

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, September 26

4:30 p.m. Joan Stefanko

SUNDAY, September 27—Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Nm 11: 25-29; Reading II: Jas 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

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

10:30 a.m. Mary Braydich

Ritual & Blessing for First Communion & First
Reconciliation Students

MONDAY, September 28—St. Wencelaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

Reading I: Zec 8: 1-8; Gospel: Lk 9: 46-50

6:30 p.m. Al & Eva Rakoczy

TUESDAY, September 29—SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Reading I: Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; Gospel: Jn 1: 47-51

7:00 a.m. Louise Geletka

WEDNESDAY, September 30—St. Jerome

Reading I: Neh 2: 1-8; Gospel: Lk 9: 57-62

THURSDAY, October 1—St. Therese

Reading 1: Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Gospel: Lk 10: 1-12

8:30 a.m. Josephine Grosso

Eucharistic Adoration ending with Mass

6:30 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

FRIDAY, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

Reading I: Bar 1: 15-22; Gospel: Mt 18: 1-5, 10

8:30 a.m. Therese Gerard Vasilev

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, October 3

Reading I: Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29; Gospel: Lk 10: 17-24

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. Mildred & Leo Nowak &
Elaine Smith

Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

SUNDAY, October 4—Twenty-seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I: Gn 2: 18-24; Reading II: Heb 2: 9-11

Gospel: Mk 10: 2-16

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

10:30 a.m. Lawrence Chapek

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Collection-September 19/20

Collection: \$7,634.30* Envelopes Used: 276

PSR: \$15

St. Vincent de Paul: \$78

Catholic Communications: \$5

Donation in memory of Kerry Kipfstuhl: \$25

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$102 Parish Use Only: \$145

School: \$27

Children: \$20.30

Fuel: \$45

Faith Direct: \$954

All Saints: \$5 All Souls: \$5

Eucharistic Devotions: \$20

THANK YOU!

Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

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, Joseph Sciko, Sophie Tessmer, John Thomas, Sr. Felicia Mann, John Zenda, Jeff Bucell, Celine Chepeus, Michelle Triska, Laura Anzelec, Diane (Kipfstuhl) Wieland

Happy St. Therese Feast Day!

October 1

Join us for Mass at 8:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration in between the two masses.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know? What a friar is?

Answer below.

Peace & Justice Gem

This above all: To thine own self be true.

William Shakespeare



Youth Ministry

We have a teen dance this Friday, October 2, from 7-9 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul's Activity Center (gym). It is open to all teens in grades 6-9. Admission is \$6 at the door. Dress is casual. A concession stand will be open. This dance is hosted by YOUTH412 as a fundraiser. If you have questions, please call 216-662-8685 X 123.

Nancy Heineke, Youth Minister

YOUTH412 is a cluster program of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, Saints Peter and Paul & St. Therese.

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Jeff Thomas representing Diocesan Publications

(our bulletin publisher) will be at the parish for a few days beginning Monday. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact Jeff directly at jthomas@diocesan.com or 614-738-6150. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

Hop on Board

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors on your trip to Presque Isle Casino. This trip, sponsored by the Isabella Guild of Garfield Hts. will be on Tuesday, October 27. The cost is \$35 with a \$35 rebate (\$30 play & \$5 food), plus an ice cream cone! For more information, call Cathy Kraine at 440-838-5743 or Pat Harmon at 216-581-0262.

Answer: This is the title given to a member of one of the Church's mendicant orders (such as the Franciscans and the Dominicans). When founded such religious communities were forbidden to own property in common and were to live by begging for alms.

Weekend Drawing

Weekend Drawing tickets will be sold after all masses in the gathering room this weekend and next weekend. Tickets are also available at the rectory office and the credit union. The cost of a ticket is \$30. You will be entered in all 50 drawings, which breaks down to a cost of 60 cents per drawing! The first drawing will be for \$500 on October 11. Then there will be 2 \$100 drawings every weekend until the last drawing which is on Easter and will be for \$500. A \$500 Christmas drawing also is planned. This is a fine opportunity to help our parish and have a little fun, so please support this endeavor, and good luck!

