



St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Mission Statement:

The parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to **Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All** by doing ordinary things with great love.

Parish Office:

704-664-3992

Hours: 9:00am–2:00pm

Monday–Friday

office@sainttherese.net

Faith Formation:

704-664-7762

Hours: 10:00am–3:00pm

Monday–Friday and during

Faith Formation hours

Little Way Preschool

980-444-2305

Hours: 7:30am–3:30pm

Monday–Friday

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12 | 2021

Pastor: Rev. Mark S. Lawlor | ext. 2102 | mlawlor@sainttherese.net

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bernard Oleru, MSP | ext. 2225 | boleru@sainttherese.net

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Rev. Mr. Joe Smith 704-799-9144 | josmith3212@outlook.com

Retired Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Sims and Rev. Mr. Myles Decker

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday Mass Times:

(English) 8:00am,

10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm

(Spanish) 2:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon–Fri at 9:00am

First Saturday Devotion:

Monthly Mass at 9:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm–4:15pm

Sunday: 4:45pm–5:15pm

(Spanish) 2:00pm–2:20pm

in the church or

by appointment.

Please contact one of our priests

by phone or email

if you need to make an

appointment for confession.

Blessed Sacrament

Join us for Adoration from

9:30am to 7:00pm

on the **First Friday**

of each month.

Next Adoration date:

January 7

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3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT

John answered them all,
saying, “I am baptizing you
with water, but one mightier
than I is coming.” - Lk 3:16a



FORMED:

Last year, we made the decision to enter into an agreement with FORMED®. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this great service. I have enjoyed it very much over the past year. The dues have been paid and it will not cost you

anything. FORMED® has collected wonderful Catholic movies, children's programs, audio books, lectures and homilies on various themes that support a Catholic lifestyle. It is easy to log in. Proof of that is that I logged on and am able to watch programs and listen to music and talks! Parishioners may even share the platform with family members and friends.

Also available are Bible studies, sacramental preparation materials and courses, documentaries, and books that will help you grow in the understanding of the Mass and your Faith. I currently have the app on my cell phone and on my TV box at home. I also have the link saved on my office computer.

About all of the people that I know spend some time every day watching television or a movie streaming service or listening to the radio or to music. I am in this category as well. FORMED® is a great answer for individuals and families for quality programming. So many of the programs and movies today contain harsh language, violence, immorality and the lack of any presentation of the Divine Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity. I have been noticing that many movies have a central theme of revenge. I am not claiming that I haven't wasted time watching some mindless action movies, but as I have aged, I sometimes wonder, "Was that a good use of my time?"

Just in the past two months, I have enjoyed some of the series called: *The Search*, which is a great reflection on what many people wonder about such as Creation, Purpose, Faith, Salvation and the Family of God, the Church. I have also enjoyed a program on the Venerable Fulton Sheen and on the relationship between Faith and Science. There are many programs on the Seasons of Advent and Christmas that I plan to watch during these seasons.

I see that there are some great movies available on FORMED® that I have already seen and that I can recommend to you such as: *Saint Peter, Saint John Bosco, Saint Barbara, John XXIII: The Pope of Peace, Ignatius of Loyola, Paul VI: The Pope in the Tempest, The Fourth Wise Man* and *The Footprints of God* (a series by my friend, Stephen Ray).

There are other movies available that I plan to watch such as one on Our Lady of Guadalupe and a couple about our parish patroness, St. Therese. It may positive enrichment for the whole family!

Remember that all of this is available for you for free!

Happy Advent!

In peace,

Fr. Mark

FORMED®

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visit our website:
sainttherese.net/formed



2022 Wall Calendars are now available in the Narthex.

Please take one per family.

This year's theme is: LIGHT!

As you turn the calendar pages, enjoy beautiful photos of our stained glass windows and other "moments of light" captured around our church campus.

May Jesus be your Light in the New Year!

