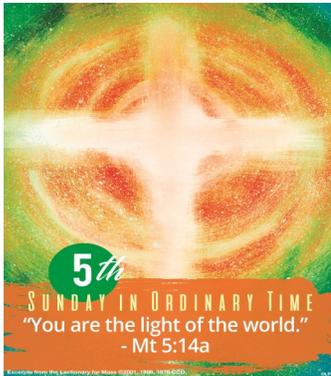


ST. THERESE PARISH

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.”

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

STAFF

Rev. John J. Schneider, Pastor

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Rev. Norman Gajdzinski, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Robert Bugaj, Deacon

Mrs. Nancy Heineke, Parish Catechetical Leader & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Mr. Frank Kozuch, Music Director

Mrs. Linda Schiavone, Office Manager

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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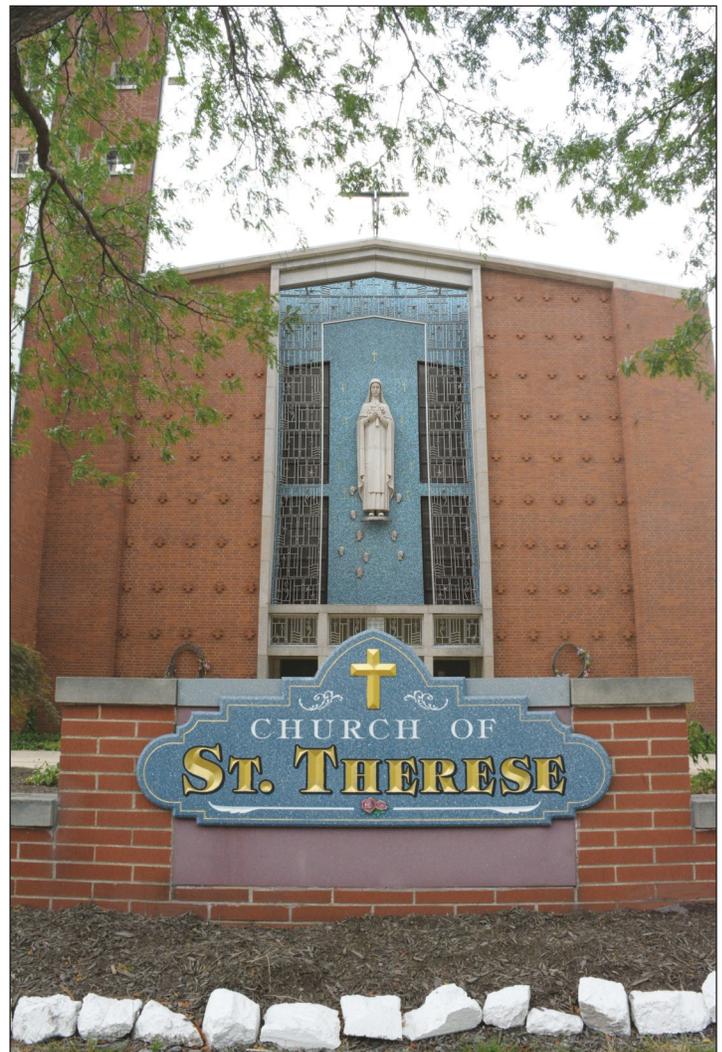
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FEBRUARY 9, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 8

Vigil

St. T 5:30 PM Kerry Kipfstuhl

Sunday, February 9-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. T 10:30 AM Sharon Bahleda

Monday, February 10-St. Scholastica

St. T 6:30 PM John & Agnes Biegacki

Tuesday, February 11-Our Lady of Lourdes

No Mass

Wednesday, February 12

St. P&P 8:30 AM Bob Koenig

Thursday, February 13

St. T 8:30 AM Sara Soltesz

Friday, February 14-SS. Cyril & Methodius

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Tony & Josephine DiBlatto

Saturday, February 15 Vigil

St. T 5:30 PM Reynaldo Manrique

Sunday, February 16-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. T 10:30 AM The People of the Parish

Please note that this schedule includes the weekday Masses for both St. Therese & SS. Peter and Paul, but only the weekend Masses of our parish.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

