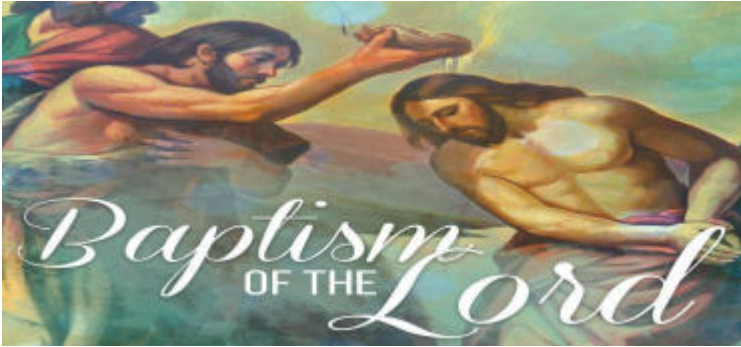


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MISSION STATEMENT

“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 9, 2022 • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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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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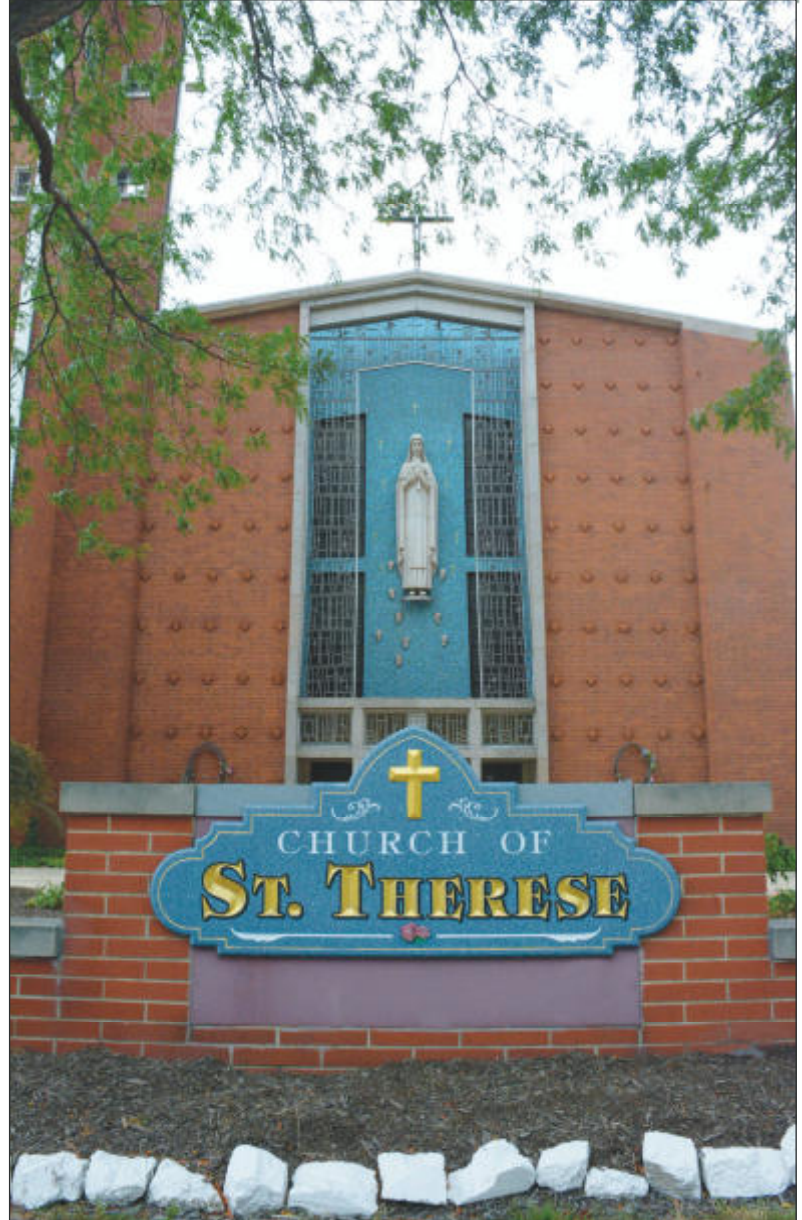
SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office.

