

ST. THERESE PARISH

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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.”

Rectory: 581-2852

OFFICE HOURS:

M, W, Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Email: st.therese@roadrunner.com

Religious Education Office: 581-3840

Credit Union: 587-0631

MASSES: Saturday Evenings: 4:30 (Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30

Weekdays: See schedule inside bulletin

Holy Days: See schedule inside bulletin

Monday: Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:10 p.m.

followed by Miraculous Medal Novena & Mass at 6:30 p.m.

The Holy Rosary is recited at 8:10 a.m. on First Fridays.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00

and other times upon request.

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: The first Sunday of the month at 11:45 a.m. or at any Mass on the third weekend of the month. Please make arrangements in advance. Pre-Baptismal instruction required for parents. Please call the Religious Education Office for time of next class.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE...MONDAY NOON.

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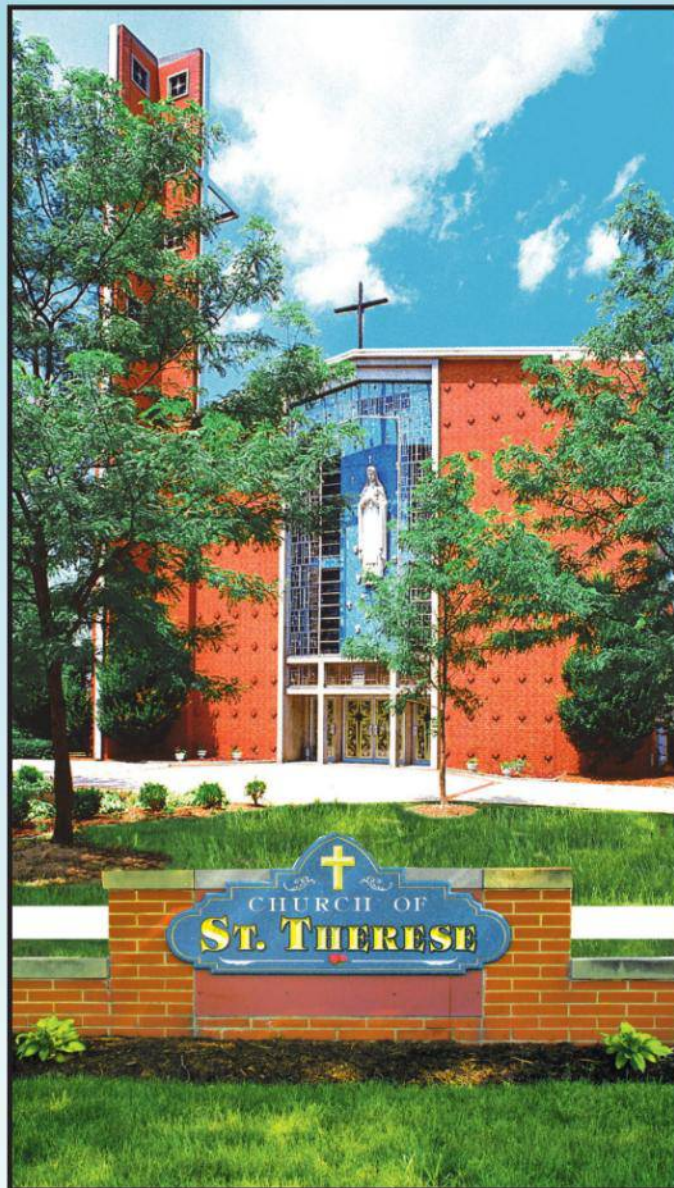
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Rev. Daniel R. Fickes, Pastor

Rev. Norman Gajdzinski, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Robert Bugaj, Deacon


Sister DeAnne Zawadzki, SSJTOSE, D.R.E.