FORMED:

El año pasado, tomamos la decisión de firmar un acuerdo con FORMED®. Se invita a todos los feligreses a participar en este gran servicio. Las cuotas han sido pagadas y no les costará nada. FORMED® ha recopilado maravillosas películas católicas, programas para niños, audiolibros, conferencias y homilías sobre varios temas que apoyan un estilo de vida católico. Iniciar sesión es fácil. Prueba de ello es que yo mismo he logrado iniciar sesión y soy capaz de ver programas y escuchar música y charlas. Los feligreses incluso pueden compartir la plataforma con familiares y amigos. Hay algunas películas y programas presentados en español y se agregan más periódicamente.

También están disponibles estudios bíblicos, materiales y cursos de preparación sacramental, documentales y libros que les ayudarán a crecer en la comprensión de la Misa y su fe. Actualmente tengo la aplicación en mi teléfono celular y en mi sistema de TV, en casa. También guardo el enlace en la computadora de mi oficina.

Casi todas las personas que conozco pasan algún tiempo todos los días viendo televisión o un servicio de transmisión de películas o escuchando la radio o música. Yo también estoy en esta categoría. FORMED® es una excelente respuesta para individuos y familias para una programación de calidad. Muchos de los programas y películas de hoy en día contienen lenguaje fuerte, violencia, inmoralidad, y la falta de cualquier presentación de las virtudes divinas de la Fe, la Esperanza y la Caridad. He notado que muchas películas tienen el tema central de venganza. No estoy diciendo que no haya perdido el tiempo viendo algunas películas de acción sin sentido, pero a medida que he envejecido,

a veces me pregunto: "¿Fue un buen uso de mi tiempo?".

Solo en los últimos dos meses, he disfrutado de algunas de las series llamadas: *The Search (La Búsqueda)*, que es una gran reflexión sobre lo que muchas personas se preguntan, como la Creación, el Propósito, la Fe, la Salvación y la Familia de Dios, la Iglesia. También he disfrutado de un programa sobre el Venerable Fulton Sheen y sobre la relación entre Fe y Ciencia. Hay muchos programas sobre las temporadas de Adviento y Navidad que planeo ver durante estas temporadas.

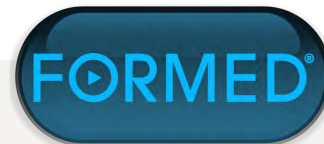
Veo que hay algunas películas geniales disponibles en FORMED® que ya he visto y que puedo recomendarles como: *San Pedro, San Juan Bosco, Santa Bárbara, Juan XXIII - El Papa de la Paz, Ignacio de Loyola, Pablo VI - El Papa en la tempestad, El cuarto sabio, Madre Teresa y Las huellas de Dios* (una serie de mi amigo, Stephen Ray). Hay otras películas disponibles que planeo ver, como una sobre Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y un par sobre nuestra patrona parroquial, Santa Teresa.

¡Recuerda que todo esto está disponible para ti gratis!

¡Feliz Adviento!

En paz,

Padre Marcos



Para más información acerca de FORMED® visiten nuestra página web: sainttherese.net/formed-sp



Calendarios de pared 2022 disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia.

Por favor tomar uno por familia.

¡El tema de este año es: LUZ!

Con cada página del calendario que pases, disfruta de hermosas fotografías de nuestros vitrales así como otros "momentos de luz" capturados alrededor de nuestra parroquia.

¡Qué Jesús sea tu Luz en el Año Nuevo!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11 (Vigil Our Lady of Guadalupe)

5:00pm Jack Starkey † Marcia Starkey
Fr. Edmund Gutowski † Carol Joyce

Sunday, December 12

8:00am Eager & McHugh Families
Kristy Fuqua † Rudy & Gayle Rudisill
10:00am Parishioners of St. Therese ♥
12:00pm Jeffrey Earl † Carol Earl
2:30pm Margarita Carvajal † Familia Carvajal
5:30pm Joanne & Walt Moll ♥ Mary & Bill Rafferty
40th Wedding Anniversary