Catholic Communication Campaign

Faith Worship Witness

This weekend we will have the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your contribution helps us to share **faith**, demonstrate **worship**, and be a **witness** of God's love through social media, television, radio, and print media. Half of your donation stays in your diocese to support local communication needs. To learn more about the Catholic Communication Campaign, please visit www.uscb.org (search "Catholic Communication Campaign").

Women Growing in Faith

Welcome back! Please join us on Sunday, September 27, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the St. Therese church hall as we kick off a new year of learning and growing in our Catholic faith. A light lunch will be provided. Karen Patena, certified diocesan lay ecclesiastical minister and spiritual director, will lead an afternoon of reflection on raising our minds and hearts to God, so that we may see and hear our world from above rather than in a worldly way. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Chermonte at 440-838-5638.

Seniors

The Seniors Club will have their anniversary lunch on Monday, October 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. The cost is \$15. Reservations are a must by the October 5 meeting. Call Mary Lou Kieta at 216-662-3592.

Pet Blessing



There will be a pet blessing in the parish parking lot at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, in honor of St. Francis.

Come to Our

Parish Ministry Fair

The Fruit of Our Handiwork



Ministry Weekend

October 3rd & 4th, 2015

After all Masses in the Church Hall

CYO Basketball 2015-2016

John Paul II Academy will be holding basketball sign-ups on Monday, September 28, and Monday, October 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the SS. Peter & Paul gym. The sign up is open to boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Practices will begin November 1. Adult volunteers are needed. Anyone with experience coaching basketball, fundraising, or working in athletic administration, who would like to volunteer this season, please stop by and see us on the sign-up dates. If you have questions or concerns about CYO sports, contact Ken Krawczyk at 216-280-1155.

Choir Practice



Choir practice has resumed on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the choir loft. Please join us!

St. Stanislaus Polish Festival

The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, will hold its Annual Polish Festival on October 2, 3, and 4, in the Parish Social Center that is located at 6601 Baxter Ave. in Slavic Village. For more information call the parish office at 216-341-9091.

K of C Wednesday Night Dinners

The next Wednesday night dinner is on September 30, from 4-7 p.m. at Club 4130, 10806 Granger Road. Dinner consists of beef stroganoff, noodles, vegetable, tossed salad, roll & butter, All dinners include coffee, tea, water, and non-carbonated beverages. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Dinner is by Lori's Custom Catering. Reservations are required and due by Monday, September 28, at 8 p.m. Call 216-662-2277 mailbox #2. The Isabella Guild will also be selling fresh bakery.

Vote for the Name of our Newsletter

We received several great suggestions to use for the name of our parish newsletter. Now you can vote for the name you would like using this ballot and dropping it off at the rectory, or by going to our website. The suggested names are:

“Petals from the Little Flower”

“The Rosette”

“St. Therese Church—Sharing the Good News”

“Have You Heard”

“The Buzz” (using the logo of St. Therese with a bee buzzing near it)

“The St. Therese Times”

“Rose Garden” News & Events (with a picture of a rose)

Please circle you choice. Drop off your ballot at the rectory by October 8.

There were also some good ideas for articles which will be passed along to Fr. Dan and the people who are working on the newsletter.

Thank you!

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is donut weekend. Stop down in the hall after all masses for delicious Jack Frost Donuts and coffee! Gift cards will be available for purchase.

Quiche for Kindness II



The St. Therese Social Concerns Commission extends a heartfelt thank you to St. Therese parishioners for your continuous generosity in supporting our neighbors in their time of need. Please join us after the 10:30

Mass on Sunday, October 18, for our **Quiche for Kindness II** fundraiser. We will have quiche (breakfast pie) or strata (breakfast casserole), with fresh fruit, roll, and juice, coffee or tea. This event will take place in the parish hall. Tickets will be sold in the gathering room after all masses the weekends of September 26/27, October 3/4, and October 10/11. You can also call 216-663-1427 for tickets, and they will be sold at the door. The price is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5 to 11. There is no charge for children 4 and under. *All funds raised will go to supporting the St. Therese Community.*

Yankee Candle Fundraising

John Paul II Academy is having a Yankee Candle fundraiser! JP II will receive 40% profit on all sales now through December 31. Please help us support our school by logging in and following these instructions: Log into www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. Go to the "start shopping" tab. Enter John Paul II Academy group number 990081544. There are many items to choose from. You pay by credit card and the items get shipped directly to you. If you have any questions, feel free to send a message to jpauptu@gmail.com. Thank you for your support! JP II PTU

Womankind

The Social Concerns Commission is currently collecting formula, diapers, and wipes (please no toys) for Womankind. These items can be dropped off in the cradle in the gathering room. They also thank everyone for all their past support!

