

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.”

December 26, 2021 • The Holy Family



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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.

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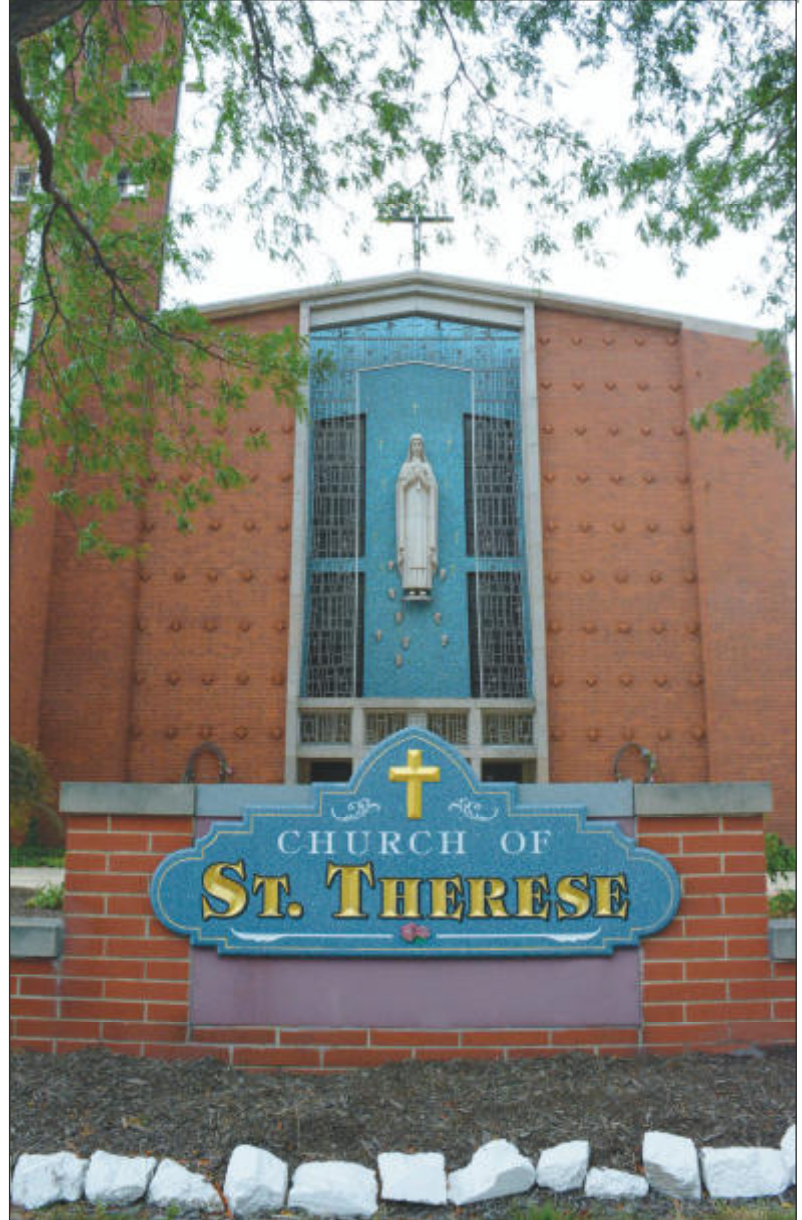
SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office.

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 varies due to early deadlines.



DECEMBER 26, 2021



Saturday, December 25– The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM The People of the Parishes
St. T 10:30 AM Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, December 26– The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM The People of the Parishes
St. T 10:30 AM Leonard and Mildred Divoky
St. T 2:30 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Monday, December 27– St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

St. T 6:30 PM Pat & Angie Quealy
St. T 7:00 PM Confessions

Tuesday, December 28– The Holy Innocents, Martyrs No Mass

Wednesday, December 29–Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Maddalena Tota

Thursday, December 30–Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

St. T 8:30 AM Pat & Angie Quealy

Friday, December 31–Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM James R. Piskac Jr.