Monday, December 13

9:00am Steve Nantz ♥ Lydia Nantz
Filesa Boynostro ♥ Lydia Nantz

Tuesday, December 14

9:00am Matt Beuley † Barbara Beuley
7:00pm Christine VanderPyl ♥ Jason & Jean Beaudoin

Wednesday, December 15

9:00am Veronica Broderick † Family
Jim Moore ♥ Hedy & Jerry Doyle

Thursday, December 16

9:00am Shorty Beauchesne † Carl & Carol Steinmetz
William & Bridget Hartnett † William Reardon

Friday, December 17

9:00am Evelyn Feris † Georgina Reynolds
Jennifer Jones ♥ Jason & Jean Beaudoin

Saturday, December 18

5:00pm Jim Lancake † Lancake Family
Theresa Welner † John & Terry Schaefer

Sunday, December 19

8:00am Merrill Callen † Family
William Bobrowski † Family
10:00am Bob Beuley † Callen Family
Chuck Beuley † Bill & Pat Hannagan
12:00pm Parishioners of St. Therese ♥
2:30pm Judith Herrera † Johanna Herrera
Berna Arce ♥
5:30pm Annie Mae Tate † Philip Brown

If you would like to request a Mass intention,
please visit the Parish Office during office hours.

In Sympathy



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please use the online form on our website to request prayers:

sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

Special intentions for Healing: Michael A., Maria Ashenbrener, Amanda B., Ramon B., Cheryl Booth, Jonathan Cantrell, Karen Conceicao, Trevor Conklin, Gerardo Cruz, Agustin Cuenca, Tams D., Alan Demascus, William Dragon, Rebecca E., Joseph Faci, Joanna Ferreira, Logan Fogg, Jeff Hope, Lucia Isonne, Gwen Kane, Girish Kohli, Christopher L., Nicole L., Jessica Lawrik, Devyn M., Lucy M., Joey Maldonado, Pat Maletta, Wendy Mancilla, Emilio Manzo, Zach Misiak, Mark Morton, Dan Mulligan, Kati O., Stephen O., Tina Olszewski, Tereza Pelouchova, Raajiv Prasad, Jamey Price, Laetitia Ranneberg, Levi Raymond, John Rocco, Christine Rosenberg, Abigail S., Am S., Mary Sue S., Bryan Scharding, Eileen Smith, Matthew Smith, Tiffany Stewart, Dwayne T., Bruce Van Buren, Carolyn Van Buren, Dein VanSickle, Jack W., Bob Wessmiller, Johnnie Ziats.

Those who are Homebound: Doyle & Faye Atkins, Gregory Breeckner, Sister Margarita Brewer, Robert Davis, Andrew Davison, Leela Edwin, Audrey & Don Geyer, Julianne & Scott Jarvis, Jodi Knight, Cinda Landro, Angela Leuci, Charles M., Claradilla Pineda, Jim & Pat Richart, Mark Rossmiller, Rita Sabella, Paula Vernon, Sharon Williams.

Those in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Abernathy Laurels: Mary Frances Kimel.

Accordius: Alfred Kern, Rosemary Leonetti, Hattie Walker, Joan Waltman, Diane Whitley.

Cadence Living: Eileen Bunnell, Rose Caleagno, Kevin Clancy, Peggy Katich, Rosalee Kereztesi, Jackie Moran, Eleanor Pearson, Judy Richardson, Carolyn Scruggs.

Old Knox Commons: None.

Radbourn Manor: Patsy Freeze.

Ranson Ridge: Dutch Detchemendy.

Summit Place: Betty Beaulieu, Frank DeBerardinis, MaryJane Farrell, Mary Kozar, Nancy Nusser, Lewis & Rosemary Savisky.

TerraBella Lake Norman (formerly Atrium Lake Norman):

Nancy Brown, Yolanda Cortez, Marty & Yvonne Donnelly, Antoinette Foppiano, Frannie Greco, Helen Holmes, Jean Loeshen, Frances Mattasits, Joyce Schank, Stefanya Wackowski.

The Citadel: Eileen Gubelman, Mike Hogan, Audrey Kufhta.

