachers have spoken of them as ideals that cannot be obtained on Earth. Yet, we have the plain words of our Savior recommending them to us.

The Beatitudes are demanding since they ask us to act with heroic virtue, which is the perfection of Christian life on this earth. When we speak of the saints, we often mention that they lived lives of exceptional virtue. The saints practiced virtues that demonstrated that they were heroes in the classical sense of the word, i.e. able to do what normal people cannot. How could they do that? Grace. In coming to know and love God ever so deeply in their hearts, the saints were able to act exteriorly towards their neighbors with compassion that was super-human, *or* supernatural.

Perfection in this life consists in our continued ascent towards God - our movement to Love Himself. Those who see the Beatitudes only as ideals are right in the sense that they challenge us to be more like Christ, who exemplified them. What we know, however, is that God is offering us the grace today to move towards those heights one step at a time. As we will see in our investigation of them individually, they give us great courage in the most difficult times.

In Christ,

Fr. John



St. Vincent de Paul: Blanket Sunday

The **35th Annual Blanket Sunday** appeal kicks off the weekend of **October 9-10, 2021**. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase 4,500+ new winter blankets that were provided to the homeless and 179 beds/mattresses for low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio. The need is great and donations can be made securely online: <http://donate.svdpcle.org/blanket-Sunday-donations/>. There will be special baskets in the church for checks and cash. Thank you for helping us "blanket" neighbors in warmth and compassion!



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