

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, SEPTEMBER 8-TWENTY-THIRD 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

john.j.schneider@icloud.com

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 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

5276 East 105th Street · Garfield Hts., OH, 44125

Phone: 216-581-2852 · **FAX:** 216-581-5091

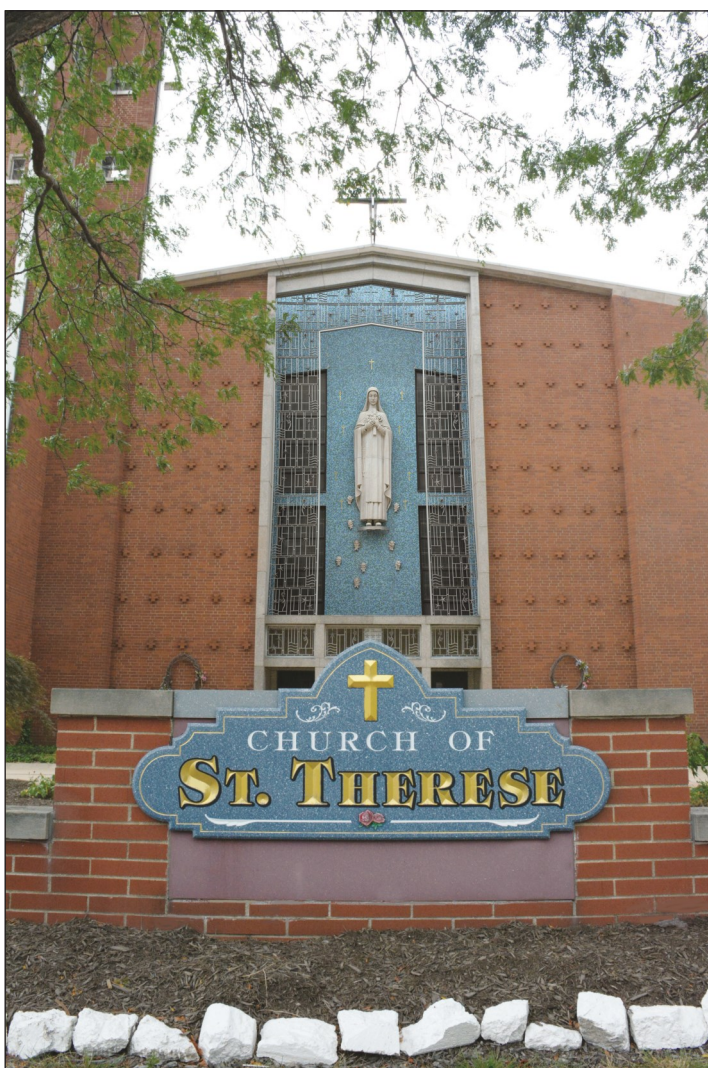
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Church Website: www.sttheresegarfield.org

All Saints Federal Credit Union: 216-587-0631

Credit Union Website: www.allsaintsfcu.com



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 7

Vigil

5:30 PM Lawrence Bydash, John Gibney, Jr. & Donna Gibney

Sunday, September 8—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM Wanda M. Golias

11:45 AM Deceased Members of the Kipfstuhl Family

Monday, September 9-St. Peter Claver

6:30 PM Sam & Lena Mendolera St. T

Tuesday, September 10

No Mass

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 AM Kenneth McKay (AM) SS. P&P

Thursday, September 12-The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 AM Rudy N. Guzman St. T

Friday, September 13-St. John Chrysostom

8:30 AM Stanley & Lucille Szewczyk SS. P&P

Saturday, September 14-The Exultation Of the Holy Cross

5:30 PM Langood Family

Sunday, September 15-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For the People of the Parish
(Holy Name Mass)

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: Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17



Please pray for the recently deceased:
Maryann Fazio

Collection-August 31/September 1

Collection: \$5,497.00* Envelopes Used: 190
Faith & Values: \$65 St. Vincent de Paul: \$95
Catholic Communications: \$10

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$1,048 Restoration: \$96

Assumption: \$52 Fuel: \$111

Children's: \$2 All Saints/All Souls: \$10

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, Mary Cutler, Gregory Skuta, Anthony Amato, Daria Melnyc, Doris Rusnak, Karen Niemczura, John Kolar, David Bob, Bob Schrade, Charlie Dunlap, Bonita Pentek

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



Attention: Our Parish Picnic Is Today!

