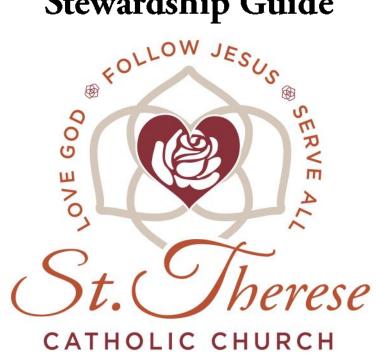
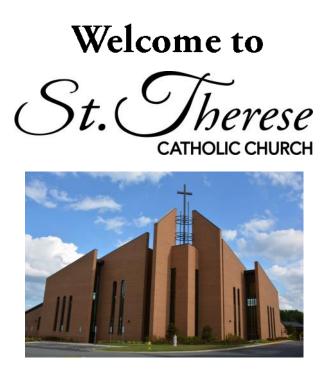
# Parish Handbook and Stewardship Guide



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*Mission Statement:* The Parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All by doing ordinary things with great love.



This booklet is a directory of existing ministries that serve our parish. By virtue of our baptism and confirmation, we have God given talents that are to be placed at the service of the community. We hope that you will take a few minutes to go through it and prayerfully consider becoming involved in our active and life-giving parish.

In the gospel of John we are told that Jesus came to give us "abundant life". It is through the sharing of our time and talent that we experience this abundant life, and ultimately pass it on to those we are called to serve.

It is our hope that St. Therese Catholic Church will continue to grow as a parish community and as a family of believers by sharing the gifts that God has so generously given us.

Thank you for all that you do now, and for your future participation.

## MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Daily Mass**

#### Monday through Friday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday (English): 8:00am, 10:00am 12:00pm, 5:30pm (No Sunday Nursery at this time for any Masses) Sunday (Spanish): 2:30pm

**Family Mass** 

#### No Family Mass at this time

<u>Holy Days</u>

See the bulletin or website for details

<u>First Friday</u>

**First Saturday** 

Mass at 9:00am Adoration: 9:30am-7:00pm Mass at 9:00am

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:00pm-4:15pm and Sunday 2:00pm-2:20pm (Spanish) and 4:45pm-5:15pm in the church, or by appointment

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the office to keep us informed of those who are homebound and hospitalized, especially during a serious illness. We offer a communal anointing twice each year.

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# PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mission Statement: to represent all of our parishioners, bringing concerns that affect the parish to the Pastor's attention, and prayerfully formulating solutions.

## **Pastoral Council Members**

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For more information about Pastoral Council, please visit our website: <u>sainttherese.net/pastoral-council</u>

# **Stewardship Committee**

Mission Statement: to recognize God's providence to us and return Him thanks and praise by striving to be worthy stewards for the greater good and benefit of the community.

Jack Hastings, Chair jack.hastings0359@gmail.com sainttherese.net/stewardship-committee

## **Finance Council**

Mission Statement: to advise the Pastor on the finances of the parish and oversee and prepare the annual budget.

Rick Fabrize, Chair financecouncil@sainttherese.net sainttherese.net/finance-council

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# **SACRAMENTS**

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## BAPTISM

To schedule your child's baptism you must first ensure you are registered with the Parish. It is also required that you (the parents) have attended a Baptismal Prep Class. Please call the Faith Formation Office to sign up for the class. A Baptism Questionnaire must also be filled out and returned to the Faith Formation Office. Once your Questionnaire has been received, someone from the Faith Formation Office will contact you regarding scheduling your child's baptism. We ask that you try to schedule it at least 2 months in advance.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION

The First Communion process follows the Diocese's recommendation that all students attend Faith Formation classes for first and second grade in order to receive First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. The First Communion program stresses an understanding of these Sacraments and stresses the family's participation in weekly Mass. Children who have not been in Faith Formation for first and second grade should

been in Faith Formation for first and second grade should contact the RCIC program to complete their sacramental preparations.

## CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program follows the Diocese's

recommendation that all students have at least two years of preparation classes in order to be confirmed. The Confirmation program stresses the importance of not only learning Christ's message, but also living it through service. Service projects are completed individually and with the class. Regular Sunday Mass attendance is the basis of this program, as our classroom discussion is based on the Scriptures of the week. Students are generally in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but high school students who are new to the parish that have attended faith formation at their previous parish can also join us to complete the Confirmation requirements.

## RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, on Sunday from 2:00pm-2:20pm (Spanish) and 4:45pm to 5:15pm, or by appointment.



## MATRIMONY

For Roman Catholics, marriage is more than a legal contract or a serious covenant. Marriage is SACRED and HOLY. The church proclaims that it is a Sacrament. According to Diocesan policy, couples must begin marriage preparation at least **SIX MONTHS** prior to the desired wedding date. Couples will take a readiness instrument called FOCCUS. The results are reviewed in private with a priest or deacon. The couple then attends a Diocesan sponsored 1 day workshop or we assign the couple to a sponsor couple who will meet with them for five or six sessions. This is a wonderful program, and our future brides and grooms have had very favorable comments. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office to keep us informed of those who are homebound or hospitalized, especially during a serious illness. We offer a communal anointing twice each year.



# EDUCATION AND FORMATION COMMISSION

Mission Statement: to evaluate and provide religious education to all members of the parish.

#### Chair: Trish Fuller <u>EFC@sainttherese.net</u> Website: <u>sainttherese.net/formation</u>

## FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

# Please, call the Faith Formation Office 704-664-7762 for program schedules and availability.

The Faith Formation office provides educational programs for all members of the faith community. While a great deal of attention is given to our process for children and adolescents, we are deeply committed to providing quality and diverse enrichment opportunities for adults.

