



ST. THERESE PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018



31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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.

Masses

Saturdays | 5:30 PM
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sundays | 10:30 AM

Weekdays & Holy Days
See schedule inside bulletin

Monday

Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:10 PM followed by Miraculous Medal Novena & Mass at 6:30 PM

Confessions

Monday evenings at 7:00 PM

Holy Communion to the Sick

Please call the rectory

Weddings

Please contact the parish one year prior to the date of the wedding. Time is necessary for instructions, paperwork and sacramental preparation.

Baptisms

Please make arrangements in advance. Pre-Baptismal instructions are required for parents. Please call the rectory.

New Parishioners

Please call or stop in at the Rectory to register. If you move to a new address in the parish or out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

Rectory

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Bulletin Deadline
Monday | Noon

Credit Union
216-587-0631

Staff

Rev. John J. Schneider
Pastor

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

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 3 - Vigil

5:30 PM Biagio & Jenny DiMarco
Richard E. Kraft

Sunday, November 4 -31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Monday, November 5

6:30 PM Margaret Hurtack St. T.
St. T.

Tuesday, November 6

No Mass

Wednesday, November 7

8:30 AM Rocco & Domenico Schieda SS. P&P

Thursday, November 8

8:30 AM Special Intention—Mass of Thanksgiving St. T

Friday, November 9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 AM Al & Mary Ulatowski SS. P&P

Saturday, November 10—St. Leo the Great Vigil

5:30 PM Aaron Ressler
Jack Brayer and
Elizabeth & John Brayer

Sunday, November 11 -32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM Willis & Mary Gallagher
Richard Lenczewski
(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.

Your intentions on your All Souls envelope will be remembered at every weekend and weekday Mass during the month of November. The envelopes will be placed in a basket near the altar after being counted.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dt. 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mt 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
Jn 2:13-22

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15



Collection-October 27/28

Collection: \$4,847.00* Envelopes Used: 190
St. Vincent de Paul: \$60 World Mission: \$138
Blanket Sunday: \$362 PSR: \$10
Catholic Communication: \$50

*Figure includes the following:

Parish Only: \$410 Restoration: \$87
All Saints: \$103 All Souls: \$176

Restoration Fund in Memory of Eve Dankowski: \$350

Thank you!



Please pray for the recently deceased:

Pat Gallagher

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

Joshua Stebal, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Don Tews, Laverne Griffiths, Michelle Cozens, Shirley Zwilling, Rita Pawloski, Raymond Pavlik, Michael Kobie, Dori Herout, Robyn Buckley, Sophie Tessmer, Michelle Triska, Nancy Kolecki, Charlene Fabrizo, Josephine Wojtonek, Mark Bandini, Laura Poss, Jeff Radak, Patricia J. McHale, Joyce Kedzierski, Jacquie Fisher, Arnold Brantley, Patricia Kraft, Josephine Mathews, Helen Yakubik, Brian Shamblin, Christine Hach, Ann Duhanich, Marion Diakant, Mary Cutler, Gregory Skuta, Phyllis & Delmer Price, William Gonzalez, Adrian Cucci, Anthony Amato, Joe Suster

Pancake Breakfast—Today!

The Cub Scout/Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast is today (Sunday, November 4) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the church hall. It includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3-10. Children under 3 are free. Carry outs available. Pay at the door.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR YOUNG CHURCH

We continued welcoming new students to PSR last week, while youth group and PSR's older grades combined to study the virtue of wisdom. PSR resumes regular classes Nov 7. Youth Ministry field trip **registration form** to Kafaya's Kitchen **due Wed Nov 7.**

Attention Seniors: Our meetings in November are on Monday, November 5 and Monday, November 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the hall.



Look for the Giving Tree beginning November 17/18!

Attention Liturgical Ministers— Something New!

Starting with the December ministry schedule, we will have a "Liturgical Minister Sign-up" calendar on our church website to aid in the scheduling of Altar Servers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. We hope this will be a convenient and easy way for you to schedule when you are available to help serve. For those dates you know you are not able to help serve, you can also sign up as unavailable. Go to www.sttheresegarfield.org and click on the "Liturgical Minister Sign-up" in the menu bar. "How to" directions will be on the home page of the website.