2020 Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

February 1/2

Collection: \$5,581.00* Envelopes Used: 173
Catholic University: \$15 Latin America: \$81
St. Vincent de Paul : \$277

*Figure includes the following:

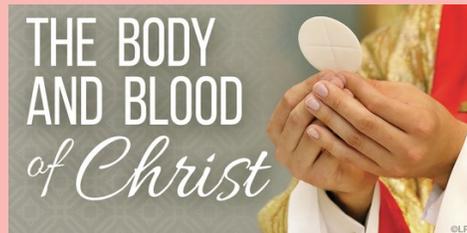
Parish Only \$1,358 Restoration: \$37
Holy Days: \$10 Ash Wednesday: \$35
Fuel & Utility: \$54 Initial: \$4

Thank you!

Pray for the Sick :

Shirley Zwilling, Dori Herout, Sophie Tessmer, Nancy Kolecki, Patricia J. McHale, Joyce Kedzierski, Jacquie Fisher, Josephine Mathews, Anthony Amato, Daria Melnyk, John Kolar, David Bob, Charlie Dunlap, Kenny Krawczyk, Ann Duhanich, Janet Carrol, Sandy Skul, Char Jeloveck, Robin Buckley, Beverly Briggs, Raymond Toth, Patricia Tagliarini, Andy Garcia, Joyce Peck, Dennis Yarmesch, Al & Dolores DiBaggio, Stanley Faiken

If you know of any names that should be removed or added, please contact the rectory at 216-581-2852.



Please note: For the remainder of February and during the month of March, Communion from the cup will be suspended during the flu season. Please see the "Ask Father" column for more information.



The Seniors' Club has decided to hold a meeting in February! It will be on Monday, February 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. (Weather permitting.)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

PSR - Continues to meet this month on Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. in the PSR school, *with the exception of Ash Wednesday Feb 26*. Please meet us IN the church. Ash Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. and families are welcome. Dismissal will be from church at 7:00 p.m.

Youth412 will meet Feb 19, 6-7:15pm (in the PSR school building) for an important meeting regarding our upcoming retreat. Please be sure to attend!

Super Bowl Football Squares Winners

\$3.00 Board

1st quarter: Nancy Harp

2nd quarter: Jan Bauer

3rd quarter: Jan Bauer

4th quarter: Dave Moeller

Final score: Dave Moeller

\$5.00 Board

1st quarter: Elaine Kucia

2nd quarter: Rich Byrne

3rd quarter: Rich Byrne

4th quarter: Jane Milczewski

Final score: Jane Milczewski

The payouts were \$30 per quarter for the \$3 board and \$50 per quarter for the \$5 board. The profit of \$150 went to St. Therese Parish and the profit of \$250 went to the Holy Name Society's Coffee & Donut Sundays. Thanks to everyone who bought squares!



Annual Indoor Garage Sale

St. Therese Church Boy Scout Troop 137 will be holding its annual indoor garage sale, flea market and everything sale on Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm in the St. Therese Church Hall, 5276 E. 105th Street and Granger Road, Garfield Hts. Admission is \$1.00 at the door. Vendor tables are still available for rent at \$25 per table. If you are interested in a table or need more information call 216-235-1798. Also, if anyone is interested in donating to the sale, we will be accepting donations on Friday, February 14, from 3pm-8pm in the church hall.

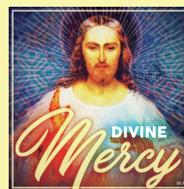
ASK FATHER!

Q Why has Communion from the cup been suspended?



A Three things have coincided in the last week that convinced me that we needed to pause this laudatory practice. First, the flu season has worsened. For example, St. Columbkille school had to suspend classes for two days because over sixty students and teachers were sick with the flu. Second, we have run into a staffing problem in having enough ministers. The distribution of Holy Communion is a high point of Mass, but it is not supposed to take a prolonged period of time. Hopefully, with a few more volunteers, we will have enough Communion ministers to distribute both species again soon. Third, the participation from the cup has declined. As you might have been able to notice, at most Masses the Communion ministers and I have a decent amount of the Precious Blood to drink! The Church envisions that all Catholics would receive from both species whenever they are distributed.

