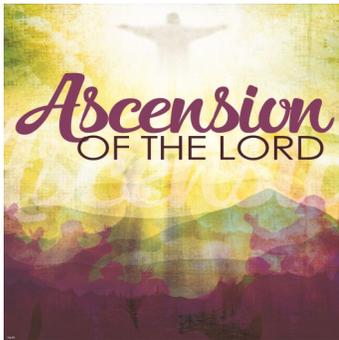


# ST. THERESE PARISH

## 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, JUNE 2 - THE ASCENSION 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

## STAFF

Rev. John J. Schneider, Pastor

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Rev. Norman Gajdzinski, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Robert Bugaj, Deacon

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Mrs. Linda Schiavone, Office Manager

## SACRAMENTS

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

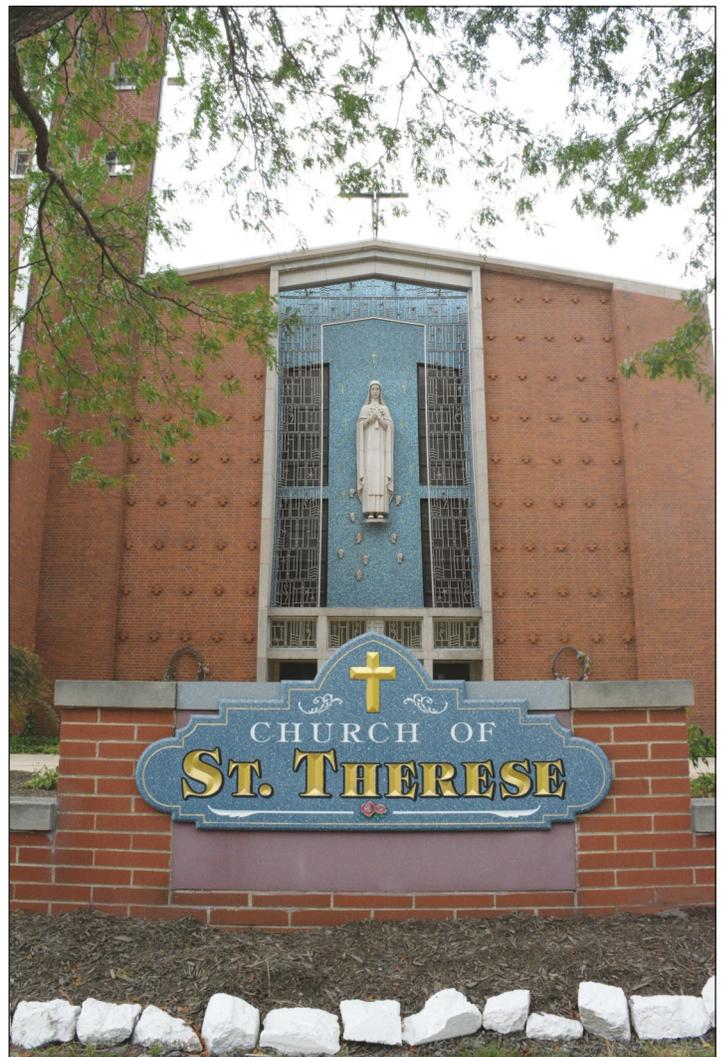
**SICK CALLS:** Please call the Parish Office.

**WEDDINGS:** Please contact the Parish Office one year prior  
to the date of the wedding. Time is necessary for instructions,  
paperwork and sacramental preparation.

**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Parish Office to make arrange-  
ments in advance. Pre-Baptismal instructions are required for  
parents.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please call or stop in at the Parish  
Office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE...MONDAY AT NOON**



# JUNE 2, 2019

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

### Vigil

5:30 PM Therese Biegacki

**Sunday, June 2—The Ascension of the Lord**

10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:30 AM Ray & Barbara Kujawski  
50th Wedding Anniversary

**Monday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

6:30 PM Sandy & Frank McClain St. T

**Tuesday, June 4**

No Mass

**Wednesday, June 5—St. Boniface**

8:30 AM Charmaine Kotowski SS. P&P

**Thursday, June 6—St. Norbert**

8:30 AM Biagio & Jennie DiMarco St. T

**Friday, June 7**

8:30 AM Thomas Walsh SS. P&P

**Saturday, June 8**

### Vigil

5:30 PM Jean D. Skuta

**Sunday, June 9—Pentecost Sunday**

10:30 AM For 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:** Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Jn 21:20-25

## Mass Intentions

Our 2020 calendar for Mass intentions is now open for scheduling. Please stop in the rectory or call us at 216-581-2852, Monday thru Friday 9:30am—2:30pm to schedule. At this time, there will be a limit of 2 Mass dates per person.

