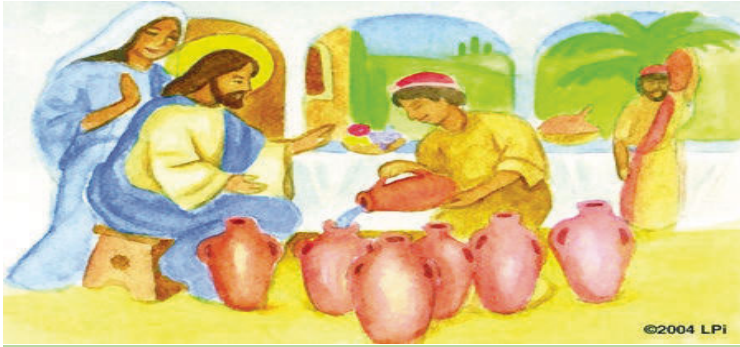


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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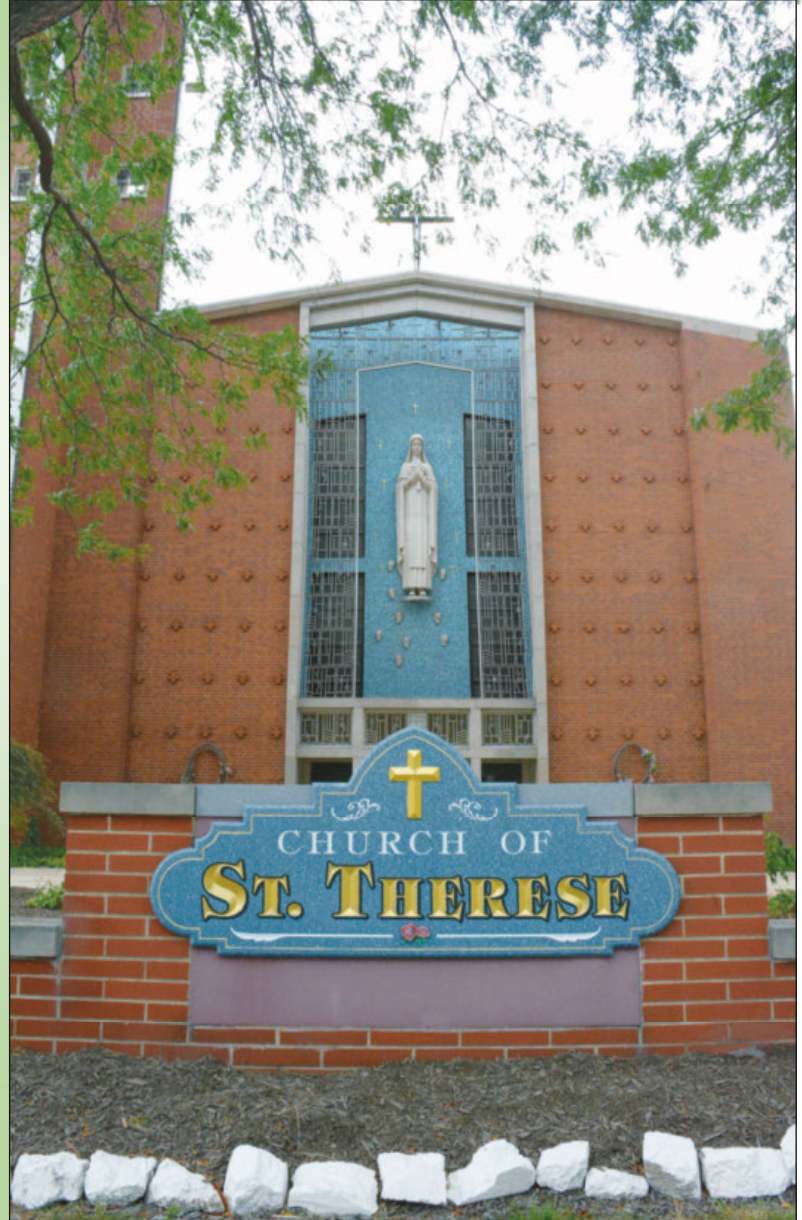
SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office.

