

# 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, DECEMBER 1, 2019-1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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 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 arrangements 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**

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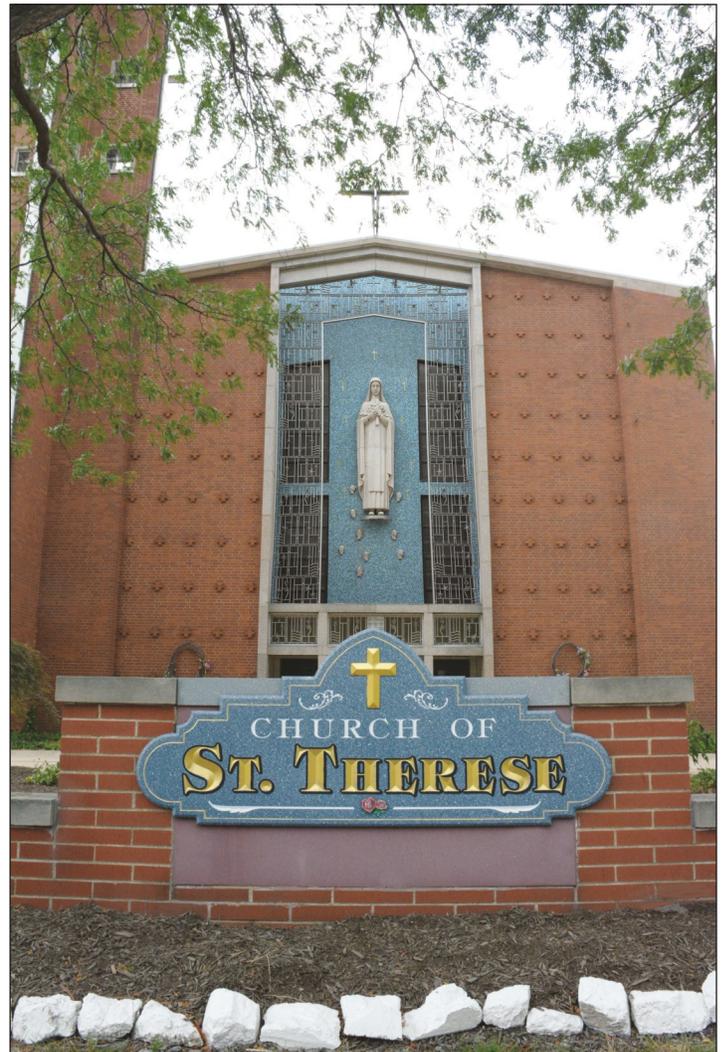
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# DECEMBER 1, 2019

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 30-St. Andrew**

**Vigil**

5:30 PM Wanda M. Golias  
All Souls

**Sunday, December 1-First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish SS. P&P  
10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. T  
10:30 AM Mary Jane Star St. T

**Monday, December 2**

6:30 PM Wanda M. Golias St. T

**Tuesday, December 3-St. Francis Xavier**

No Mass

**Wednesday, December 4-St. John Damascene**

8:30 AM Edward R. Borowy SS. P&P

**Thursday, December 5**

8:30 AM Richard Kawolics St. T

**Friday, December 6-St. Nicholas**

8:30 AM Joseph Dobies (AM) SS. P&P

**Saturday, December 7-St. Ambrose**

4:00 PM Helen & John Prybor SS P&P  
5:30 PM For the People of the Parish St. T

**Sunday, December 8-Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30AM Robert Zima (AM) SS. P&P  
10:30 AM Don Kuczumarski St. T  
(Holy Name Mass)

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



**Due to an early bulletin deadline, the collection figures from November 23/24 were not available. Please see next weekend's bulletin.**

## 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, Anthony Amato, Daria Melnyk, Doris Rusnak, Karen Niemczura, John Kolar, David Bob, Bob Schrade, Charlie Dunlap, Bonita Pentek, Kenny Krawczyk, Ann Duhanych, Janet Carrol, Sandy Skul, Char Jeloveck, Robin Buckley, Beverly Briggs, Raymond Toth, Tom Sparena, Patricia Tagliarini, Andy Garcia

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

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in Thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week we will collect for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

## Little Blue Books

We have again ordered the Little Blue Books for your use this Advent. They are available at the rectory and near the entrances of the church. These books contain daily reflections to help us stay connected during this special time of year. An envelope is included for your free will donation.