Thank you.

## Collection-May 25/26

Collection: \$3,637.53\* Envelopes Used: 191  
St. Vincent de Paul: \$23 Mission Co-op: \$20

\*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$205 Easter: \$10  
Ascension: \$22 Restoration: \$86  
Father's Day: \$25 Mother's Day: \$50  
Initial: \$5

Thank you!

## Pray for the Sick :

Shirley Zwilling, Dori Herout, Sophie Tessmer, Nancy Kolecki, Jeff Radak, Patricia J. McHale, Joyce Kedzierski, Jacquie Fisher, Josephine Mathews, Helen Yakubik, Mary Cutler, Gregory Skuta, Anthony Amato, Daria Melnyk, Sara Soltesz, Diane Wells, Doris Rusnak, Karen Niemczura, Nancy Twingstrom, John Kolar

We are attempting to update our "Pray for the Sick" list. If you know of any names that should be removed or added, please contact the rectory at 216-581-2852. Thank you.

## Missionary Co-op

This weekend our parish welcomes **Fr. Damian Ezeani** from the Missionary Co-op who will be celebrating at both of our Masses. Fr. Damian is from the Catholic Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria which is a rural Diocese in the South Eastern part of Nigeria. The Diocese built health care centers to provide primary health care services to the people. It needs assistance to make necessary medications available to the people who need them at those centers. Even though the Church in Orlu is relatively young, it is rapidly growing. The Diocese needs great assistance to sponsor the great number of young men aspiring to be priests. A second collection will be taken for this mission. Thank you.

## Corpus Christi



On Sunday, June 23, we will have a procession in the neighborhood around the church celebrating the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The procession will take place after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We invite all who are able to join us. At the conclusion of the procession, we will have refreshments in the church hall.

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

Please keep the following students in your prayers, as they make their Confirmation Saturday, June 8, 2019, at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist. The students have worked hard preparing to receive this important sacrament!

- Dorothy Jane "Emily" Burgess**
- Isabelle "Veronica" Marflak**
- Jack Joseph "Pope Saint John Paul II" Peters**
- Catherine Marie "Isabelle" Snyder**
- Anne Magdalen Marie "Bridhe" Snyder**
- Sydney "Margaret" Wilson**

Fr John Schneider will be concelebrating with Bishop Perez at Mass.

## ASK FATHER!

**Q** Fr. John, What is the Feast of the Five Wounds of Our Lord?



**A** The Feast of the Five Wounds of Our Lord was an optional memorial that began in the fourteenth century. In contemplating the five wounds of Christ - His feet, His Hands, and His wounded side - this liturgy reminds us of all that Christ suffered for our sake. From 1831 until the Second Vatican Council, the Passionists celebrated this feast on the Friday following the Third Sunday of Lent. Although it was never celebrated by the universal church, it was important enough to be in the appendix of the Roman Missal until 1965. The Rosary can also be seen as a way of remembering this devotion: the five large beads standing for the five wounds of Christ.

The next **Seniors' meeting** will be held on Monday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall.

### Save These Dates!

**COMING SOON: Tuesday, June 11**—St. Therese Parish will be hosting a "Dining for Dollars" event at the Garfield Hts. Applebee's. A flyer will be inserted in the bulletin the weekend prior to the event. Applebee's will donate 15% of your check to the parish.

**Sunday, July 14**—Our annual reverse raffle, with a \$1,000 main prize, will take place immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. However this year it will take place in the church hall. Please note the change of location.