The calendar is available for scheduling now. We ask that you sign up as soon as possible. We will review the schedule 2 weeks before the new month and if there are still open positions, we will schedule those positions as we have in the past. Communion Minister positions will be finalized by the office to ensure a fair rotation. For those who do not have computer access, you may call Cindy at the office, 216-581-2852, for assistance in helping you schedule.

ASK FATHER!

Q. I know somebody who is Catholic and she does not go to confession. She goes directly to God. She got mad when I told her she is not Catholic.



A. Generally speaking, people do not like being told hard truths, especially when it regards the salvation of their souls. Do not be surprised if people react with anger when their opinions are revealed to be false. Whenever possible though, reveal the truth with courage *and* gentleness.

To the point at hand, the person who is not going to Confession at least annually is not a *practicing* Catholic but is still Catholic. Once you have entered the Church, you will always be a Catholic (no refunds or returns on membership). We speak of practicing or practical Catholics as those who are living out their love of God as God has asked through the Church. To be a practicing Catholic requires praying daily, doing penance on Fridays, attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and going to Confession annually. Now, in the above example, it might be possible that the non-confessing Catholic is in a state of grace and not in need of Confession. However, only a fool would rely on his own judgement on such things. Thus, God has instructed us to go to Confession regularly lest we forfeit eternal life by our own negligence.

IMPORTANT

Attention: Meeting Next Weekend!

Ushers, Communion Ministers & Lectors

Please plan on attending an important meeting with Fr. John after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on November 11, in the church.

Dinner's On!



Your donation of a breakfast, lunch or dinner food item in the upcoming weeks is still much appreciated. To schedule a drop off, call the parish office or go to the parish website and click on Dinner's On!

Cub Scout Community Service

St. Therese Cub Scout Pack 137 would like to do a service to our community by raking leaves for those who aren't able to do it themselves. Please contact Dan Twardy at 216-801-6090 for more information or to sign up to have your yard raked.



Blanket Sunday

Our collection for the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday totaled \$362. Many needy families and individuals will receive warm blankets and other necessities for the winter months through SVPD's Ozanam Centers, Catholic Charities agencies and other organizations serving the homeless in our own metropolitan area. A sincere thank you to all our parishioners who assisted through their donations and prayers.

Coats for Kids

Once again this year Garfield Heights Knights of Columbus Council #4130 will be collecting new and like new coats, hats, scarf's and gloves for our Coats for Kids drive. The drive will take place from Saturday



November 17 until Sunday December 2. There will be boxes in the Church vestibule for your donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make the check out to Coats for Kids Foundation and mail it to Garfield Heights K of C Council #4130 10806 Granger Road Garfield Hts. Ohio 44125. Thank You in advance for your kind consideration.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – at SS. Peter & Paul

The Altar & Rosary Sodality is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner in SS. Peter & Paul Parish Hall on Saturday, November 17, after the 4:00PM Mass.

Adults - \$10.00, Seniors and teens - \$8.00, children (5-12) \$5.00 and children under 5 free. Serving 5:00-7:00.

Take outs available. For ticket information, etc. please call Shirley at 216-587-0239.

Living a Virtuous Life

We're never too old (or too young) to adopt new habits - especially those good for our soul!

Join Fr. John each month for a 30 minute presentation in the Parish Hall after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Father will discuss a different virtue each month. Light refreshments will be served. The first session is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, with the topic "Our Habits and Dispositions."

Light Of Hearts Villa Fall Flea Market

Tuesday, November 6 - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, November 9 - 9 a.m., to 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 10 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Best Bargains in Town! Guaranteed—something of interest for everyone! 283 Union Street in Bedford.

AM 1260 The Rock Announces Program Changes

Tune into AM 1260 The Rock to hear the exciting new additions to the program schedule. Enjoy timeless wisdom from *Life is Worth Living* with Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Monday-Friday 10pm, followed by a different program each weeknight at 10:30pm, including *Dare Great Things* with Fr. Nathan Cromly CSJ. For the full schedule visit www.am1260therock.com.

St. Monica Parish will, once again, be sponsoring a **community meal on Thanksgiving Day**, in cooperation with Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union (OCFCU). This Thanksgiving Day Meal will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the St. Benedict School Cafeteria (13633 Rockside Road). **All Are Welcome!** If you are interested in volunteering to help with preparing and/or serving the meal, please contact Dean Robinson at OCFCU (216-478-0065).