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 23, 2022



Saturday, January 22-Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Ss. P&P 4:00 PM Celia and Serwacy Wasinski
 St. T 5:30 PM Dave and Lillian Mosinski

Sunday, January 23- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM For the People of the Parishes
 St. T 10:30 AM Leonard, Lillian, Robert & Thomas Bogucki

Monday, January 24- St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. T 6:30 PM Sr. Francis & Sr. John Clair

Tuesday, January 25-The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle No Mass

Wednesday, January 26- Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Anthony & Genevieve Kotowski

Thursday, January 27- St. Angela Merici, Virgin

St. T 8:30 AM Richard Kawolics & Rita Pawlowski

Friday, January 28- St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM Robert A. Dobies

Saturday, January 29

Ss. P&P 4:00 PM The People of the Parishes
 St. T 5:30 PM Mary Pietrick & Christine Haen

Sunday, January 30- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ss. P&P 8:30 AM John and Ann Feckanin & Fannie Sokodowski
 St. T 10:30 AM Larry Pentek

January 16, 2022

Collection: \$4,606.00* Envelopes Used: 137
 Restoration Fund: \$10.00 SVDP: \$100.00
 Fuel and Utilities: \$257.00 Latin America Mission: \$24.00
 Catholic University: \$74.00 Kentucky Hurricane: \$36.00

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$797.00 Christmas: \$130.00
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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, 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 Melnyc, 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.

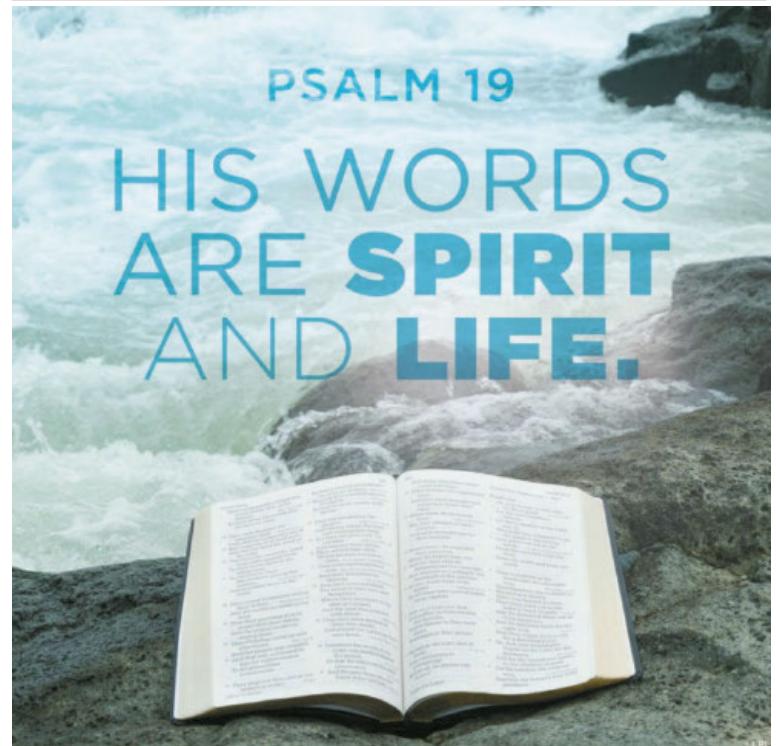


Please pray for all our deceased, especially **Robert Schrade Jr.**

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

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;
 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10;
 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16;
 Mark 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-8;
 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29;
 Mark 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10, 13-17;
 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17;
 Mark 4:35-41



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy Birthday to our January Birthdays!!