Here is a good point to explain the theology of the two species. First, the only person who needs to receive both is the priest because that ritual action is necessary for the completion of Mass. Second, both species contain the full Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Accordingly, you will not be receiving any less of Jesus (or grace) by only receiving the host. Third, the Church encourages the reception of both species primarily for the symbolic value. After the Second Vatican Council, the Church intended to highlight and promote how all participants of Mass could have a Holy Communion. Nevertheless, it is my prudential judgment that suspending the cup for a couple of months will be for our communal benefit.



There will be a **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** Sunday, February 9, at 2:30 p.m. in St. Monica Church and on Sunday, February 23, at 2:30 p.m. in St. Therese Church.

Book Sale

The parish offices of St. Therese and SS. Peter & Paul are now selling "*33 Days to Morning Glory; a Do-It yourself Retreat.*" This is an easy read book recommended by Father John as a way to prepare for consecration to Mary. Books are being sold for \$12. Please visit either of the parish offices during regular business hours to pick up your copy!

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Weekend Drawing

The \$100 winners of the drawing for the weekend of February 1/2 were Frank Franz and Rick Jones. Congratulations!

Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

February 26 (fish fry)-2 fish, 2 shrimp, 2 pierogis, coleslaw, rolls & butter. Prepared by Lori's Custom Catering.

All dinners require reservations by Monday, Feb. 24 at noon. Please call 216-662-2277 option 1. Take-outs available. Adults are \$10 and children under 12 are \$8. The Isabella Guild will be selling bakery.

Don't know what to do with your plastic bags-from Marcs, Giant Eagle, etc.? The St. Vincent de Paul Society can use them for distribution of food from our food pantry. You can drop them off in the church gathering room in the St. Vincent de Paul basket or at the rectory. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

All Nations Food Fest at St. Martin of Tours

Please join us for the 11th annual All Nations Food Festival on Sunday, February 16, after the 11:00 Mass. We will be sampling various cuisines from around the globe. Samples only a dollar!

Isabella Guild

Our General Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the K of C annex. We will celebrate all our birthdays at this meeting with cake.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—It is Just Around the Corner. Put on those blue suede shoes and chase away those winter blues. Join us for our Salad Luncheon (and a great time with Elvis) on Saturday, March 21, in the K of C annex hall. Doors open at noon and the luncheon will start at 1 p.m. The entertainment will follow the luncheon. Tickets are \$20 and tables of 8 can be reserved. Tickets will be available at our February meeting. We will have attendance prize drawings, a split raffle, and our famous BASKET RAFFLES.



The St. Mary Seminary Winter Festival 2020: A Taste of Eastern Europe fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 21, from 5-8 p.m. at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe. Adults are \$10, kids under 12 are \$5. Call 440-943-7600 for more information.



Join us as we say good-bye to **Nancy Heineke** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 9, in the church hall. We'll enjoy light refreshments as we wish Nancy farewell.

The Saints Peter & Paul Parish Mardi Gras Pork Chop Dinner

is on Saturday, February 22, at Rajan Academy Center (formerly the SS. Peter & Paul Activity Center). Doors open at 5 p.m. with serving from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. There will be music, basket raffles, side boards and a cash bar. Dinner is \$15 for 2 pork chops or \$12 for 1 pork chop. Chicken Tenders are 4 for \$6. The dinner includes potato, vegetable, salad, dessert and coffee. **ADVANCE SALE ONLY (including take-out) by 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14.** Tickets are available at the SS. Peter & Paul rectory. 216-429-1515.



"The Passion of Christ"

Fr. Len Obloy is leading Scripture Study Sessions at Holy Spirit Chapel at Jennings, 10204 Granger Rd., on Saturdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. now through April 4. Refreshments and fellowship after the sessions. All are welcome!

40 Days For Life

From February 26-April 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm (12000 Shaker Blvd. in Cleveland) or Planned Parenthood (25350 Rockside Rd. in Bedford Hts.) or Family Planning (54 South State St. in Painesville). Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Justin Martyr Church in Eastlake on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 p.m. Contact John Noall at 216-245-9744 or clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com for more information.