Sunday, September 8

It is at Klima's Grove, 4646 East 71st St. in Cuyahoga Hts. We begin with Mass at 11:45 AM. The picnic usually wraps up around 6 p.m. Admission at the gate is \$6. Come join us and have some fun!

Detour News: Canal Road between Granger Road and East 71st St. is closed to northbound traffic. If you are coming to the picnic, travel west on Granger to Route 21 north. Turn right toward East 71st St. Then turn left onto East 71st. Continue on to Klima's. When traveling home, Canal Road southbound is open.



Save Your Paper for our River Valley Paper Company Bonus Week!

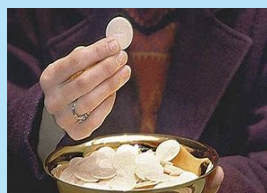
Start saving your newspapers, magazines, junk mail, etc. Bring it to the bins in our parking lot the week of Sept. 15 through Sept. 22. We will receive an additional amount per ton of paper during this "Bonus Week" from the River Valley Paper Company. Thanks for recycling!

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

PSR kicks off this Wednesday with a bus field trip and pizza! If you have not yet registered your child for PSR, please contact Nancy Heineke immediately.

Youth412 will meet Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18, 6-7:15 p.m. in the PSR school building. Students who plan to attend youth group must be registered in REMIND.



Formation Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion begin soon. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the parish office at 216-581-2852 or speak to Fr. John.

The **Seniors** will next meet on Monday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. This will be our Root Beer Float Meeting and will be our only meeting in September.



There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, September 8, at 2:30 PM in Saint Monica Church and on Sunday, September 22, at 2:30 PM in St. Therese Church. All are welcome!

Movie Time!

Enjoy inspiring stories of faith, in the comfort of your own home! This month we suggest two stories, one familiar, and one not so familiar. Get some popcorn and start clicking! From the parish website's home page, click on the word FORMED, then click on the movie title. It's that easy! "All or Nothing!" is an *exceptional* documentary.

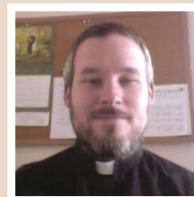
Fall Recycling Program at the Garfield Hts. Service Garage, 13600 McCracken: Household hazardous waste collection Sept. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to noon. Free document shredding Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to noon. Residents only, no commercial disposal. For details call 216-475-3373

ASK FATHER!

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There is no Ask Father question this week.



Do You Shop On Amazon?

Did you know St. Therese Parish can receive donations for your purchases? Instead of visiting the website Amazon.com, replace it with a SMILE!



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Therese Parish. How do I shop at AmazonSmile? To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Select **St Therese Parish** as your preferred charitable organization. **Garfield** is the location for this parish. You can also use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0714753>. It will take you right to St. Therese Parish. You can share this with family and friends. Get started with your next Amazon purchase!

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Adult Enrichment

If you are hesitant to register for God's School of Trust, due to scheduling conflicts, please note the sessions are related, *but independent*. You will not "be lost" if you miss a session. Make up sessions may possibly be offered, once the program is underway. Please email (or call) Nancy with questions (youth412rocks@att.net). Registration information is on the parish website. **Registration forms are due this Monday (Sept 9) in order to secure class materials in time.**

You are invited to the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine bus trip with our young church, this Wednesday evening. Bus seats are limited. You must call St Therese parish office for a reservation. You are also welcome to travel on your own, joining us directly at the shrine for outdoor Mass (weather permitting) at 6:00 p.m. with Fr John Schneider. Remember to bring empty bottles for collecting water from the grotto, which holds an original piece of rock from Lourdes France, where Our Blessed Mother stood in 1858.