**Sunday, September 8**—Our annual picnic will again take place at Klima's Picnic Grove on East 71st Street in Cuyahoga Hts. The picnic will begin with Mass at 11:45 a.m. Our theme this year is "Celebrating 100 years of the NFL and the Browns 2019 Home Opener".



Please mark your calendars!

Our maintenance man, Gary, needs a few good men and/or women volunteers to help with jobs around the parish. Help is especially needed on Friday mornings to clean the church hall after Bingo. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office at 216-581-2852. Thank you!



### Holy Land Gifts—After all Masses June 8/9

There will be a display of handmade, hand carved articles for sale such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper, and many other beautiful religious articles. Because of the conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 100 Christian families who make a living selling traditional olive wood handcrafts and religious articles. When you purchase one of the beautiful gifts, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live and work with dignity in a region fraught with tension and oppression. Thank you for supporting this project to keep Christians present in the Holy Land, the birth place of Jesus.

### Dinner's On!



If you like to cook or bake, your help to provide meals (or part of a meal) for Fr. John Schneider and Fr. John Odokodit would be appreciated. Go to the parish website ([sttheresegarfield.org](http://sttheresegarfield.org)), click Dinner's On from the menu at the top of the page. You will then be directed to the Dinner's On website. We would like to give a big THANK YOU to all who have provided meals during the last several months!

JUNE 2, 2019

*Congratulations to  
Ray & Barbara Kujawski  
Who are celebrating their 50th Wedding  
Anniversary at the 10:30 Mass.*

Join **St. Monica Parish** for a special hour of adoration and thanksgiving to the **Divine Mercy** of Jesus Sunday, June 9, at 2:30 pm. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and prayers for our families, our Church, and our country at St. Monica Church. All are welcome.

#### **Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart Diocesan Center will have the annual Mass of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 28, at St. Therese Church, with father Eric Orzech as celebrant. All are invited to attend this special reparation to the Sacred Heart and to ask Jesus' help for all families, our Church, and our world. Call Donna 440.232.7725 or Marlene 216.447.9375 for more information. All are welcome!

**St. Martin of Tours Parish** at 14600 Turney Road in Maple Heights will host their annual TRASH and TREASURE SALE on Thurs June 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon- 8PM, Fri June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1PM - 7PM and Sat June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM - 1 PM in the school building. Great deals on electronics, books, CDs, kitchen and bath, jewelry, antiques, toys and games, clothing, seasonal, furniture, and MANY odds and ends!! Refreshments will be available for sale. For more information call Betty Hofman at 216- 662-6564.

#### **St. Monica Summer Series Presents:**

**Party at the Pavilion on Thursday, June 13:  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

*Free Admission and Free Live Entertainment provided by*

*Rachel Brown and the Beatnik Playboys*

*Food + Pop and Beer + 50/50 Raffle + Fun for all.*

Special thanks to our Anonymous Series Sponsor and Comfort Environmental Company for being the event sponsor.

Bring your lawn chairs and join us for the evening.

\*Rain location will be the school cafeteria\*

#### **50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass**

The 50 Anniversary of Marriage Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, with the Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez as presider and homilist. This Mass is for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland married 50 years (married in 1969). Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over), or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. To register for the Mass go to: <https://ccdocle.wufoo.com/forms/50th-wedding-anniversary-mass-2019/>. Registration closes on Monday, September 16.

#### **Flag Retirement Ceremony**



Experience an American tradition which includes the ceremonial burning of one American flag on Saturday, June 15, at 1 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery, 10000 Miles Ave. in Cleveland. Attendants may also bring tattered, worn, or faded American flags to be collected and properly retired at a later date. All are welcome to attend. Unable to attend the ceremony? The Catholic Cemeteries Association accepts flags in need of retirement year-round. We ask that you drop off your flag(s) at one of our 8 offices during normal business hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Saturday 8:30 a.m. to noon. To find an office near you, please visit [clecem.org](http://clecem.org).

