

# 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 29, 2019-THE HOLY FAMILY



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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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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 instruc-  
tions, 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 the Parish  
Office.

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



DECEMBER 29, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 28-The Holy Innocents**

**Vigil**

St. T 5:30 PM Reynaldo Manrique

**Sunday, December 29-The Holy Family of**

**Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

St. T 10:30 AM Richard Lenczewski

**Monday, December 30**

St. T 6:30 PM Clarice & Fred Kett

**Tuesday, December 31-St. Sylvester I**

SS. P&P 4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Wednesday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary**

**Mother of God**

St. T 10:30 AM Ruth Wilkes

**Thursday, January 2-SS. Basil the Great &**

**Gregory Nazianzen**

St. T 8:30 AM Margaret Hurtack

**Friday, January 3-Holy Name of Jesus**

SS. P&P 8:30 AM Richard (Mike) & Michael  
Mikolajczak

**Saturday, January 4-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

St. T 5:30 PM Rich & Pat Kraft

**Sunday, January 5-Epiphany of the Lord**

St. T 10:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament

St. T 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:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

### Exciting News!

St. Therese Parish has been chosen to host a formation session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Wednesday, January 29, from 7-9:30 p.m. in the church. The formation sessions are often held at parishes that are quite a distance away, so this is a great opportunity for anyone who might be interested in becoming a Communion Minister. If you think this is something you would like to do, see Fr. John or call the parish office at 216-581-2852.



*From all of us to all of you,  
Fr. John & the Parish Staff*

Please note the parish office  
will be closed  
January 1 and will  
reopen at 9 a.m. January 2.

The December 21/22 and the Christmas collection totals were not available at the time this bulletin was sent to the publisher. Please see next week's bulletin for that information. 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, Anthony Amato, Daria Melnyc, John Kolar, David Bob, Charlie Dunlap, Bonita Pentek, Kenny Krawczyk, Ann Duhanich, Janet Carrol, Sandy Skul, Char Jeloveck, Robin Buckley, Beverly Briggs, Raymond Toth, Patricia Tagliarini, Andy Garcia, Joyce Peck

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



Please pray for the recently deceased:  
**Frank Petrancek**  
**Stefania Dolub**



## THE HOLY FAMILY

### OUR YOUNG CHURCH...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! PSR and Youth412 will enjoy a winter break; PSR does not meet on January 1, 2020. We will resume classes on Wed. Jan 8 in the PSR school building. In case of inclement weather, please stay tuned to messages from REMIND. If you are registered for either group (PSR & Youth412) and do not currently receive REMIND text messages, please contact Nancy Heineke immediately.

### Our Mass times for



The Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God  
A holy day of obligation:  
Tuesday, December 31,  
4 p.m.  
SS. Peter & Paul

Wednesday, January 1,  
10:30 a.m.  
St. Therese

### 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!

### Clearance Sale

We still have some 90th Anniversary cookbooks available at the rectory for a clearance price of \$10 or 2 for \$15.

### Attention Seniors

There are no Seniors' Club meetings in January or February. See you again Monday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall.

**A woman's black leather glove was recently found in the church parking lot. Also, a pair of gloves and a bracelet were left at the Advent Program on December 15. Please stop in at the rectory or call 216-581-2852.**

### ASK FATHER!

**Q** Can you give us the hierarchy – priest to pope and how is their promotion taken (by vote, recommendation, etc.)?



**A** . A full answer of the above would require an entire essay, but I will summarize the best that

I can. First, we need to differentiate diocesan priests from religious priests. I (and all the priests without fancy abbreviations after their names) belong to a particular diocese. Once a priest is ordained for a diocese, it is the bishop of that diocese that determines what office (if any) he will have. Fortunately, most newly ordained priests in this diocese become parochial vicars for their first few years. In most dioceses this position is the absolute lowest in authority. Since we had so many priests (almost five hundred in 2001), our diocese had a personnel board that would give the bishop recommendations for which priest should go to which parish. As we jokingly say, every parish wants Jesus without any of his flaws ;) The personnel board would also conduct interviews of priests who were applying for open pastorates - parishes that needed a new pastor. Ultimately, all diocesan assignments are done at the behest of the bishop: he is the boss. It is not an easy thing to know all the names of our priests let alone know their personalities and qualifications. In most dioceses there is a level of middle management between pastors and the bishop called deans. If you guessed that the bishop appoints deans, you get a gold star!

To be named a bishop is even more complicated. Every three years each bishop sends a letter with at least three names of suitable priests to the Papal nuncio - the direct representative of the Pope to a country. The nuncio then prepares a short list of three names called the "terna" and requests further information about these priests. The nuncio will send letters to priests who would know or have worked with these priests to get more information. The nuncio then sends the information he has gathered and his own recommendation to the Congregation of Bishops in Rome. This committee is free to do whatever it wants with the information; sometimes one of the priests is selected and sometimes the congregation asks for an entirely new list. When they do select a priest, they send his file to the pope, who then also must decide whether to follow the recommendation or not. If he does, he asks the nuncio to contact the priest and ask for his consent to become a bishop. Next week we will go over how bishops become archbishops, cardinals, and even pope!