Mrs. Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister, youth412rocks@att.net

Mr. Frank Kozuch, Music Director

John Paul II Academy Phone: (216) 581-3080

Ms. Christine Lacknev, Principal

 *Mass Intentions
for the Week*

SATURDAY VIGIL, June 13

4:30 p.m. Nancy Murray

SUNDAY, June 14—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Ez 17: 22-24

Reading II: 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Gospel: Mk 4: 26-34

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Ken Vajda & George Vajda

Holy Name Society Mass

MONDAY, June 15

Reading I: 2 Cor 6: 1-10; Gospel: Mt 5: 38-42

6:30 a.m. Rudy N. Guzman

TUESDAY, June 16

Reading I: 2 Cor 8: 1-9; Gospel: Mt 5: 43-48

7:00 a.m. Father's Day Intentions

WEDNESDAY, June 17

Reading I: 2 Cor 9: 6-11; Gospel: Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY, June 18

Reading I: 2 Cor 11: 1-11; Gospel: Mt 6: 7-15

8:30 a.m. Aurora Rakowiecki

FRIDAY, June 19—St. Romuald

Reading I: 2 Cor 11: 18, 21-30; Gospel: Mt 6: 19-23

8:30 a.m. Rev. Thaddeus Marchant

SATURDAY, June 20

Reading I: 2 Cor 12: 1-10, Gospel: Mt 6: 24-34

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Aloysius Rakoczy

SUNDAY, June 21—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Jb 38: 1, 8-11;

Reading II: 2 Cor 5: 14-17; Gospel: Mk 4: 35-41

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Father's Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. Ernest Jerina



Collection-June 6/7

Collection: \$7,802.30* Envelopes Used: 318

St. Vincent de Paul: \$10

Peter's Pence: \$55

Donation in memory of Lillian Mosinski: \$500

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$119

Parish Use Only: \$1,279

School: \$77

Children: \$22.30

Father's Day: \$177

THANK YOU!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

Kathy Cool, Joshua Stebal, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Don Tews, Laverne Griffiths, Jess B. Palker, Michelle Cozens, Shirley Zwilling, Robert Thomas, Rita Pawloski, Raymond Pavlik, Naomi Conter, Michael Kobie, Keith Thomas, Jeannie Wolfendale, Dori Herout, Evelyn Maruna, Linda Voracek, Dolores DiBaggio, Richard Schultz, Larry Pentek, Robyn Buckley, Linda Antolik, Bruce Hutton, Charlotte Balla, Joseph Sciko, Sophie Tessmer, John Thomas, Sr. Felicia Mann, Donna Bogucki



Please pray for the soul of

Barney Nowicki, Sr.

May our loving Savior grant him peace.



**Congratulations
to Norm & Pat Sajovie
who are celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary on
June 19!**

Peace and Justice Gem

Alas! We do not have as much love as we should have. I mean to say that our love would have to be infinite in order to have enough with which to love our God. Yet miserable creatures that we are, we squander it on vile and empty things as though we had it to spare.

St. Francis de Sales

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know? From where the Eucharistic prayers at Mass were derived?

Answer below.

Father's Day Masses

You may enroll your father, living or deceased, in a series of masses to be said at St. Therese. Enrollment envelopes are available in the church or at the rectory. Please return them to the rectory or in the collection basket.

Intentions for Dads

In celebration of Father's Day we honor St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the patron saint of fathers. Beside the statue of St. Joseph are blank cards to write down what we thank our fathers for as well as any intentions we would like to present to St. Joseph. These cards can be placed in the basket provided near the statue of St. Joseph. The notes of appreciation to our fathers as well as the intentions to present to St. Joseph will be offered up at all the weekend masses in June.

Dining for Dollars—This Tuesday!

St. Therese Parish will host a "Dining for Dollars" event at Applebee's in Garfield Hts., 9225 Vista Way, on Tuesday, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. to support our ongoing fundraising efforts. Applebee's will donate 15% of each check to the parish when diners present a flyer to their server. A flyer is in this bulletin and will also be available at the rectory. Flyers cannot be distributed in the restaurant. And don't forget, Applebee's gift cards can also be purchased at the rectory.

Got a Match?

Recently St. Therese Parish received a donation from a local corporation because a parishioner, who works there, named us as a recipient of matching funds for contributions she had made to the parish. This certainly benefited our church, and we thank her for her thoughtfulness! If you are employed by a business that offers a similar program, please remember us!