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Friday, December 31

St. T 4:00 PM The People of the Parishes

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Saturday, January 1, 2022 Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, January 1–The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Ss. P&P 4:00 PM Frank Franz
St. T 5:30 PM Veronica & Thomas Kvasnok & Family

Sunday, January 2– Epiphany of the Lord

Ss. P&P 8:00 AM Adoration
Ss. P&P 8:30 AM John and Maria Cicaolini
St. T 10:00 AM Adoration
St. T 10:30 AM The People of the Parishes



Merry Christmas
from
Rev. John J. Schneider
and the staffs of
St. Therese Parish and
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish

The December 12 & 19, 2021 Collection data was not available when the bulletin went to print. Please see the January 2nd Bulletin for the December 12th & 19th Collection data.

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 :



Baby Zander, Bridget Basta, Alice Biltz, David Bob, Beverly Briggs, Kara Brucksotter, David Burchfield, Janet Carrol, Leon David, Mary Decker, Al Deuche, Paula Dragunas, Ann Duhanich, Charlie Dunlap, Dick Fabian, Edward Figler, Dick Fisher, Marian Golembiewski, Joyce Granfors, Lisa Hall, Ray Haske, Dori Herout, Alex Hervey, Mary Ann Ineman, Joseph Juby, Joyce Kedzierski, Jim Khol, Pat Kipfstuhl, Nancy Kolecki, Kenny Krawczyk, Paddie Kuehn, Josephine Mathews, Daria Melnyk, Robert Novak, Dolores Parsons, Delmer Price, Rick Price, Joan Ratchko, Gary Skelley, Sandy Skul, Greg Skuta, John Sorma, Joe Suster, Lenny Visconti, Norm Wells, Ceil Zeman, 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, especially

Reverend Donald B. Cozzens

Deacon Thomas T. Long

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

Readings of the Week OSM

Sunday: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28;
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24;
Luke 2:41-52

Monday: 1 John 1:1-4;
John 20:1a & 2-8

Tuesday: 1 John 1:5-2:2;
Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-11;
Luke 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 John 2:12-17;
Luke 2:36-40

Friday: 1 John 2:18-21;
Luke 1:1-18

Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27;
Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

In observance of Christmas Day, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27th. Have a Merry Christmas!
In observance of New Year's Day, the Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 31, 2021. Happy New Year!

THE HOLY FAMILY

Happy Birthday to our December Birthdays!!

December 1: Agnes Jozefkowicz
December 3: Karen Uher
December 12: Shirley Rozmiarynowski
December 15: Alice Biltz
December 16: Paddie Kuehn
December 17: Karen Dusek & John Jeloveck
December 25: Our Lord, Jesus Christ & Larry Arthur
December 30: Joan Koloze



Ask Father

Merry Christmas!
Check back next week for an Ask Father.



Save the Date! Annual Soup & Chili Cookoff Returning in January 2022



St. Therese 5th Annual Soup & Chili Cook-Off Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 1-3 pm at the St. Therese Church Hall. Advance Sale only for this event. Tickets are \$6.00 per person or enter your Full Size Crock Pot creation for prizes at \$10.00 per person. Snoogles will be also be available by pre-sale for \$4.00 each. Tickets go on sale from Saturday, January 16th thru Sunday, January 23rd. More information will be posted in the coming weeks.

The FEST Internship

Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship!

THEFEST

The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people. Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 9th.

Our Young Church



PSR: Merry Christmas! Enjoy this week off!
Classes begin January 5th!

YOUTH412: The next Youth412 meeting is Thursday, January 13th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm! For more information contact Mrs. Tracy Johnson, Youth_Group@sttheresegarfield.org



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_service@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.



It's 2022 and a year that is new. Making a resolution that's way too steep? Enrich your mind, body, spirit with one you can keep!

Start your New Year off by listening to AM1260 The Rock Catholic radio! AM1260 The Rock makes it easy to learn more about our faith with daily Mass, devotionals, news from a Catholic perspective, apologetics and much more. Listen via radio, the internet, or our mobile app. Visit www.am1260therock.com for a complete program schedule, to download mobile app, or for more information. Glory be to God and your loved ones in the New Year and beyond.