## Beautiful You—a Retreat for Girls

Girls in grades 7-12: You're invited to an overnight retreat experience designed just for you! Come engage in art, activities, games & more as we explore the fullness of who you are in Christ! Topics will include self esteem building & social media. Come grow in faith and friendship with us! Friday, January 24, at 6 p.m. to Saturday, January 25, at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 32001 Cannon Road, Solon 44139. Registration due Sunday, January 5. Cost: \$25. For more info, email Terry at : [tbattaglia@churchofresurrection.org](mailto:tbattaglia@churchofresurrection.org).

## 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!



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## Weekend Drawing

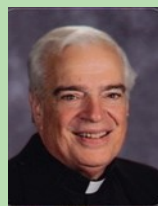
The \$100 winners of the drawing for the weekend of December 21/22 were Maureen McKee and Agnes Jozefkowicz. Congratulations!

## The Cleveland Orchestra

Please join us at Severance Hall for the 40th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Concert & Community Service Awards on Sunday, January 12, at 7 p.m. Free tickets (up to 4 per household) available on Saturday, January 4. Tickets go very quickly, usually within a few hours. You can get tickets in person at Severance Hall Box Office, 11001 Euclid Ave. in University Circle (entrance off of East Blvd). You can also get tickets online at [clevelandorchestra.com](http://clevelandorchestra.com) or by phone 216-231-1111.

## Theology on the Rocks-West

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
VOSH 1414 RIVERSIDE DR., LAKEWOOD  
(The old Three Birds-Georgetown)



Join us in January, for our speaker, Fr. John Manning, who will discuss the History of the Diocese. Fr. Manning is a judge in the Tribunal office, a delegate for retired priests, and is part of the faculty at Saint Mary's Seminary where he is the Associate Professor on Church History.

\$12 per person - register in advance (40 & over)

[www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west](http://www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west)

**A Retreat for Young Adult Professionals:** Join other young adults for the **Seekers' Retreat**: "Why not have a life?" We'll explore the challenge of living fully in the present while anticipating the future. The retreat runs January 31-February 2, 2020 at Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon. For more information or to register, visit [www.charis.org](http://www.charis.org) or contact Sr. Kate Hine, SND, [khine@ndec.org](mailto:khine@ndec.org).

The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for January 24-26, 2020.

This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages  
Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## THE HOLY FAMILY

### The Week Ahead:

**Monday, December 30**

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

**Tuesday, December 31**

AA 7:30 p.m., H

**Wednesday, January 1**

No PSR

**Thursday, January 2**

BINGO 6:45 p.m., H

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

The Lord be with you!

I hope that everyone had a joyous and blessed Christmas this past week. This week we will start an in-depth examination of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. As some may be surprised to learn, Pentecost was originally a Jewish holy day.

**Question 425. On what day did the Holy Ghost come down upon the Apostles?**

Answer. The Holy Ghost came down upon the Apostles ten days after the Ascension of our Lord; and the day on which He came down upon the Apostles is called Whitsunday, or Pentecost.

**Question 426. Why is the day on which the Holy Ghost came down upon the Apostles called Whitsunday?**

Answer. The day on which the Holy Ghost came down upon the Apostles is called Whitsunday or White Sunday, probably because the Christians who were baptized on the eve of Pentecost wore white garments for some time afterward, as a mark of the purity bestowed upon their souls by the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Question 427. Why is this feast called also Pentecost?**

Answer. This feast is called also Pentecost because Pentecost means the fiftieth; and the Holy Ghost came down upon the Apostles fifty days after the resurrection of Our Lord.

My commentary.

I have to admit that I had never heard of Whitsunday before reading the above questions. The word "Whitsunday" is Old English and can be traced back to at least the 14th Century. "Whitsunday" is a simple shortening of "White Sunday," but the reason for white being associated with the feast in England is far from clear. One theory has it that the "whit" is a play on "wit" to denote that wisdom came upon the disciples on that day. Another explanation is that the Sunday marked the typical day for Catechumens to enter the Church; since they would wear white albs after their baptism, the Sunday became known as Whitsunday. The most likely explanation is that there existed a now lost liturgical tradition in England that centered on Pentecost and gave it this name. Ironically, the use of Whitsunday has all but ceased whereas everyone knows it as Pentecost - its original name.

Many Christians erroneously believe that Pentecost is so named because it occurs fifty days after Easter. Instead, Pentecost is named for fifty days after Passover and is the Greek name for the Jewish holy day of Shavout or Feast of Weeks. As the Acts of the Apostles clearly states, "Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem" (Acts 2:5). These observant Jews had gathered for this celebration in which the Covenant of Mount Sinai was liturgically renewed. The seven weeks and one day from Passover allowed for the first harvest of grain to occur so that it could be offered to God in thanksgiving for the Promised Land.

Whereas the Jewish feast of Pentecost marks the giving of the Law, the Christian feast reveals the gift of grace. The parallel was obviously intended by God to highlight that the New Covenant would perfect and deepen the Old. Moreover, the tongues of fire upon the Apostles replace the pillar of fire seen upon the meeting tent to show that God now dwells in our hearts! Likewise, Peter's announcing of the Good News of salvation replaces Moses' presentation of the Ten Commandments.

Reflecting on both the events of Sinai and Jerusalem is the best way to understand Pentecost - as we will see in the next few bulletin articles. God meant for the Descent of the Holy Spirit to inaugurate the Church's public life with an outpouring of mercy just as He meant the Ten Commandments to ground the life of Israel on a life of love. Journeying ever more deeply into His Love, we discover that Pentecost continues in the stories of our hearts.

In Christ,

Fr. John

# Happy New Year!