## Weekend Drawing

The \$100 winners of the drawing for the weekend of November 23/24 were Ralph D'Amico and Janet Bauer. Congratulations!

**OUR YOUNG CHURCH...**

PSR Dec. 4, 6-7:15 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. We have a busy night continuing with our Advent Kindness Tree, a celebration of Saint Nick, and all-school reconciliation.

Youth412 meets Dec. 18, 6-7:15p.m. in the PSR school building.

**Coats for Kids**

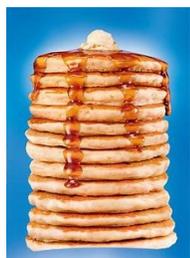


During November and December the Garfield Hts., Knights of Columbus will be collecting new and like-new winter coats in all sizes – infant to adult - Starting November 30. You may drop the coats off in the large box which

will be located in the vestibule of the church. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase coats, please make checks out to **Knights of Columbus, Council 4130**. In the memo field write COATS FOR KIDS. Last pickup date is December 15<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU for your continued support of this program!

Welcome to new parishioners:  
**Sheldon & Elizabeth Stein**

The Seniors' Christmas party will be on Monday, December 16. Arrival time is noon with the dinner taking place at 1 p.m. The party is at the Knights of Columbus annex hall. Reservations required.



**All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast **next** Sunday, December 8, in the church hall. They will be serving 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enjoy scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, coffee and tea plus all the pancakes you can eat! Adults \$7 Kids \$4. Please join us.

**ASK FATHER!**

There is no "Ask Father" column this week. Check again next week!



**Available Ad Space**

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**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: up to 8 free weeks.** Please call or Email **Jason** with LPi, our bulletin printer. Please consider an ad to promote your business. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, you attract customers and your support for the church is so appreciated! **Ad dollars go directly to offset bulletin cost.**

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- A FREE ad listing on **parishesonline.com.**
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

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**Jason Novicky**



**Isabella Guild**

**Christmas 2019-Where did the year go?**

The Isabella Guild will hold their Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 3. We will have no general business meeting in December, but our Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 18, at Coco Bella on Mill Road in Brecksville. We will collect \$2 for the less fortunate at the Rosemary Home, and we will enjoy Left/Right Story with a \$10 gift exchange. FYI...

Mark your 2020 calendar for Saturday, March 21, in the K of C Annex Hall for our FAMOUS SALAD LUNCHEON—a Big Event, not to be missed! We will have basket raffles, attendance prizes, and good food with good friends. Ticket prices will be \$20 with entertainment to allow us to enjoy life!

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**  
**Sunday, December 8, at St. Monica Church**  
**Sunday, December 22, at St. Therese Church**  
**(Both at 2:30 p.m.)**



**The Giving Tree is up** with tags for parishioners to take to help the less fortunate in our area. The gifts should be under the tree the weekend of December 14/15 or dropped at the rectory no later than December 20. Thank you for your generosity!

## HAVE YOU BEEN CONFIRMED?

The Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation are typically received at certain ages, but for some people, a sacrament gets skipped. If you missed a sacrament along the way, or know someone who missed out, please call the parish office today! The grace of these sacraments is too important to miss, and we are here to help!



Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

Please consider donating to our parish through #weGiveCatholic, an online program set up to collect donations on Tuesday, December 3. Go to #weGiveCatholic and search for Church of St. Therese. Thank you for considering this important fundraiser to benefit adult faith formation at our parish.

There are HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) registration forms available at the parish office.

## Christmas Concert

A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Monday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue in Cleveland. **The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required.** Free parking in the surface lot on Rockwell Avenue or in the Cathedral Plaza Garage—Rockwell Ave. & East 9th Street. For more information call 216-696-6525 X5510 or email:

[gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org).



Let every heart  
prepare him room!

## ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Advent Prayer Workshop** will provide retreat-time for prayer, a delicious meal, and an Advent reflection by Fr. John on Sun. Dec. 15, 1-2:45p.m., in the St. Therese Parish Hall. *There is no charge but reservations are necessary (to ensure plenty of food and supplies).* Please call the parish office today!