The Pines: Dolly O'Brien.

Williams Place: Lorna Josefchuk, Marie Salerno.

Praying for our Military



We pray for our men and women in service
and give our sincere thanks and appreciation
to all veterans who have served their country.

Air Force: Nicholas Mazzone

Army: Don Geyer, Capt. Justus T. Neumann

Coast Guard: Daniel Harris

Marines: John McCue, Patrick McMurray, Joseph Priore, III,
Kody Richard-Garrison

Navy: Gabriel Cotter, Ben Foster, Mary Hesler Foster,
Tim MacCarrick

Veterans: Alex Baker, Kelly Baker, Pasquale Isonne

Submit names and branch of service for this section at:

sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

Please note: ALL Masses will take place at St. Therese.
NO offsite celebration this year.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)

2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25)

10:00am (English) and 12:00pm (Spanish)

No 5:00pm Vigil Mass on December 25

Sunday, December 26 = Regular Mass schedule

Parish Offices will be closed from December 22 through December 27, and December 31.

Advent Meditation Service

Advent Meditation Service

Tuesday, December 14

7:30pm in the church

This contemplative prayer service will include hymns and short meditations from the Song of Songs and the Book of Revelation and writings by St. John of the Cross, St. Therese, St. John Paul II, Hans Urs von Balthasar, Adrienne von Speyr, Greg Boyle, and others.

Service lasts approximately 45 minutes.
ALL are welcome!



Readings for next weekend: December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle C

| Reading I | Responsorial Psalm | Reading II | Gospel |
|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Micah 5:1-4 | Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 | Hebrews 10:5-10 | Luke 1:39-45 |
| The ruler of Israel is promised to come from Bethlehem. | A prayer for God's salvation | Through his obedience to God's will, Christ consecrated all. | Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child. |

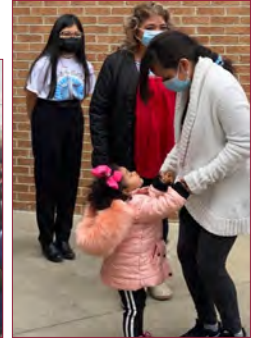
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iViva Cristo Rey!

Celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King, during our Spanish Mass on November 21.

Photos courtesy of Olga Ferber, Latino Coordinator.

For more photos, please visit: sainttherese.net/st-therese-photo-galleries



Come out and play the fastest growing sport in the US! Pickleball returns to St. Therese in January!



Thursdays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Multi-purpose Room of the Parish Life Center.

Games will be played every Thursday starting January 13 through the end of March.

We will have three courts to host open pickle ball doubles games. If you are experienced or this is your first time, come out and play. Nets, paddles and balls will be provided. This is a great way to enjoy some fellowship with friends and meet some new friends!

If you have any questions send them to: **Rob Anderson**, robiningols@gmail.com

Coffee & Conversation this month!

Friday, December 17
After morning Mass
Family Room

Please join us for fellowship,
a morning beverage
and some light snacks.
We look forward to gathering with
old friends and meeting new
friends as well!

Contact:

Julianne McConaghey
jmccconaghey@gmail.com

Special Works and Tasks (S.W.A.T.)

Meeting and Luncheon for ALL ladies!
Tuesday, December 14 (11:00am) in the Parish Life Center

All ladies of the parish are invited! Participants are encouraged to bring a donation to support our Backpack Ministry.

Please consider bringing one of the following items:

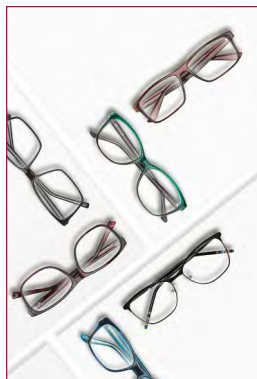
- Pancake Mix (complete-add water)
- Syrup
- Canned Fruit | Canned vegetables | Canned Ham
- Ore-Ida Potato Pouch (8 oz.)
- Oranges
- Snacks
- Cash and Gift Cards are also appreciated.