Addiction Awareness Workshop—The Samaritan Ministry, St. Malachi Parish at West 25th St. & Detroit, is offering a FREE 1-day Addiction Awareness Workshop in St. Malachi Center (behind the church) on Saturday February 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a brochure or to register, contact Judy Stowe at 216-280-0675 or judystowe@gmail.com or St. Malachi Rectory at 216-861-5343.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Week Ahead:

Sunday, February 9

Reception for Nancy Heineke after 10:30 Mass, H

Monday, February 10

Scout Troop Meeting, 7 p.m., S

Tuesday, February 11

Bible Study 6:30 p.m., S

Recalibrate 7 p.m., S

AA 7:30 p.m., H

Wednesday, February 12

PSR 6 p.m., S

Thursday, February 13

BINGO 6:45 p.m., H

Bear & Webelos Scouts 7 p.m., S

Finance Council 7 p.m., R

Saturday, February 15

Boy Scout Garage Sale 9a.m.-2:30 p.m., H

H: Church Hall R: Rectory C: Church S: School

The Lord be with you!

How does the Holy Spirit inspire us? How did He inspire the four Evangelists? In our analysis of the *Baltimore Catechism* this week, we are examining how the Holy Ghost has and continues to guide the Church into deeper holiness and truth.

Question 442. Who were the Evangelists?

Answer. St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John are called Evangelists, because they wrote the four Gospels bearing their names, and Evangelia is the Latin name for Gospels. St. Mark and St. Luke were not Apostles, but St. Matthew and St. John were both Apostles and Evangelists.

Question 443. Why did not the Apostles fully understand when Christ Himself taught them?

Answer. The Apostles did not fully understand when Christ Himself taught them because during His stay with them on earth they were only preparing to become Apostles; and their minds were yet filled with many worldly thoughts and desires that were to be removed at the coming of the Holy Ghost.

Question 444. Will the Holy Ghost abide with the Church forever?

Answer. The Holy Ghost will abide with the Church forever, and guide it in the way of holiness and truth.

Question 445. What benefit do we derive from the knowledge that the Holy Ghost will abide with the Church forever?

Answer. From the knowledge that the Holy Ghost will abide with the Church forever we are made certain that the Church can never teach us falsehood, and can never be destroyed by the enemies of Our Faith.

My commentary.

First, a small emendation of 442. The Latin word "*evangelia*" actually comes from the Greek word, "evangelion," which are the word "eu" for "good" and "angelios" for messenger. Thus, the Evangelists are angels in the metaphorical sense of bringing God's message to us.

Second, the *Baltimore Catechism* makes a vital point about not only the Apostles but also about all believers: the more we think in worldly terms, the less we can understand God. Although all human and scientific truths are compatible with the Faith (truth does not contradict itself), faith must be the bedrock upon which we build our understanding of the cosmos. If we start from our limited perspectives, we will inevitably bias our thinking and thus misunderstand God.

The best example of such misunderstanding was how the Apostles (and almost all of Israel) imagined the Messiah. Instead of looking for a man to destroy sin and death, they all were expecting a political and religious leader who would restore Israel's independence and purity. Jesus did come to fulfill the covenant but not by making Judea its own little country: He sought to free them from the dominion of the Devil. In every era since Jesus's coming, there has been the temptation to understand Christ according to the world and not the world according to Christ.

Third, we should all take consolation in the promise that the Church will lead us more deeply into the being of God. On the one hand, the Church is infallible (without error) in her declarations of moral and religious truths - the Pope and our bishops will always be able to name what is sinful and holy. She is not infallible, however, in her prudential judgments - I would not listen to priests for stock tips. Yet, even when we as a Church make all too human mistakes, God provides. Moreover, when we are obedient to our rightful superiors (in the Church, in our communities, and in our families), we merit a deeper experience of grace. Thus, the Church has consistently taught that our obedience (so long as the command is not sinful) is rewarded with a greater presence of His Holy Spirit.

The Lord greatly desires for us to be imbued with His Spirit. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John contain the very words and deeds of Christ. Never can they be exhausted, nor can we become impoverished by our reading of them. In a few weeks we will be called to deepen our prayer during Lent. If we have not read the gospels, then would be an excellent time to read and meditate upon these grace filled works.

In Christ,
Fr. John