**Communal Penance** Dec. 15 at 3p.m. in St. Therese Church will immediately follow the Advent Prayer Workshop for those who wish to extend their retreat experience. The service will provide time for prayer, song and reflection before individual confessions.

**Advent Gospel Study** Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the PSR school building at 10608 Penfield Avenue. Deacon Bob will guide reflection and discussion of the four Sunday Gospels of Advent.

## The Week Ahead:

### Sunday, December 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10 a.m.

### Monday, December 2

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

Troop Meeting 7 p.m., S

### Tuesday, December 3

Gospel Study 6:30 p.m., S

Recalibrate/Reset 7 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

### Wednesday, December 4

PSR 6 p.m., S

Choir Practice 6:45 p.m., C

Bear Den Meeting 7 p.m., S

### Thursday, December 5

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

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Lord be with you!

Although I promised an article about Christ's kingship, I need to talk to you all about a mundane but important issue: email scams and hacks. Recently, Nancy Heineke, our parish DRE, had her email account hacked and a fraudulent email went out in her name. In this article I will dissect that email to show the telltale signs of an email fraud. I will also go over a few tech tips to keep your email account safe from hackers. In this digital age, it is well worth the time to review these issues.

On the insert you will see the fake email that went out. On it are two circles, two arrows, and five underlined words. All of these point to signs that this email was not written by Nancy but by a hacker. Please take a look now and see if you can tell how these are indicators of a faked email.

The first sign was that the subject line included Nancy's name. People rarely write their name in the subject line, but hackers place the name there to subconsciously reinforce that the email is from your friend. The second sign was that the email was sent to "undisclosed recipients." Most people are not tech savvy enough to use this advanced feature - most people don't even know how to use carbon copy and blind carbon copy on emails. Hackers use this trick so that no one can send out a "reply all" email warning other recipients that the email is a fake.

The two arrows point to empty space that should be filled with a salutation and a complimentary close. For example, I usually start emails with "Hi John Smith," and end them with "In Christ." Nancy usually closes with "Blessings, Nancy." Because hackers are crunched for time, they often do not know how to address and end the email in the same way as the person whose email account they have would.

Three of the five underlined words are incorrect capitalizations of "nephew" and "I." People do not usually capitalize "nephew", but even I have sometimes forgotten to capitalize an "I." Still, it was the use of "kindly" and "the" that told me instantly that this email was a fake. How did I know? Nancy never uses the word "kindly" in her speech. When you see language that is too stiff or out of place in an email, you are probably dealing with a fraudulent email.

All of the above is useful to know, but there is an even simpler way to know that the email was a fake: it was asking for money! When charities ask for donations online, they have you send those monies through secured websites. The latest online crime wave has been through gift cards since you can sell their code on the dark web and it will never be traced back. Moreover, since the store selling you the gift card is usually not the store honoring the gift card, they have no way of refunding your money once the gift card has been used.

Now for two tips to keep your account information safe. First, never use public wifi unless you are utilizing a VPN (virtual private network). If you don't know what a VPN is, then simply don't use public wifi. Public wifi are those hot spots that restaurants and businesses allow their guests to go on for free without a password or user name. Hackers wait around for unencrypted traffic and steal people's passwords all the time. Second, have a strong password. A strong password should be at least ten characters long and include lower case letters, upper case letters, numbers, and random symbols. Look at the examples below.

A weak password: saints

A mediocre password: Stanislaus19

A stronger password: 100Garfield!(!@

An easy way to generate stronger passwords is to hold down the "Shift" key while pressing the number keys on the top of the keyboard so that you can remember a number but be inputting a symbol. This way you create a password that is hard to crack but that you can remember more easily.

Being alert to hackers makes it much more likely that you will not be harmed by them. If any of the above seems confusing, do not feel bad. Technology has advanced so quickly that it is difficult to stay on top of it all. If you have doubts about a request made from an email or text, then wait and verify it. Part of the fraud is the pressure that the criminal is trying to exert. Just ask them to give you a call. A fraud never will. May God be merciful in His righteous punishment on all those who would take advantage of their fellow man.

In Christ,  
Fr. John