Eighth Grade Retreat

Trinity High School has an upcoming retreat for eighth graders, *Walking with the Spirit*, at Camp Christopher October 16-17. Space fills up fast! For more information and to register, call 216-581-1061 or visit Trinity's website at www.ths.org/spirit. Hundreds of young people have had their lives touched by God through this experience!

Area High School Open Houses

St. Edward: Oct. 4 & Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trinity: Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Benedictine: Oct. 22, 6 to 8 p.m. & Oct. 25, noon to 3 p.m.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The Holy Spirit Guild is sponsoring a holy hour for vocations on Sunday, October 11, at 2 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Chapel at Jennings Center for Older Adults, 10204 Granger Road.

The Week Ahead

Saturday and Sunday, September 26 & 27

Coffee & Donuts after all masses

Sunday, September 27

Ritual & Blessing of First Communion & Reconciliation Students, 10:30 Mass

Women Growing in Faith 1:30 p.m., H

Monday, September 28

Boy Scout PLC Meeting 7 p.m., R

Parish Council 7 p.m., H

Tuesday, September 29

PSR 6:30 p.m., S

AA 8 p.m., H

Wednesday, September 30

Boy Scout Troop Meeting 7 p.m., H

Thursday, October 1

Feast Day of St. Therese—Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by

Eucharistic Adoration until 6:30 p.m. Mass

Bingo 6:45 p.m., H

Friday, October 2

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 Mass

Saturday, October 3

Pet Blessing 11 a.m., parking lot

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



From Fr. Dan:

Thursday is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the patron saint of our parish. She was born on January 2, 1873, in Alencon, France, the youngest child of Louis Martin, a watchmaker, and Zélie-Marie Guérin, a lacemaker, and died of tuberculosis on September 30, 1897. Therese joined the Carmelites when she was 15. She suffered a great deal in her last two years of life, enduring her pain without complaint.

The world is so familiar with her today because of her spiritual memoir, *The Story of a Soul*, which she wrote at the insistence of her religious superiors. It became the religious bestseller of the 20th century. She never did anything that most people would consider extraordinary but lived out her vocation with extraordinary dedication and love. Because of the popularity of her memoir and the large number of miraculous cures and other spiritual favors attributed to her intercession, she was canonized surprisingly quickly, by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

All of us are to strive for holiness, and St. Therese recognized that heroic acts are not necessary to attain this. Her approach became known as her "Little Way," which involves a realistic awareness of one's limitations and the wholehearted giving of what one has, however small the gift. She wrote, "Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love."

When she served as assistant to the novice mistress, she once wrote her novices, "We must realize the moment when our work is done, or rather the work God has given us to do for Him, and when we have to step aside and leave the rest to Him. So many souls fill themselves with utterly needless disquiet, wondering whether what they have done will be crowned with success, whether they ought not to have said or done something in a different way to what they have done. No! What is done has been done, and now leave the rest to God. . . . All we have to do is to rest with complete abandonment in His good pleasure and be pleased with the issue He gives, whatever it be."

For much of her life as a Carmelite nun, St. Therese experienced spiritual darkness. "I thank Jesus for making me walk in darkness, and in this darkness I enjoy a most profound peace," she wrote. About this darkness she also wrote, "Your Thérèse is not found up in the heights these moments; but when in this dryness and incapacity for prayer, in order to practice virtue, I look for those small occasions, those trifles in order to give pleasure to Jesus, a smile, or a kind word for instance, when I would wish to be silent. If these occasions do not come I at least try to tell Him often how much I love Him. This is not difficult and helps to keep the fire of love burning in my heart."

There is much we can learn from this amazing woman. I hope many of you will take advantage of the Eucharistic Adoration by which our parish will mark her feast day and join us in the closing Mass at 6:30 p.m.