Kindly, RSVP to:

Barbara Beuley, 704-360-2142
Chris Davis, 704-608-1886



USED EYEGLASSES, HEARING AIDS, AND CELL PHONES WANTED!

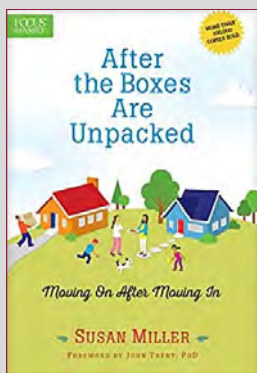


Prayerful Servants Christian Life Community are collecting **used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones**. They will be cleaned, repaired, and sorted so that they may be given to people in need, in Africa. Collection boxes are permanently located in the St. Ignatius Day Chapel Narthex, outside the Faith Formation Office and in the Church Narthex.

All eyeglasses—prescription sunglasses, readers, and especially children's—are needed and accepted until December 20. Please, do not include the cases. Thank you very much for your generosity!

JUST MOVED: Newcomers' 10-session class

New to the area? Still feeling new? Please join us!



Beginning Wednesday, February 2, we will offer to all women a 10-week Just Moved – Newcomers' class which will provide encouragement for women going through the transition and adjustment of moving.

Based on the book *After the Boxes are Unpacked*, this is an opportunity to meet others, exchange insights, and find the courage to put down roots all over again. Whether you stay at home, work outside the home, are single, married or retired,

the stress of moving can overcome you at times. Make some time for yourself to share and to be assured by new friends that you will not feel lost in the shuffle.

Sessions will meet from 10:00am to noon. Book: \$10.

Interested, contact:

Sophia McNiff, 704-519-8178, sophiamcniff@gmail.com

Tracy deRoos, 704-663-3575, tracyderoos@gmail.com

BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Community Ministries with Prayerful Servants CLC and West Methodist Church are filling backpacks every other week. To help us out, you can donate items in the carts in the church narthex.



Our next packing will be December 21.

This is our Christmas packing!
Items needed are:

- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned hams
- Ore-Ida® packaged potatoes
- Fresh Oranges (Cuties or regular)
- Snacks (e.g. Little Debbie's®)

Also needed: **toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, personal products, etc.** for 6 families from Lake Norman High School.

Cash and Gift Card donations are also welcome. BACKPACK envelopes are available in the narthex of both churches. Just place them in the collection basket.

We appreciate any help you can give and truly appreciate your generosity! Thank you very much.

Community Resources: Do YOU need support?

Hot Meals

5th Street Ministries (Statesville)
Lunch and Dinner
704-872-4045

FeedNC (Mooresville)
Breakfast and Lunch
704-660-9010

Mental Health

Partners Behavioral Health
1-888-235-HOPE (4673)
Drug-Alcohol Coalition of Iredell
704-978-8814

Suicide Prevention
1-800-273-8255
text TALK to 741741

Financial Assistance

United Way: Dial 2-1-1
Iredell Christian Ministries
704-924-6700
Mooresville Christian Mission
704-664-2357
Matthew 25 Ministries
704-546-5859

Food Stains, Candle Wax and the Traditions Learned from a Purple Book

Fresh Ink by Kelli Olszewski, Director of Faith Formation

As I spent the first day of Advent preparing dinner using up the rest of our Thanksgiving leftovers by making Turkey Cranberry sliders, along with a homemade apple pie, I reflected on my family's journey over the years through Advent. The weekend after Thanksgiving, usually the first weekend of Advent, is a huge weekend for our family. We reserve the weekend not for the world of Black Friday shopping, but one that tends to lead to a simple period of family time together. We kickoff our Advent season by decorating. I credit the season of Advent to developing my family's love for tradition and family prayer. Of course, it involves the green wreath and purple and pink candles, but a little booklet that seemed to be the glue to our yearly Advent season. It is mostly known as the "purple book" and bears its age with little children scribbles, long-past bacteria laden food stains and dripped candle wax. It has evidence of being stapled three times and the corner pages folded with the edges discolored. We have been using this Advent book, given to us by the priests of St. James, since 2002. We are on our fourth wreath and each year I think I will purchase a new one or attempt to buy