January 9th: Pam Skernivitz
January 12th: Marty Lehman
January 16th: Sydney Peters
January 21st: Elaine Kucia
January 27th: Dorothy Maslocha



Our Young Church



PSR: The PSR Program will close for inclement weather if Garfield Heights City Schools close and will be notified via the REMIND app. Should a storm come in the evening and day school was not closed, you will be notified through the REMIND app.

YOUTH412: The next Youth412 meeting is Thursday, January 27th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm! For more information contact Mrs. Tracy Johnson, Youth_Group@stthereseagarfield.org



Ask Father

Question: What does “Divine Intervention” mean for a Catholic?

Answer: We prefer the term, “Providence,” which refers to God’s governance of the universe. God did not set up the world and leave it alone for the most part, only to interact with it at our whims. When we receive a blessing naturally - such as a good meal made with care - we bless God for being the First Cause of the food and the chef.



Now, “Divine Intervention” usually refers to when the LORD has given us something either miraculously or by an act of governance that only He could have foreseen. Let’s take a starving family as an example. They pray for food from God. He could create out of nothing a ham dinner and leave it at their door. That would clearly be Divine Intervention. God could also move someone’s heart to donate them food through SVDP who has the family pick up the food at the rectory. This act would be providential properly speaking. In either case God has answered the prayer and is the cause of the family having food to eat.



Latin America– El Salvador Collection January 22 & 23, 2022

The Latin America Collection will take place on January 22 & 23, 2022. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America.

Hospitality Donuts

There will be donuts and coffee in the Church Hall after the 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, January 23rd**. The donuts are sponsored by the Hospitality Committee. 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.



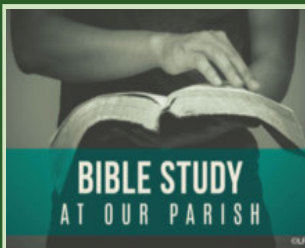
St. Therese 5th Annual Chili & Soup Cook Off Sunday, January 30th, 1-2 pm A Drive Thru Event



By Advance Sale Only! Due to current social restrictions within our Diocese, we will be hosting this event as a Drive Thru like we did last year. You can participate by purchasing a 4-Pack of (3) hearty soups & (1) chili which includes crackers, bread & butter for \$6.00 each. Snoogle Pastries will also be available from Kiedrowski’s Bakery at \$4.00 each. 50/50 Raffle Tickets are available for \$1.00 each with 2 winners splitting the prize. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses at both Parishes weekends of January 15th/16th and January 22nd/23rd, or at the St. Therese Rectory from Tuesday, January 18th thru Friday, January 21st. The St. Therese Parish Council hopes you will participate in this fun mid-winter sale.

Bible Study is Returning!

Bible Study will return on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the St. Therese Rectory. We will be using the Breaking Bread Hymnals, they will be provided for you during the study. Please do not take them home.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Knights of Columbus, Council 4130 of Garfield Heights was able to **donate \$1300.00 to The Coats for Kids Campaign**. A sincere thank you to the generous individuals who donated to this year’s campaign. Our Council is proud to once again participate in this worthwhile cause to provide coats for our youth. God Bless you for helping us do this.

JANUARY 23, 2022

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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



**January 15 & 16th
Weekend Drawing Winners**
\$100: Diane Allen
\$100: Virginia Langood



Knights of Columbus 4130 Dinner Wednesday, January 26th Beef Tips

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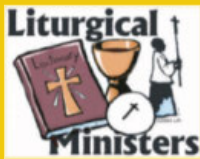
Please leave your complete name, phone number and number of dinners you will be picking up. Please no changes day of. Thank you for your continued patronage. If someone else is picking up leave their name also.

Afternoon of Healing Prayer Sunday, February 6, 2022

12:00 pm at St. Luke in Lakewood, Ohio

Come experience the healing power of Jesus in an afternoon of healing prayer conducted by Peter's Shadow.

For more information, please call 234-206-0263



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

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Come Away to Quiet

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AM 1260 The Rock Continues the Mass of the Month in 2022



AM 1260 The Rock is continuing our monthly Mass intentions for YOU - our listeners and benefactors.