Tour Saints Peter and Paul Church Sept 22 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Last year, PSR families found Fr John's tour fascinating, and suggested it for *all* parishioners! Fr John Schneider's brief walking tour will explain various aspects inside of the church building with light refreshments afterwards.

Attention St. Monica Grade School Class of 1974

St. Monica's Alumni Class of 1974 has two exciting events scheduled for the month of September. The first event planned is a 45th Anniversary Mass at St. Monica Church at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 14. The next event is a barbecue/bonfire scheduled for Saturday, September 28. Anyone interested in attending these events, please contact Joe Ungarsky at josephungarsky@yahoo.com or 216-663-5252. Thank you!

Isabella Guild

Where did summer go? People to visit, gatherings to attend. Hope all had a safe, happy and enjoyable summer...but it is time to start our meetings and to plan events for the coming year. Mark your calendar for our General Business Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 7 p.m. in the K of C Annex Hall. Plans for the coming year will be announced. We will have our Blind Auction and Dinner in November, our festive Christmas party in December and our famous Salad luncheon in the spring. We also will take a bus trip to try our luck. Come to our meeting and enjoy all the activities we have planned. If you have any suggestions, let us know....New ideas are always welcome. Congratulations to Marlene Kuczmarski for being chosen "Woman of the Year."

From the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis: This year is 80 years since the beginning of World War II. This is also the 80th anniversary of our Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa. In 1939, just before Poland was invaded, the icon of Our Lady, a replica of the icon at Czestochowa, was put on the last ship leaving Poland before the ports were closed. Since that time, hundreds of pilgrims have visited our Shrine in Garfield Hts. This year, as we are experiencing tensions among nations, threats of violence and persecutions, we invite you to join us in prayer for peace and justice for all peoples as we mark the 80th anniversary of our Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Sunday, September 15

**10:30 a.m. Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady
12215 Granger Road**

**Bishop Roger Gries will preside
Light refreshments will follow**

Noon to 2 p.m.:

The Shrine will be open for private visits and prayer.

2 p.m.:

Rosary, Prayer, Benediction

(You are invited to bring lawn chairs if you desire.)

K of C Wednesday Night Dinners

Fried Fish & Shrimp W/ Perogies – September 25 4 to 7 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277 mailbox #2 DUE BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23 – 5PM

Dinner consists of: **2 Fish, 2 Shrimp, 2 Perogies, Coleslaw, Rolls & Butter**

Costs: **Adults - \$10 Children Under 12 - \$8**

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE COFFEE, TEA, WATER, AND NON-CARBONATED BEVERAGES

DINNERS BY: LORI'S CUSTOM CATERING

Knight of Columbus

CLAMBAKE – SUNDAY September 29 1 to 4 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-662-2277

mailbox #3

DUE BY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23 – 5PM PRE-SALE ONLY

Clambake \$30, Steak Dinner \$30

Extra Dozen Clams \$8

Outdoor Mass with Fr. Norm Gajdzinski-Noon

Walking with Leslie Sansone DVD's At St. Monica Parish

Join us on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the lower level of St. Monica Parish Office. Beginners, intermediate, advanced—it's all up to you! Classes start September 18. All are invited. Please call the St. Monica parish office at 216-662-8685 to register. Enjoy the benefits of walking as well as the benefits of joining a group class: motivation, accountability and group camaraderie.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Family Day at Progressive Field

Sunday, September 22 at 1:10 p.m.

Pregame Mass at 10:15 a.m. with Fr. Bob Stec

To purchase tickets go to:

<https://www.mlb.com/indians/tickets/specials/catholic-family-day> Password: catholic

Deadline to purchase tickets is September 19.

For more info contact Jackie Plys at 216-420-4162 or jplys@indians.com.