something more elaborate. I have made some with bows and used votive candles (which can be difficult to find in purple and pink). I also recall the years that little hands could not help but touch the candles which led to broken candles, sometimes having to "skip" a week of lighting since we lacked a candle or two. The box we keep it in, a recycled Lenox Holiday china set box, has a special place in our garage that is easily accessible and set apart from the rest of the Christmas decorations.

Over the years the "purple book" has served as a reading tool for each of our children as they began reading, and yes painstakingly moments that seemed to take 30 minutes to get through a simple paragraph prayer for a hungry, tired family. But we persevered and that involvement encouraged them to be a part of our family prayer. Rotating who read also included who helped light or extinguish the candle(s). We even have a special "Advent lighter." Everyone plays a role—we have learned since it could cause dinner discord and possibly thrown food from a disgruntled child.

Over time, with the prayer for each week changing, the kids have memorized the prayers. If misread,

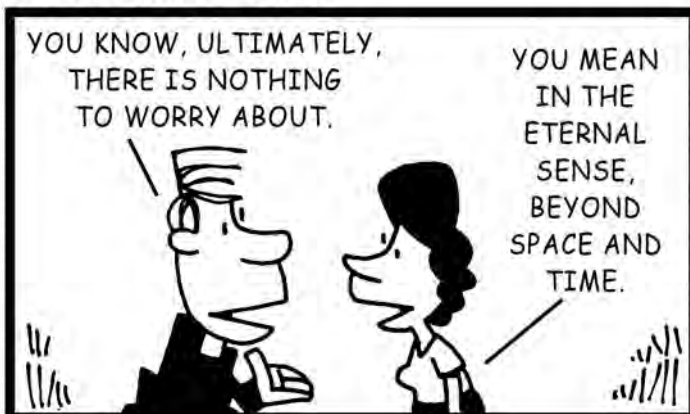
it is not uncommon to be corrected on the misspoken or missed word. One year we attempted to use another Advent prayer source, but the Advent book "disappeared" shortly into the Advent season and the "purple book" reappeared. Knowing how it has impacted our family, I wanted to share the same gift to others. Each of our families in our faith formation program will receive a copy. It is also available as a pdf on our parish website at:

sainttherese.net/fresh-ink

May your days this Advent be filled with hope, peace, joy and love as we bring Christ's light to an often dark world!



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Catholic Moms Connect

CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT AT ST. THERESE
PRESENTS:

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 IN THE ST. IGNATIUS DAY CHAPEL
FOLLOWING THE 5PM VIGIL MASS



Come see the story of the birth of Jesus performed by the children of St. Therese. Cookies, hot cocoa, and kid-friendly activities to follow in the Family Room.

For more information about our Christmas Pageant, please visit:
sainttherese.net/catholic-moms-connect

Little Way Preschool

Registration for the 2022-23 School Year
Little Way Preschool registration for the 2022-23 school year
starts in January:

- January 1-15 – Currently enrolled students and siblings
- January 16-30 – Registered parishioners
- January 31 – Remaining spots open to the public

For more information, please contact the Little Way Preschool Director:
Dayna Auten, 980-444-2305, dauten@sainttherese.net

Job Opening

Little Way Preschool is Seeking a Lead Teacher for Pre-K

This part-time paid position works 27 hours per week and reports to Little Way Preschool Director.

Hours are 8:30am to 1:30pm plus two hours per week planning. Includes paid Holy Days, holidays, vacation and sick time.

For qualifications and more information, please visit:
sainttherese.net/st-therese-is-hiring

Ignatian Corner

Receiving Advent
by Tom McGrath

During Mass, our priest invited us to write down on a slip of paper a word that named something that is keeping us from getting closer to God. It might be a fear, a resentment, or an attitude that shuts us off from the love God so wants to give. We folded the paper over a few times, grasp it tightly in one hand, and made a fist around it while he began to preach on the Scripture readings. (Try it!)