St. Martin of Tours: ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

*"He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of—
PASTA!"*

Please join us—and the "jolly old elf" himself—for a delicious plate of pasta on **Sunday, November 11** in the St. Benedict School cafeteria, 13633 Rockside Rd, Garfield Heights for St. Martin of Tours Annual Pasta Dinner. Santa will be there "bulking-up" in preparation for the upcoming holidays! Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors (60+), and \$5 for children (5-13). Serving time is from noon until 5:00 pm. Santa will join us from 1:30 pm until 3:30 pm. Once again we will be having our fabulous basket raffle!

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The Week Ahead:

Sunday, November 4

Scout Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m., H

Monday, November 5

Seniors 1:30 p.m., H

Fundraising Meeting 5 p.m., R

Cub Scout Parents 7 p.m., S

Tuesday, November 6

Bible Study 6:30 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

Wednesday, November 7

PSR 6 p.m., S

Boy Scouts 7 p.m., S

Thursday, November 8

Finance Council 6:30 p.m., R

Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m., S

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Saturday, November 10

Fr. John's Talk Series 6:30 p.m., H

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

The Lord be with you!

This week and next we are looking at Mary and Her Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Virgin is the only human person who has escaped the scourge of Original Sin. With Our Lady we have an example of what humanity could have been had we not fallen into Satan's snare.

Question 268. Was any one ever preserved from original sin?

Answer. The Blessed Virgin Mary, through the merits of her Divine Son, was preserved free from the guilt of original sin, and this privilege is called her Immaculate Conception.

Question 269. Why was the Blessed Virgin preserved from original sin?

Answer. The Blessed Virgin was preserved from original sin because it would not be consistent with the dignity of the Son of God to have His Mother, even for an instant, in the power of the devil and an enemy of God.

Question 270. How could the Blessed Virgin be preserved from sin by her Divine Son, before her Son was born?

Answer The Blessed Virgin could be preserved from sin by her Divine Son before He was born as man, for He always existed as God and foresaw His own future merits and the dignity of His Mother. He therefore by His future merits provided for her privilege of exemption from original sin.

My commentary: time traveling sanctifying grace.

The above questions and answers are entirely correct except for one part: they speak of the Son as Mary's son before the Incarnation. The following will be technical and more than a little recondite. Before the Incarnation, Jesus Christ did not exist; the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, did.* When the Son became incarnate (and not before), Mary became a mother. Accordingly, we should refer to the Son as such before He became man.

This correction might seem prosaic except that it forces us to see a chicken and egg problem. Which came first, Mary's "fiat" or her Immaculate Conception? Stated differently, could Mary say "no" and still be conceived without Original Sin? Once we understand these counterfactual statements, we can start to see how tied together Mary's redemption is with Christ's life and His Paschal Mystery.

While we are being especially precise, we probably don't want to use the word "foresaw" in reference to God since to God all time is equally present. God is His own time such that all created time (our time, the eternity of angels, and the eternity of heaven) is separate from Him. God exists above and outside of all time and place. Accordingly, when He preserves Mary from Original Sin, He knows perfectly well that she would consent to becoming the Mother of God, that the Son would become incarnate, and that Jesus Christ would save the world from sin.

To continue nitpicking the above questions, we could also refer precisely to Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection and not just to His merits in general. When the LORD prepared Mary to be a fit dwelling place for His Son, He did so by applying sanctifying grace to her soul as it came into being. This grace is substantially the same grace that we receive at Baptism, and it is the grace made available to all by the Paschal Mystery of Christ. As St. Paul would remind us, we are baptized into the Death and Resurrection of Christ. Likewise, Mary was saved by Christ except that she received this grace at the moment of her creation.

Our Lady obtained a unique grace in Her Immaculate Conception: God applied the grace of His Son's Victory upon her before it was even won. If the LORD is so generous, why should we ever fear of obtaining His Divine Mercy? God, in His infinite mercy, loves us and forgives us knowing full well what we have done and what we will do. May we always accept God's forgiveness with hearts open to true conversion.

In Christ,

Fr. John

*the Son = Second Person of the Trinity

*Jesus = the Godman, Son of God, and Son of Mary