Answer: Their structure and style are based on the *berekah*, the Jewish prayer of blessing and thanksgiving at a meal.

3 Psalms & Lunch at SS. Peter & Paul



Join Fr. Greg for lunch and some midday moments of prayer and rest at SS. Peter & Paul outdoor shrine area at 12:05 p.m. on June 17, July 15, and August 12. Please bring your own lunch and lawn chair. Some snacks and water will be provided.



Busy making plans for your summer vacation? Don't forget to include St. Therese in your vacation plans! Sign up today for eGiving through *Faith Direct* to make sure you remember your gifts to St. Therese while you're off enjoying the summer breeze and sunshine. Enrolling is easy --just go to www.faithdirect.net and use our church code OH617. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

God bless you,

Fr. Dan



Items Requested

We are collecting new or lightly-used wash cloths and hand towels for St. Herman's Men's Facility on Franklin Ave. Please bring your items to church the weekend of June 20/21. There will be a clothes basket at the back of the church to put the towels and wash cloths in. You can also drop off your items at the rectory. Thank you!



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, at St. Monica Church. All are welcome.

Youth Ministry

What a year! Know that your support as a parish has been put to Godly-good use, as we ministered to 85 teens (grades 7-12) this school year. YOUTH412 teens are recognized and applauded for their commitment to the group, to learn more and grow deeper in Jesus. This year, a variety of activities, speakers, field trips, prayer and a retreat challenged teens to think a little more, and a little differently, about their important faith-formation years. We concluded our school year with an outdoor meeting at the St. Monica pavilion with guest speaker Bob Votruba, his little dog, Bogart, and an encouraging challenge. Bob has worked out a formula proving it is possible for teens to "commit" one million acts of kindness in their lifetime! Our adult leaders are on the front lines in the kindness department with their dedication year round. Without our team of adults to chaperone, guide, mentor and provide physical assistance, the group could not grow as it has. As we follow a slower schedule over the summer, I will be sharing more about our YOUTH412 experiences this past year. God bless you for all you do and please keep praying for our teens!

Mrs. Nancy Heineke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
4750 Turney Road, Garfield Hts., OH 44125
216-662-8685 ext. 123

A cluster ministry of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, SS. Peter & Paul and St. Therese

Women Growing In Faith

A planning meeting for next year's schedule will take place on Thursday, June 18, at 7 p.m. at the rectory. All are welcome to attend, or contact Susan Chermonte at 440-838-5638 or Jan Shafts at 216-216-587-9767 with input or ideas. Thank you!

St. Martin of Tours Trash & Treasure Sale

St. Martin of Tours Parish will host their annual Trash & Treasure Sale on:

Thursday, June 18 5 to 8 p.m.
Friday, June 19 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 20 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be great deals on electronics, books, kitchen & bath, jewelry, antiques, clothing, and much more. For more information, call Betty Hofman at 216-662-6564.

Welcome Aboard, Linda!

We are thrilled to share the good news that Linda Schiavone is joining our rectory staff, filling the chair that until recently was occupied by Debbie Radak. Linda and her husband Tom have been parishioners at St. Therese for 35 years and have three grown children, Russ, Scott, and Rick. Welcome aboard, Linda!



John Paul II Academy Fourth Quarter Honors

Effort:

Georgia Barnes, Savannah Horner, Serena Johnson, Bella Smith, Paige Szczepanski, Nolan Van Sickle, Abby Kaiser, Kenny Krawczyk, Robert McNeill, Breanna Pandolfi, Chloe Pavlak, Autumn Pobega, Ryan Arnold, Madalyn Eder, Angel Jones, Justin Pokorny, Vinny Doran, Rachel Janis, Hailey Gray, Kamarri Hall, Prishia Lawrence

Second Honors:

Aurora Dzurko, Jack Peters, Cael Brown, James Newton, Douglas Orzel, Brennon Ramos, Liz Angel, Tyler Kidd, Charles Nieszczur, Mena Pobega, Louie Foulkes, Megan Cermak, Alyssa Mitchkash, Noah Salem

First Honors:

Matthew Cermak, Sydney Peters

Paper Recycling

Very soon the paper and cardboard recycling bins will be removed, and perhaps already have been. This step was taken because the weight of the trucks that empty them is causing serious damage to the asphalt surface. We strongly support recycling, but the cost of laying a concrete pad that can handle the weight of the trucks is \$6,000, which would take quite a while to pay off by means of the money we receive for the paper. We suggest you use the recycling bins in the parking lot of John Paul II Academy to benefit the school. Thank you.