Freedom In Christ Conference

Do you long to be free from bad habits? From repetitive sin? From attitudes that hurt you and your relationships, such as unforgiveness? Here is an opportunity to attain the freedom Christ won for you and wants for you! Join in a Healing Mass Fri, Jan 21, 7:00pm, St. Hilary Church, Fairlawn. Free-will offering will be taken. And the next day: **UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE**, 9:00am- 5:00pm, St. Hilary Horning Hall led by Matt Lozano, of Heart of the Father Ministries; He is an international speaker and author. Conference fee is \$50; includes pastry, lunch, and snacks. Please register ASAP, as space is limited: <https://sthilarychurch.org/2021/09/30/parishsurvey/>.



Marriage & Banns

I. Jennifer Turnik & Patrick Grijak



DECEMBER 26, 2021

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Therese Church, **Sunday, December 26, 2021** at 2:30 pm. **All are welcome!**



Knights of Columbus 4130 Dinner

The next meal will be in January 2022!



**December 18th & 19th
Weekend Drawing Winners**
\$100: Barbara Duke
\$100: Sue Sizler
Congratulations to our winners!

Young Catholic Men Conference

MEN'S RETREAT

On Saturday, January 29th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls, there will be a Young Men Conference for boys in 8th grade to high school accompanied with their fathers or male role model. Some keynote speakers will be Bishop Malesic, Fr. Larry Richards and others, and 8 breakout sessions that pertain to; sports, science, dating, managing stress, spiritual growth, culture and integrity. Registration is open and is limited. \$40 if registered by January 15th, \$50 after that. Any questions please call Sarah Mihalik at 440-773-5478

A New Year's Eve Retreat

"See, I am Doing a New Thing"

Friday, December 31, 5:30 pm to Saturday, January 1, 11:30 am. Presented by Bill Hobbs. As we turn the page on the calendar to 2022, we take time to pause and reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead. The evening begins with dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by a reflection and time for quiet prayer. We will gather before midnight for some conversation and to share a toast to the New Year. In the morning, we will conclude with liturgy and brunch. Cost: \$100.



Women's Retreat: Accepting Change, Giving Hope

Monday, January 17, 2:00 pm to
Thursday, January 20, 1:00 pm.

This retreat offers 4 days of prayerful meditation, daily Mass, discussion and relaxation along with powerful presentations. Guest speakers include Jan Murphy, CEO of St. Vincent Charity Hospital; Fr. Joe Fortuna, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish-Euclid; and Jim Armour, VP of Sisters of Charity Catholic Health Care System. The \$350 Cost includes meals, materials, a wonderful atmosphere of friendship, and of course God's presence!

There will not be donuts hosted by our Hospitality Committee on Sun, Dec 26th. Enjoy your Christmas!



Bereavement Support

Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings in-person in six of our offices and virtually. For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

St. Therese Parish is in Need of Lectors, Communion Ministers, and Altar Servers

Do you want to experience Mass in a deeper and closer way to Our Lord Jesus Christ? Please share your God given talents and time back to God Himself in one or all these ministries. Lectors read the First & Second Reading and the petitions. Communion Ministers assist Father in distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord, and Altar Servers assist on the altar. If you are hearing God's call and are interested in any or all of these ministries, please contact the rectory via email or 216-581-2852



Come Away to Quiet

Loyola Retreat House is excited to offer guests a new way to "Come Away to the Quiet!" Make an individual retreat in Loyola's new private retreat suite. Enjoy two comfortable rooms all to yourself, complete with a kitchenette, writing desk, private shower, and prayer nook. We will provide linens, meals, and quiet space for you to read, think, write, or pray. To schedule your private retreat today, fill out our private retreat application or call us at 330-896-2315 today!



The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 26
Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:30 pm, Church

Monday, December 27
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28
AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Friday, December 31
Parish Office Closed



"A Closer Walk with Thee"

CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee" provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-903-4866.