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 Monday at 12:00 pm



JANUARY 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 8– Christmas Weekday

Ss. P&P 4:00 PM For the People of the Parishes
St. T 5:30 PM Rich & Pat Kraft

Sunday, January 9– Baptism of the Lord

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Joe Ziegler
St. T 10:30 AM Wally Ciokajio

Monday, January 10– Weekday in Ordinary Time

St. T 6:30 PM Rudy N. Guzman

Tuesday, January 11– Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Wednesday, January 12—Weekday in Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Rocco Shieda

Thursday, January 13—St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. T 8:30 AM Therese Biegacki

Friday, January 14—Weekday in Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM For the Ill and Homebound Parishioners

Saturday, January 15— Weekday in Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 4:00 PM Jim & Kay Leonard
St. T 5:30 PM Daniel Toth

Sunday, January 16– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Jim & Jean Koryta
St. T 10:30 AM For the People of the Parishes

Readings of the Week



Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7;
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8;
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20;
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20;
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11;
Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a;
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1;
Mark 2:13-17



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th at 9:00 am. The Rosary, Miraculous Medal Novena, and Mass will remain at their normal time. See the front cover from more details.

December 19, 2021

Collection: \$4,391.00* Envelopes Used:
Restoration Fund: \$65.00 SVDP: \$117.00
Religious Retirement Fund: \$282.00
Tornado Relief: \$98.00 PSR: \$10.00

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$230.00
Immaculate Conception: \$94.00
Christmas: \$539.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$65.00

Christmas Masses 2021

Collection: \$6,565.00* Envelopes Used: 116

December 26, 2021

Collection: \$4,358* Envelopes Used: 136
Restoration Fund: \$52.00 SVDP: \$135.00
Religious Retirement Fund: \$100.00

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$592.00 Christmas: \$30.00
Immaculate Conception: \$25.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$41.00

January 2, 2022

Collection: \$5,310.00* Envelopes Used: 213
Restoration Fund: \$30.00 SVDP: \$300.00
Fuel and Utilities: \$36.00 Latin America Mission: \$5.00

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$847.00 Christmas: \$1,210.00
Immaculate Conception: \$35.00 All Souls: \$5.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$467.00 All Saints: \$5.00
Assumption: \$5.00 Initial Offering: \$56.00

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 :

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, Dolores Parsons, Rick Price, Joan Ratchko, Gary Skelley, Sandy Skul, Greg Skuta, John Sorma, Joe Suster, Norm Wells, 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
Deacon Richard E. Woods

Robert L. Novak, Sr.

Marsha Adkins

Arline Charvat

Stella Radkowsky

Barbara Maschue

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Happy Birthday to our January Birthdays!!

January 9th: Pam Skernivitz
January 12th: Marty Lehman
January 21st: Elaine Kucia
January 27th: Dorothy Maslocha



Our Young Church



PSR: Classes have resumed normally. If your child is sick they are encouraged to stay home, please notify the office or Mrs. Joanna Parsons via the REMIND app. Stay healthy and safe!

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



Ask Father

Question: When one does a plenary indulgence for someone, can it be general, as in, for any past relatives or friends or does it need to be specifically in a person's name?



Answer: An indulgence done for another does not need to know that person's name or even how many such persons would benefit. For example, when we do something for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, we obviously do not know their names or their number. For the indulgence to be applied, we need only have the clear but moral intention of offering it for their benefit.