Each month we have an opportunity to pray for and with one another at parishes around the diocese. Our February Mass is at St. Ignatius of Antioch Saturday, February 5th at 5:00 PM (Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 3:30-4:30PM). Our Masses of the Month for the rest of 2022 can be found at am1260therock.com or call us at 216-227-1260.

Seniors Meeting

The next Senior's meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022 in the Church Hall at 1:00 pm, weather permitting.



"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 Week Ahead

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Donut Sunday 11:30 am, Church Hall

Monday, January 24, 2022

Boy Scouts Meeting 7:00 pm, Church Hall

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Church Hall

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

PSR Class 6:00 pm, Church Hall

Thursday, January 27, 2022

YOUTH412 Meeting 5:30 pm, Church Hall

Friday, January 28, 2022

AA Meeting 7:30 pm, Virtual

**UPCOMING
Events**

Charismatic Mass Friday, January 28, 2022 7:00 pm St. Peter, North Ridgeville

Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship at 7:00 pm. The liturgy will start at 7:30 pm. A social will follow the Mass and healing prayer teams will be available for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord be with you! As we continue discussing confession as it relates to the sacrament, we need to differentiate the beginning of sorrow from its mature form. When we are sorrowful for our sins because of love of God, we have begun to forget ourselves in the best sense of Christian freedom.

Question 785. Which are the chief qualities of a good Confession?

Answer. The chief qualities of a good Confession are three: it must be humble, sincere, and entire.

Question 786. When is our Confession humble?

Answer. Our Confession is humble when we accuse ourselves of our sins, with a deep sense of shame and sorrow for having offended God.

Question 787. When is our Confession sincere?

A. Our Confession is sincere when we tell our sins honestly and truthfully, neither exaggerating nor excusing them.

Question 788. Why is it wrong to accuse ourselves of sins we have not committed?

Answer. It is wrong to accuse ourselves of sins we have not committed, because, by our so doing, the priest cannot know the true state of our souls, as he must do before giving us absolution.

My commentary.

Starting with Question 786, we need to acknowledge that shame is essentially social. We feel shame when others look down upon us as unworthy of their respect. God never shames us because He always sees in us both the goodness of our being and the goodness that can be ours through grace - in other words, He sees His Son in us. Shame is not the same as regret, which is our desire to have done something differently and is consequently internal.

Unfortunately, it seems that the *Baltimore Catechism* has conflated shame with regret. It is actually unhelpful to be embarrassed by our sins because it means that we have a distorted conception of ourselves. Do not misunderstand: we should not be happy about committing sins. When we sin in an extremely grievous manner that we have not done before, great regret would only be natural. To feel like God has rejected us - which is what shame would do - is actually wrong and contrary to our religion. God never turns away from us; we turn away from Him.

The more our sorrow comes from our love of God, however, the less it is about ourselves. Paradoxically, in this moment of confronting what we have done wrong, we learn that to God sin is an evil to be obliterated from space and time. When He forgives a sin, it ceases to have existed for Him. The sins consequences remain but it does not. We imitate God by forgetting what we have done as something that defines us and instead long to possess and share the love of God.

Our last two questions remain a concern even today but not in the way one might imagine. Today's problem is people confessing sins committed against them. As any priest today has experienced, many penitents have become very good at over explaining why they have sinned. In their desire to give proper context to what happened, they accidentally begin to list all the wrongs that they have suffered. This practice actually makes it more difficult for the priest, who has to figure out where the sins begin and end. It does not usually matter why you got mad - traffic, the Browns, a family member - what matters was the sin of anger.

True humility consists in seeing ourselves honestly and still loving ourselves as God would have us. Pretending to be better or worse than we are only makes the changes we need to make more difficult. When we confess our sins honestly and without sincerely, we discover the freedom that God wants us to have both now and for all eternity.

In His Sacred Heart,

Fr. John

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