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Knights of Columbus Wednesday Night Dinners

The next Wednesday night dinner at Club 4130 is on June 24 from 4-7 p.m. Dinner will consist of 2 pieces of city chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and butter. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Reservations are required by 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 21. Call 216-662-2277, mailbox #2. Dinner is by Lori's Custom Catering.

Annual Catholic Family FESTival

The FEST 2015 is only 2 months away! We need your help to make this amazing day possible – please consider donating 2 hours of your time by volunteering for The FEST. Volunteers get a FREE t-shirt and are essential to making this event possible. For more information, or to register to help, go to www.theFEST.us. Together we can make this a great day for thousands from across our region!

Attention Seniors

There is a Seniors' meeting on Monday, June 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, June 14

Holy Name Society Coffee & Donuts after 10:30 Mass, H

Monday, June 15

Seniors' Meeting 1:30 p.m., H

Tuesday, June 16

Dining to Donate 11 a.m.—9 p.m., Applebee's

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:30 p.m., R

AA 8 p.m., H

Thursday, June 18

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Fundraising Committee Meeting 7 p.m., R

Women Growing Faith 7 p.m., R

Saturday, June 20

Girl Scout Bake Sale/Candy Sale after 4:30 Mass, H

KEY: H: parish hall **R:** rectory **C:** church **S:** school

From Fr. Dan

“To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us,” Pope Francis has said. Changing the world is our responsibility as Christians, isn't it? After all, in the Beatitudes Jesus taught, “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness. . . . Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matt. 5: 6, 8), and he also said that those who feed the hungry and give water to the thirsty are blessed by his Father (Matt. 25: 34-35). How change is needed in the world! We are to hunger for righteousness—another word for justice—and that means we work for it. Among those who, though they can't repay us, badly need our efforts to bring change are the poor who live in Ohio. I ask you to act on their behalf on the weekend of June 20 and 21 by signing letters to our governor and members of the state legislator concerning the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

The EITC is a powerful tool against poverty. Though this is a federal rather than state program, each state determines for its residents how much they will benefit from it. The EITC serves to boost earnings for low-income workers and families through the income tax system, by providing a refundable tax credit. Ohio has one of the weakest state EITCs in the U.S. The problem is that the Ohio Legislature made the credit not fully refundable and placed an income cap on it. Ours is the only state with an income restriction. Were these matters to be corrected, more than 850,000 families would receive an average annual refund of \$226, which would help them to make ends meet.

After the masses next weekend, I hope you will take five minutes to sign the letters we will make available, that call on Governor Kasich and our senators and representatives in Columbus to ease the plight of Ohio's poor. This is one way that we can change the world.



Bringing Home the Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2015

Growing From Seed to Plan Is a Mystery

By Janel Esker

Throughout my pregnancy, friends shared books describing the week-by-week growth of a fetus. One week the eyelashes are developing, another week the fingernails are fully grown, another week thumb-sucking has begun.

It's fascinating to envision what's occurring within your growing belly. Of course, these books are careful to note that every baby's development is different. Some babies kick harder, some develop faster. As much as we know about fetal development, each child's

growth in the womb is still a mysterious, unique process.

Jesus speaks about this kind of mysterious growth in the Gospel today when he compares the growth of the reign of God to agricultural growth. Obviously a farmer scatters seed, cares for it, and harvests it, but how it grows from seed to plant is a mystery the farmer cannot see. It happens underground, known only to God. The mustard seed is a similar mystery—it's a very tiny seed, but it grows into a very large plant. We know it happens and we know how to help it grow, but the actual growing process is mysterious and hidden.