After a minute, my hand began to ache. At two minutes, my hand grew numb. At three minutes, the hand started shaking uncontrollably. He told us to open our hands. I found how hard it was to do that. After grasping the piece of paper so tightly, my hand had stiffened and seemed to have a mind of its own.

I can't remember what else he said that day, but I have never forgotten that lesson. Hold on to a resentment, fear, or bad attitude long enough and you will become paralyzed.

As I begin Advent now, I start with the realization that I need to let go of any and all spiritual impediments I'm hanging onto. Advent is a time of receiving. It's hard to receive if your hands are clasped shut. So I begin Advent, once again, with this prayer:
Holy Spirit of God, open my hands, my eyes, my ears, all my senses, and all of my heart so I will be ready to receive your Advent blessings.



Tom McGrath
Loyolapress.com

Stewardship... a way of life



"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Stewardship of Treasure - Thank you for your generosity

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
OFFERTORY RECEIVED AT MASSES, BY MAIL, AND ONLINE
THROUGH November 21, 2021

| Collection Date | Actual | Budget | Over/ (Under) |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| November 7 | \$26,439 | \$20,000 | \$6,439 |
| November 14 | \$27,784 | \$20,000 | \$7,784 |
| November 21 | \$23,017 | \$20,000 | \$3,017 |
| YTD (7/1/21—11/21/21) | \$637,433 | \$620,000 | (\$17,433) |

Offertory Budget for the year is \$1,800,000
2,957 Registered Families as of 10/31/2021
Thank You for Your Generosity!

Total Mass Attendance

November 21, 2021 = 1,860

Saturday
5:00pm

309

Sunday
8:00am

303

Sunday
10:00am

480

Sunday
12:00pm

317

Sunday
2:30pm

204

Sunday
5:30pm

247



2021 Retirement Fund
for Religious
Second Collection this weekend,
December 11-12

Help aging religious.

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

retiredreligious.org

Weekly Offertory and Online Giving

Your contributions help to keep the mission of St. Therese thriving during these times. Our parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue its ministries in this critical time of crisis.

If you are able to continue to support the needs of your church please consider transitioning to online giving using this link:

sainttherese.net/online-contributions

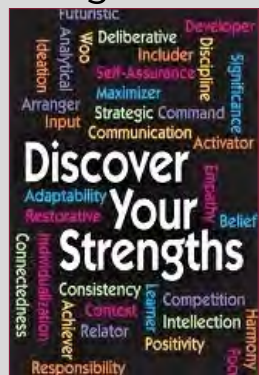
or mail your weekly offertory donations to the parish at:

St. Therese Catholic Church · 217 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC, 28117.

Help us to continue to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All through your generosity of treasure.



Living Your Strengths Workshop



Saturdays, January 22 and January 29, 2022
(9:00am-11:00am in the Family Room)
Register by Saturday, January 8.

You are uniquely created by God and endowed with gifts that are yours alone. Discover your innate talents, and start using them for service, praise and growth.

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A donation of \$20 is collected to cover the cost of the *Living Your Strengths* book. Please register no later than January 8, 2022.

Registration is required in advance. Each participant needs to have the book at least 2 weeks in advance in order to take the Clifton Strengths Assessment, which is required prior to the workshop.

Interested participants may register by contacting:

Jack Hastings, jack.hastings0359@gmail.com

2021 End of Year Gift Appeal



As 2021 comes to a close, let us reflect on the stewardship theme of "God First." This theme has reminded us of the call to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Putting "God First" changes our way of thinking and being: from an inward focus to an outward focus. With God's life within us, our life becomes a gift to be given away. The three tenants of "God First" involve Prayer, Service and Giving. We have focused on the importance of prayer and having a conversation with God, service by sharing our strengths, talents and skills within the parish and the community, and giving of our wealth, be it our money or our possessions.