Registration for the 50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass closes on Monday, September 16. The Mass is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with Bishop Nelson Perez. To register, go to: <https://ccdocle.wufoo.com/forms/50th-wedding-anniversary-mass-2019/>.

The Week Ahead:

Sunday, September 8

Parish Picnic at Klima's, Mass at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, September 9

Scout Parent Meeting 7 p.m., S

Tuesday, September 10

Gospel Study 6:30 p.m., S

Recalibrate/Reset 7 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

Wednesday, September 11

PSR Field Trip 5:30 p.m.

Bear Den Meeting 7 p.m., S

Thursday, September 12

Webelo Den Meeting 6:30 p.m., S

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

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

The Lord be with you!

As we continue our discussion of Our Lord's Passion, we have now reached how He was betrayed and condemned to death. Tragically, Christ was condemned to death by the very people He loved with all His Sacred Heart.

Question 380. Who betrayed Our Lord?

Answer. Judas, one of His Apostles, betrayed Our Lord, and from His sin we may learn that even the good may become very wicked by the abuse of their free will.

Question 381. How was Christ condemned to death?

Answer. Through the influence of those who hated Him, Christ was condemned to death, after an unjust trial, at which false witnesses were induced to testify against Him.

My commentary.

Question 380 reminds us of a fact that we often forget: Judas was a flawed but good man. Jesus did not choose Judas so that he would one day betray Him. He chose Judas because He saw that he had the potential to be a great apostle. More than likely Judas had a great capacity to relate to people and had a compassionate heart. After all, Judas greatly desired to rid Israel of their Roman oppressors and once again be a people set apart for God alone.

How did Judas go from being a friend of Christ to His betrayer? St. John tell us that Judas desired the things of this world – money, power, and honor. In his scheme with the high priests, Judas was obviously disillusioned with Jesus over precisely this. Instead of taking Jerusalem and purifying it of the Romans, Jesus arrived meek, mild and ready to offer up His Life. Moreover, Our Lord spoke not of conquest but of His own sacred death. Because Judas had given his heart over to his own dream of a free Israel, he was crushed that God had not. Depressed and disconsolate he went to the high priests and made the deal to hand over Christ for 30 pieces of silver.

Likewise, the leader of Israel condemned Christ out of their misunderstanding of their place in the world and their jealousy. Some of them obviously thought that Jesus was a threat to the good order of Israel because He was creating a religious movement outside of their control. Others, however, simply disliked that the crowds listened to Him more than them. In either case they preferred the goods of this world – peace and popularity – to things of God. The very men charged by God to keep spiritual watch over His people decided that they knew better than their divine employer.

It is obvious to us that Christ's trial was rigged; it was not obvious to the people of Israel. We need to remember that most people simply accept the story that they hear first. It was only the Jewish leadership and Christ's apostles who knew that Jesus was condemned unjustly. The rest of Jerusalem was ignorant.

The Devil corrupts us in one of two ways. First, he tempts us to go after worldly good too much. We eat, drink, or entertain ourselves too much. The more we give ourselves to those goods, the less they satisfy. Satan knows that eventually we will destroy our hearts by going down that path. Second, when he cannot tempt us to doing what is wrong in itself, he simply guides us away from the good that God wants. Slowly our hearts will drift from God and become confused. In that moment of disillusionment, the Enemy will tempt us towards sins of the flesh and of the world knowing that we are weak enough to fall to them.

In seeing good men attack Goodness Himself, we must learn that even our best parts can fail without God. Judas did not join the disciples to destroy Christ – he joined to free Israel. The high priests and other leaders of Jerusalem did not wake up every morning like villains in a Bond film wondering what kind of evil they could do. They took their responsibility as rulers of Israel perhaps too seriously. We must be on guard that we do not likewise betray Christ for the best of worldly intentions. We must always be honest enough with God and with ourselves to admit to our weakness and our need for God's grace.

In Christ,

Fr. John