THE HOLY FAMILY

The Lord be with you! Before we get to our regular reflections on the Baltimore Catechism, I have two important messages. First, Merry Christmas! Second, everyone needs to go to Mass on Sunday as well as on Christmas. Attending Mass on Christmas Day or on Christmas Eve, does not fulfill your Sunday obligation; instead, it fulfills your obligation to attend Mass on this holy day of obligation. Bishop Malesic has instructed us to not have vigil Masses on the evening of Saturday, December 25th, in order to make this distinction clear and allow liturgical ministers - including priests - to be with their families. Now onto the differences between perfect and imperfect contrition.

Question 764. How many kinds of contrition are there?

Answer. There are two kinds of contrition; perfect contrition and imperfect contrition.

Question 765. What is perfect contrition?

Answer. Perfect contrition is that which fills us with sorrow and hatred for sin, because it offends God, who is infinitely good in Himself and worthy of all love.

Question 766. When will perfect contrition obtain pardon for mortal sin without the Sacrament of Penance?

Answer. Perfect contrition will obtain pardon for mortal sin without the Sacrament of Penance when we cannot go to confession, but with the perfect contrition we must have the intention of going to confession as soon as possible, if we again have the opportunity.

Question 767. What is imperfect contrition?

Answer. Imperfect contrition is that by which we hate what offends God because by it we lose heaven and deserve hell; or because sin is so hateful in itself.

Question 768. What other name is given to imperfect contrition and why is it called imperfect?

Answer. Imperfect contrition is called attrition. It is called imperfect only because it is less perfect than the highest grade of contrition by which we are sorry for sin out of pure love of God's own goodness and without any consideration of what befalls ourselves.

Question 769. Is imperfect contrition sufficient for a worthy confession?

Answer. Imperfect contrition is sufficient for a worthy confession, but we should endeavor to have perfect contrition.

My commentary.

All the questions this week are succinct, accurate, and helpful to our spiritual growth. Understanding that there is more than one way of being sorrowful for our sins helps us to appreciate how we can grow in such sorrow. Again, this sorrow is essentially rational, because it is part of the function of our conscience which is a rational faculty, so it is not about how much we "feel it" but about how much we reject sin for the love of God. Most of us have imperfect contrition to some degree or another throughout our lives. That should be expected, but it does not imply that we should leave it like that. As Question 769 notes, we are to deepen or purify our sorrow every time we go to Confession.

Going back a few questions to Question 766, we have a significant problem in our Church today. Only about ten percent of Catholics go to Confession each year according to the polling data that we have. That would not be a grave issue if those ten percent of Catholics comprised all the Catholics who needed Reconciliation. Since we have no way of determining exactly how many Catholics commit mortal sins, we have to guess. My guess is fifty percent commit at least one mortal sin each year since there are no other variables to consider. This guess is a statistical observation based on the principle of simplicity: we account for only the variables we know of, which is in this case a single variable. If ninety percent of Catholics are not going to Confession and fifty percent of Catholics need to, then forty five percent of Catholics are on the path to Hell.

Question 766 reminds us that perfect contrition does remit mortal sin but does so as it binds us to seek Confession as part of our making amends with God. Just as a husband who greatly offends his wife says both that he is sorry and gets her flowers (or some other act of kindness), the soul who has sinned greatly both professes his perfect sorrow and shows it by doing what God has asked - Confession.

In bringing up this sobering analysis, it is not my intent to alarm anyone of the state of his individual soul. Instead, we need to see that the Church, at least in the United States, has not been in a spiritually healthy state for some time. Rejuvenating that health can only happen when we individually and collectively seek the means that God has always asked for: prayer, penance, and works of mercy.

This Christmas we can give a gift far greater than any amount of money can purchase: grace. When you come back to Church on Sunday, offer your Holy Communion for someone who is not here. If you can, think of someone in particular and ask the Lord to be as present to their hearts as He is to us in Church. As St. Francis would tell us, it is in giving that we receive.

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

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