St. Therese 5th Annual Chili & Soup Cook Off Sunday, January 30th, 1-3 pm



This is an "Advanced Sale Ticket Only" event. Contestants will compete for prizes by entering a full size crock pot of their favorite chili or soup for you to enjoy. The cost is \$10 to enter your crock pot creation (includes 1 admission). Admission tickets are \$6 per person (includes 1 ballot). Winners will be based on the most the votes by those who attend and taste. We will also have cheese & crackers, bread and beverages available. Snoodles will also be available by advance sale only (must attend the Soup and Chili Cookoff to order). These will be available for \$4 each at the cookoff. All tickets will be sold the weekends of January 15 & 16th and January 22 & 23rd after all Masses (both parishes) and at the St. Therese rectory Tuesday, January 18th thru Friday, January 21st. Please contact the rectory with any questions.

PSR Spotlight

Merry Christmas! Rejoice for Christ has come! December may have been a short month due to our Christmas Break, but it was busy! We began our first week of the new Liturgical year in St. Therese Church with the chance to go to Confession. I am really proud that each student in grades 4 to 8 carefully examined their souls and at least visited Father. Our second week our class lesson was attending the Holy Day of Obligation Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All the students did a great job, and a couple of them were able to assist grandpa and be ushers! Finally the last week of December, the students had normal class until the last 30 minutes when they were each gifted with the book *A Special Place for Santa* and the catechists received a Kneeling Santa mug! In addition to the gifts the students and catechists enjoyed pizza, holiday cookies, and a hot chocolate bar! Now that's a fun way to start your Christmas Break!

Holy Name Donuts

There will be donuts and coffee in the Church Hall after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 9th. The donuts are sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Come down and enjoy some donuts!



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. Immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.



IMPORTANT Announcement

A Letter from Bishop Malesic

Happy New Year! I am writing regarding the upcoming district Masses scheduled throughout the diocese. Over the past few days, I have received numerous communications of concern about the rampant spread of the new variant of COVID from you and your recommendation to cancel these Masses. In addition, I have received a detailed report from the members of the Diocesan Catholic Medical Advisors regarding the new variant of COVID and the spike of cases. In light of both of these realities and with the uncertainty of the next few months, I have decided to cancel these district Masses. I regret having to do this but in the interest of public safety and the health of the people of God, it is a necessary thing to do. Thank you for your work and efforts already put into this plan. Please express my gratitude, prayers and blessings for a healthy, happy New Year for all those entrusted to your care. We will explore other options allowing me to be present to the various districts of the diocese after this pandemic spike has subsided.

A Note of Thanks

The Social Concerns Commission would like to thank all parishioners for their participation in our Christmas Giving Tree project. Whether you took a tag and provided a gift, made a monetary donation or said a prayer for the needy, you helped to make the Christmas holidays a little merrier for the less fortunate in our community. We are greatly appreciative and will keep you in our prayers that you receive all God's blessings in this New Year.



III. Jennifer Turnick &
Patrick Grijak

JANUARY 9, 2022

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Monica Church on **Sunday, January 9, 2022** at 2:30pm and at St. Therese Church on **Sunday, January 23, 2022** at 2:30pm. **All are welcome!**



December 25& 26th & January 1&2nd Weekend Drawing Winners

\$500: Mary Zenone
\$100: Mark Cirner
\$100: Joseph Iglai
\$100: Cindy Kopinsky

Young Catholic Men Conference

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

MEN'S RETREAT

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



Seniors Meeting

The next Senior's meeting will be on Monday, January 17th at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall. Please keep in mind that the Parish Office will be closed that day in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Bulletins will still be available in the Church.

"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.



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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!

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Holy Name Donuts 11:30 am, Church Hall

Monday, January 10, 2022

Boys Scouts Meeting 7:00 pm, Church Hall

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

PSR Class 6:00 pm, Church Hall

Thursday, January, 2022

YOUTH412 Meeting 5:30 pm, Church Hall

Friday, January 14, 2022

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall

UPCOMING
Events

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Lord be with you. Returning to the Sacrament of Penance, we will now examine in detail the very act of confessing our sins to the priest. Today and in the weeks ahead, we should remember that the practice of this sacrament has changed.