The Christmas season is filled with the spirit of giving. How can we increase our giving?

- Consider a year end gift to St. Therese. Our parish uses your monetary gifts to support our mission to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All.
- Make a resolution to increase your weekly offertory amount. This increase will support our mission, ministries and services in which others will benefit.

In the end your reward will be great. *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."*
Mt. 25: 23

Community News

POPLATKI – BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATEK Proceeds will benefit our parish

The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the *Oplatek* or Christmas Wafer at your Christmas Eve *Wigilia*, *Villis*, *Kucios*, or dinner can be rekindled. Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expression of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. **Orders for the wafers will be taken until December 21.** The cost is \$1.00 per wafer or buy a sealed packet of 4 white wafers for \$5.00.

To place your order, please contact:

Mary Ellen Kawalek, 704-818-7111, melkawalek@yahoo.com

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Olga Ferber, Coordinadora Latina, 704-664-3992 ext. 2114, oferber@sainttherese.net

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Christmas Mass Schedule 2021



Nochebuena

Jueves, 24 de diciembre
Todas las Misas en inglés

2:00pm 4:00pm
6:00pm 8:00pm 10:00pm

Navidad

Viernes, 25 de diciembre

10:00am Misa en inglés
12:00pm Misa en español

- Todas las Misas serán celebradas en Santa Teresita.
- Las Misas del domingo 26 de diciembre se celebrarán en el horario habitual.
- La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada del 22 al 27 de diciembre, y el 29 de diciembre debido a las fiestas navideñas.

Lecturas para la próxima semana: 19 de diciembre, 2021

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento—Ciclo C

| I Lectura | Salmo Responsorial | II Lectura | Evangelio |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Miqueas 5:1-4 | Salmo 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 | Hebreos 10:5-10 | Lucas 1,39-45 |
| Se promete que el gobernante de Israel saldrá de Belén. | Una oración por la salvación de Dios. | Por su obediencia a la voluntad de Dios, Cristo lo consagró todo. | María visita a Isabel, que canta alabanzas a María y a su hijo. |

Fuente: Loyola Press

Mission Statement:

The parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to
Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All by doing ordinary things with great love.



Welcome to St. Therese Catholic Church!

Thank you for being here with us!

The parishioners of St. Therese welcome our visitors. Please introduce yourselves to your neighbors. Your presence is very important to us, as is your support.

¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Teresita!

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Su presencia es muy importante para nosotros, así como lo es su apoyo.



Registration

Every household is invited to register. Forms are available in the Parish Office or on our website. According to Diocesan policy, parish registration is required for Faith Formation, all Sacraments, ministries, and school vouchers.

MOVING? Please notify the Parish Office!

Communion of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you want communion brought to the home, hospital or nursing home. Hospitals **do not** notify the church that you are there except at your direct request.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office of those who are homebound or in hospitals, or nursing homes, especially when seriously ill.

Marriage

According to Diocesan policy, registered couples must begin marriage preparation at least **SIX MONTHS** prior to the desired wedding date. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Lawlor, Pastor.

Registro Parroquial

Invitamos a todas las familias a registrarse. Formulario disponible en la Oficina Parroquial o en nuestra página web. Según la política diocesana, el registro parroquial es necesario para la formación de la fe, todos los sacramentos, ministerios y vales escolares. **¿Se va a mudar?**

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial.

Comunión de los enfermos

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial si usted desea la comunión llevada a casa, hospital, o asilo de ancianos. Los hospitales **NO** le notifican a la iglesia que usted está allí, excepto a su petición.

Unción de los enfermos

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial acerca de las personas confinadas en casa, en hospitales, o asilos de ancianos, especialmente cuando se encuentran seriamente enfermos

Matrimonios

Según la política diocesana, las parejas registradas deben comenzar la preparación del matrimonio por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada de la boda. Para más información, contacte al Padre Marcos Lawlor, Párroco.

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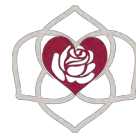
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