The reign of God in our hearts follows the same pattern. It's a unique collaboration between our efforts and the slow, mysterious work of God. We have to practice patterns of prayer, openness to the Spirit, and gentleness of heart. And then God does the mysterious work of growth—drawing us close and nurturing us with love. As with each unique fetus, the growth is different—we can't look at someone else and berate ourselves for not being as holy as she or as spiritually developed as he.

God takes us where we are and grows us at a pace that is ours alone. †

A Word From Pope Francis

“Lord, look, there are good things, but there are also things that aren't good. Jesus, do you trust me? I am a sinner...” This doesn't scare Jesus. What distances him is one who is two-faced: showing him/herself as just in order to cover up hidden sin. “But I go to Church, every Sunday, and I...” Yes, we can say all of this. But if your heart isn't just, if you don't do justice, if you don't love those who need love, if you do not live according to the spirit of the Beatitudes, you are not Catholic. You are a hypocrite. Can Jesus trust himself to me? In prayer, let us ask him: Lord, do you trust me?



Excerpted from the pope's homily at the Roman Parish of Santa Maria Madre del Redentore, March 8, 2015



Lord, you are the bread of life for the world. Help me be your bread of love, compassion, and peace.

Amen.

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it.

2 Corinthians 5:6–10

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

Mark 4:26–34

The mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds on earth.

My Children Are Better Christians Than I Am

By Kathleen M. Basi

One ordinary afternoon, I pulled up to a stoplight—an ordinary mom driving an ordinary minivan with three small children chattering unintelligibly in the back. Beside our minivan stood a man in a camouflage jacket holding a cardboard sign that read, HOMELESS—HUNGRY—ANYTHING HELPS.

At moments like these, the wisdom of the world wrestles with the wisdom of Christ. You're not supposed to give beggars money, because they might use it to buy drugs; instead, you're supposed to support the shelters that care for them. Still, I can't escape the conviction that when Christ said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine" (Matthew 25:40), he didn't intend for us to just scatter our largesse from a safe distance. He meant for us to take a risk and look into his face, person to person.

Yet we hardly ever do. We stare straight ahead and pretend we don't even see them, because eye contact with a beggar is a signal that we're ready to open our wallets.

As I gripped the steering wheel in an agony of indecision, I realized the noise in the back seat had shifted. My children were waving enthusiastically at the homeless man while they laughed and shouted, "Hi! Hi! Hi!"

In that moment, Jesus' words about becoming like children rang in my mind: "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do you care for the poor?
- What do you do when confronted directly with a poor person?

and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). It was in this moment that those words made sense for the first time. *My children are better Christians than I am*, I thought.

Obviously it's easier for kids than for us. We're the ones who have money to give. We know, or at least we *think* we know, the whole story—the mental illness, the addictions, and the bad

choices that land people in such a place. Kids don't get caught up in all that, so they simply acknowledge the face of Christ. Maybe that's why Jesus urged us to be childlike. Often, adults see a problem and without realizing it, throw a roadblock in the way of solutions. Perhaps our mission as a Church is to stop focusing on the obstacles and strip every question down to the essentials: *How do I acknowledge the face of Christ?* After all, the face of poverty is the face of Christ. And regardless of where I give money, I still have a responsibility to acknowledge his presence.

These days I keep a few singles in my wallet, and I roll down my window when I see a person begging at a stoplight. Maybe that person will use the money wisely, maybe not. I'm certainly not giving enough to help much. But at least it gives me the reason to be a little more childlike—and make eye contact with Jesus.



WEEKDAY READINGS

June 15–20

Mon.	Weekday	2 Corinthians 6:1–10 / Matthew 5:38–42	Thurs.	Weekday	2 Corinthians 11:1–11 / Matthew 6:7–15
Tues.	Weekday	2 Corinthians 8:1–9 / Matthew 5:43–48	Fri.	Weekday	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21–30 / Matthew 6:19–23
Wed.	Weekday	2 Corinthians 9:6–11 / Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18	Sat.	Weekday	2 Corinthians 12:1–10 / Matthew 6:24–34