#### **AM 1260 The Rock Needs You!**

Become an instrumental part of Catholic radio by volunteering with AM 1260 The Rock! Volunteers can help with office support, voicework, event table, and more. There are positions for every skill set and schedule. AM 1260 The Rock depends on the support of volunteers in our daily operations. Fill out an application today at [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) under "Support the Rock" or call 216-227-1260.



#### **St. Martin of Tours Vacation Bible School**

Where: St. Martin of Tours

14600 Turney Road, Maple Hts.

July 22-26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon

For students going into K-5 grade

Presenting Parables

To register or for more information,  
Contact Bobbi Bugaj at 216-475-4300

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## Love Will Hold Us Together

Matt Maher's famous song, "Love Will Hold Us Together", will be heard from the mainstage at The FEST on Sunday, August 4, in Wickliffe. It's the perfect family day and it's all for FREE. Come and hear Jordan Feliz, Tenth Avenue North, Matt Maher and Casting Crowns on August 4 from noon until 10 p.m. at The Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. There is a full day's worth of activities for your family, including inflatables, crafts, a BMX show, Marc's Mom's Relaxation Station and much more. Check out the full list of activities at The FEST: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us)! Faith...Family...Fun...and great music...all for FREE at The FEST.

## The Week Ahead:

### **Sunday, June 2**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10 a.m., C

### **Monday, June 3**

Seniors Meeting 1:30 p.m., H

### **Tuesday, June 4**

Recalibrate/Reset 7 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

### **Thursday, June 6**

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

### **Saturday, June 8**

Confirmation at St. John's Cathedral 4:30 p.m.

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

The Lord be with you!

This week we are examining why God decided to come when He did. In looking at all that goes into saving the world, we ought to be all the more grateful that God has saved us from sin and death.

### **Question 347. Why was the coming of the Redeemer so long delayed?**

Answer. The coming of the Redeemer was so long delayed that the world -- suffering from every misery -- might learn the great evil of sin and know that God alone could help fallen man.

### **Question 348. When was the Redeemer promised to mankind?**

Answer. The Redeemer was first promised to mankind in the Garden of Paradise, and often afterward through Abraham and his descendants, the patriarchs, and through numerous prophets.

My Commentary.

Whether one believes that humanity is 6,000 or 13 million years old, it is clear that God did not send the Messiah until a long time had passed after the Fall. This long delay raises the simple question of "Why?" What advantage was served by delaying Christ's coming? Conversely, what evils were avoided by Christ delaying His arrival?

The answer given by Question 347 is a little sad and a little mean. It seems to imagine that God is an angry teacher who wishes his students to learn the hard way. True enough, God does allow us to remain in our sins for as long as we choose. Yet, God ardently desires our conversion. Moreover, the idea that all of humanity learns like an individual is absurd. What one person learns is not learned by all. Moreover, all parents get to see their children learning the same exact lessons that they had to learn when they were growing up. From this perspective it does not really matter whether our savior came after 2,000 years or 2 million - people have not changed that much.

As we mentioned two weeks ago, it was not fitting for Our Lord to come immediately after Adam and Eve sinned. Adam and Eve were not fit to behold Christ let alone be His parents. Moreover, God decided to prepare a people to receive His Word: Israel. Through the Patriarchs, Moses, and the prophets, God guided the Israelites away from the things of this world towards Himself. From the Old Testament it is clear that getting a people ready to receive God takes a long time since almost every fourth generation sees the Hebrews forgetting about God. Although God was always faithful, the Israelites were not. From this simple fact we can infer that part of the delay came not from God but from us! Only with Mary was our race ready to say "yes" to God perfectly.

If you want an expanded answer to Question 348, the Letter to the Hebrews gives a great summary of the prophecies related to Christ. Even though the prophets themselves probably had a good idea of what the Messiah would be like, the people listening to them did not. We need only reflect on Judas Iscariot and his rejection of Christ's suffering to see that just because God told the people that the Christ would come did not mean that the people would understand.

We are privileged to appreciate the great lengths that God will go to save us. He could have saved the world in an entirely different manner, but He chose to prepare a people, become a man, and give us life by His Death. By calling to mind all that God did to prepare humanity for His Coming, we can better discern the arrival of His grace in our lives.

In Christ,  
Fr. John