The Church's first ever joint canonization of a husband and wife will take place next month when Pope Francis will canonize St. Therese's parents. Louis and Zélie married in Alencon in 1858 and lived as celibates for the first year of their marriage. After a confessor encouraged them to raise children who would grow up to praise God, they parented nine children. Of the five who reached adulthood (all daughters), each entered religious life. A very devout family, the Martins also opened their home to the poor, visited the elderly, and made it a point to teach their children to treat the underprivileged as equals. Although they lived comfortably, thanks in part to Zélie's prosperous lacemaking business, they also suffered greatly over the deaths of four children and from health problems. Zélie Martin died in 1877 at the age of 45 from cancer. Louis and his daughters moved to Lisieux, where four of his daughters became Carmelites. He died in 1894.



The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Therese 2015 Raffle Winners

The winners of our 2015 parish raffle were:

\$2,000.00	Robert Golias
\$1,000.00	Dale Zydowicz
\$500.00	Diane Damico
\$100.00	Susanne Sanders
\$100.00	Carol Krolkowski
\$100.00	Fred Sizler

25. Mexican Basket	W. Sarnowski
26. Adult Halloween Basket	Sr. DeAnne
27. Golf & Gasoline Gift Card	Robert McCauly
28. Entertain Basket/Farmer Jones	Deb Sarnowski
29. Fall Basket/Applebee's	Rose Scraga
30. Grill & Tools	Debbie Sarnowski

The winner of the Cleveland Browns' Chair was Cynthia Radosavljevic.

Chinese Auction Winners:

1. Zoo Package	Melanie Urvay
2. Playhouse Square	Katina Rush
3. German Basket & Beer	Deborah Radak
4. Italian Basket	Maureen Hirt
5. Cool Cash (\$50)	Lindsay Pastrkiewicz
6. Ohio State Basket	Robert Cermak
7. Fall Clean Up Basket	Dianne Malinowski
8. Halloween Basket/Target Gift Card	Rhonda Whitelock
9. Mary Kay Basket	Mary Zenone
10. Christmas Basket/Macy's Gift Card	Eve M.
11. Girl's Basket	Jocelyn Buchanan
12. Bingo Basket	Kipfstuhl
13. Ladies Blue Basket	Pat Harmon
14. Easel and Art Supplies	Robert McCauly
15. Hofbrauhouse Gift Card	Larry Arthur
16. Bar Sign/ Football Hall of Fame	Karen Hauser
17. Beauty Basket	Bernie Cermak
18. Waffle Basket	Kathy Ciurlik
19. Baby Basket	Mary Decker
20. Baby Basket	Kathy Ciurlik
21. Kitchen Basket	Kathy Ratka
22. Wine and Trolley Ride	Marlene Kuczumarski
23. Handyman's Basket/Home Depot	Ron Kraine
24. Boy's Basket	Andrew Radosavljevic

Congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you to all who bought and/or sold raffle tickets, to everyone who donated items to our Chinese raffle, and to all those who participated in our raffles.

The Oktoberfest was *Wunderbare!*

A big thank you goes out to the many volunteers who helped to make the parish's Oktoberfest last Sunday a great success! The turn-out was wonderful, the food (German and otherwise) delicious, the live polka band a delight, and the weather superb! We're grateful to Dave Hurley, Brenda Simmons, an array of other Scout leaders, and the Cub Scouts for preparing and serving food. Sue Gallagher, along with Sandy Arnold and several other PTU parents from John Paul II Academy, were of great service in orchestrating the activities for the kids. John Hlavaty, Tom Gadus and a squad of men from the Knights of Columbus admirably put themselves at our disposal in a variety of ways, while John Kipfstuhl and the Holy Name Society sold side-board tickets. A special tip of the hat is reserved for Pam Wilkes for overseeing the Oktoberfest. She performed this role admirably, as she did umpteen times in years past with the summer picnic. Shirley Hlavaty and Karen Kipfstuhl worked wonders in putting together the Chinese Auction, Bob Cermak admirably handles the financial end, and all three, along with Pam, invested plenty of hours in planning. It isn't possible to name all who made this such a fun event, but you're fantastic!—Fr. Dan