Question 776. What is Confession?

Answer. Confession is the telling of our sins to a duly authorized priest, for the purpose of obtaining forgiveness.

Question 777. Who is a duly authorized priest?

Answer. A duly authorized priest is one sent to hear confessions by the lawful bishop of the diocese in which we are at the time of our confession.

Question 778. Is it ever allowed to write our sins and read them to the priest in the confessional or give them to him to read?

Answer. It is allowed, when necessary, to write our sins and read them to the priest, as persons do who have almost entirely lost their memory. It is also allowed to give the paper to the priest, as persons do who have lost the use of their speech. In such cases the paper must, after the confession, be carefully destroyed either by the priest or the penitent.

Question 779. What is to be done when persons must make their confession and cannot find a priest who understands their language?

Answer. Persons who must make their confession and who cannot find a priest who understands their language, must confess as best they can by some signs, showing what sins they wish to confess and how they are sorry for them.

My commentary.

Question 777 brings up how bishops authorize their priests to administer the sacraments. As a successor to the apostles, each bishop is ultimately responsible for all the sacraments within his diocese. Obviously, a bishop cannot perform all of them or even delegate the sacraments one at a time to priests. Instead, he authorizes his priests to have certain rights, called faculties, to be able to celebrate those sacraments within his diocese. When a priest travels from one diocese to another, he is to obtain permission from the local bishop to celebrate sacraments there.

In the United States every priest authorized to hear confession in one diocese is so authorized elsewhere in the USA. The bishops of our country, being part of an episcopal conference, have set up a system of laws that automatically grant a priest the faculty for Penance if he has received it in his home diocese. In a similar way, the Province of Ohio (the dioceses of Cleveland, Youngstown, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Steubenville) has granted all of their priests the faculties to celebrate Mass and hear confessions.

Turning to Question 778, why should the penitent destroy a list of his sins? Scandal. As a general rule, sharing your sins and difficulties with strangers is a really bad idea. When we have a confidant that we entrust such matters, we know that there is no danger of others learning. We do not want to become an occasion for other people justifying their bad behavior - or even worse - despairing. Certainly, writing down some notes for penance can be a helpful tool. Any such notes, however, need to be destroyed so that others are not burdened with our problems. Don't worry about the priest remembering. Whether it is a grace or a feature of hearing so many confessions, almost none of us remember what one penitent did versus another.

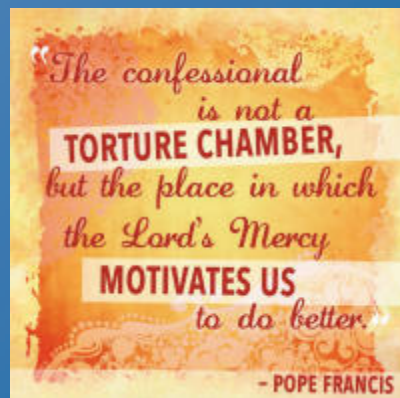
It is the act of confession and not the act of hearing that is essential as per Question 779. When the priest and penitent do not share the same language, we do our best. On that note, making your act of contrition in another language is absolutely fine. I have had several penitents throughout the years use their first language instead of English to express their sorrow for their sins, and it is a beautiful thing to do.

Still, we should not intentionally hide our sins by using terms and circumlocutions. Turning to my favorite example of bank robbery, we should not confess it as, "I forced a financial institution to render me material assistance" but "I robbed a bank." Do not be clever; be direct and succinct. God is not fooled no matter how we say it.

Being honest in Confession is essential for our own healing. Most of us have a tendency to downplay our wrongdoing or even ignore it. This habit harms not only our souls but also our minds and emotions. The more honest we are with God through Confession, the less we will be wounded by sin in the future.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. John



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