# <u> Children Pre K - 5th Grade</u>

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This program is open to children aged three through nine. This highly interactive model utilizes the principles of the Maria Montessori system. Through a series of workshops, children grow in their relationship with God through stories, activities and special celebrations. The curriculum for this process includes: Christology, liturgy, covenant, sacraments, parables, moral formation, prayers, and salvation.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & FIRST RECONCILIATION

The First Communion process follows the Diocese's recommendation that all students attend Faith Formation classes for first and second grade in order to receive First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. The First Communion program stresses an understanding of these Sacraments and stresses the family's participation in weekly Mass. Children who have not been in Faith Formation for first and second grade will attend a special class to complete their sacramental preparations.

## **CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (K-5)**

We use a variety of methodologies to explore various aspects of faith at age -appropriate levels for our elementary school aged children. Lessons are designed to be interactive and relational so that children understand how to live their faith on a daily basis. \* Special needs trained catechists are available.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word is a way to provide children 4 years old through 2nd grade with a liturgical experience at their age level. \*Due to the pandemic, we are not currently offering Liturgy of the Word for Children.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This dynamic, fun-filled week of faith exploration is held each summer, Monday through Friday evenings. Both parents and children are encouraged to participate in this creative program that brings God's message to life in ways that touch the lives of all.

## Middle School - 6th-8th Grade

#### EDGE - (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) All students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are welcome!

Edge is a middle school youth ministry program. The goal is to provide a fun and safe place for middle school youth to experience Jesus and the Catholic faith in a new and exciting way. Aiming to build a fun and welcoming environment for the youth, Edge will be a place for the youth to ask questions about the faith, play games, build community and, most importantly, encounter their faith in a personal way. The youth ministers and Core Team will strive to meet the youth where they are at in their faith journey and encourage growth. Join us for fellowship, fun and games.

# **Confirmation**

## CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program follows the Diocese's recommendation that all students have at least two years of preparation classes in order to be confirmed. The Confirmation program stresses the importance of not only learning Christ's message, but also living it through service. Service projects are completed individually and with the class. Regular Sunday Mass attendance is the basis of this program, as our classroom discussion is based on the Scriptures of the week. Students are generally in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but high school students who are new to the parish that have attended faith formation at their previous parish can also join us to complete the Confirmation requirements.

# Youth - 9th - 12th Grade

### SAINT THERESE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Meets on Sunday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:15pm

Saint Therese High School Youth Group is for all students in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The goal of this ministry is to support and lead teenagers and their families into a personal encounter with Jesus and His Church. Aiming to build a dynamic, fun and welcoming environment for all teenagers, St.THSYG will be a place for teenagers to ask questions about the faith, build community, participate in social events, discuss relatable issues, attend service projects, retreats and many other activities. The Youth Ministers and Core Team will strive to meet the youth where they are in their faith journey and encourage growth. St.THSYG will meet Sunday nights during the school year. Come and join us for fellowship, fun and games.

# Youth Adult Ministry

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Saint Therese Young Adult Ministry is a community of young adults 18 to 39 that seek to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through His Church and the Sacraments. This is a peer lead faith community that focuses on spiritual, social and service activities. Various activities will be planned during the year contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

# <u>RCIA</u>

# RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) is for:

**a.** Adults who are considering or have decided to become members of the Roman Catholic Faith

b. Adults who need the Sacrament of Baptism

**c.** Catholic Adults who need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation- Confirmation and/or First Communion.

Adults are any persons High School Age or older. High School Students 9 through 10<sup>th</sup> Grade in need of Confirmation ONLY attend Faith Formation Classes not RCIA. The RCIA Formation Program starts the Thursday after Labor Day until the third week after Easter. A team of clergy, religious and lay catechists guides the participants in understanding the Catholic Faith, in spiritual formation, and in Catholic/ parish stewardship. The Sacraments of Initiation are administered at the Easter Vigil Service every year. All parishioners are welcomed to attend the RCIA education classes for adult education and formation. Decision to enter the Roman Catholic Faith is entirely up the personal discernment of the participant.

# RCICCA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE)

is for Children <u>over</u> the age of discernment (about 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) who are one or more of the following:

- a. unbaptized
- **b.** baptized in another Christian faith

**c.** children who need both Confirmation and First Communion This group meets Thursday evening in conjunction with the RCIA program. A team of lay catechists provide basic formation in the fundamentals of the faith and prepare them for the Sacraments of Initiation that they may require, both in the classroom and through parent involvement. Baptism is received at the Easter Vigil and First Communion and/or Confirmation during the Easter Season. Parents must be registered at St. Therese and register children through Faith Formation. Any child who was baptized must present a copy of their baptismal certificate or other affidavit.

## RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos y Adolescentes)

Si necesita cualquier Sacramento, esta es la clase para usted.



# Adult Formation

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Through a variety of methodologies, we examine the Sacred Scriptures to understand the significance of the writing, the original audience, the nuances and traditions of the day, and the meaning for us today.

## ADULT EDUCATION STUDIES

Our Adult Education Studies ministry engages the needs and interests of men and women of our parish, through a comprehensive and systematic presentation of the core elements of our Catholic faith and practice, while integrating actual life experiences of participants.

## **CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT**

Join us as we share and develop our own understanding of what it means to be a Catholic Mom in fellowship with other Moms at St. Therese. We meet monthly to talk about our faith and families, and discuss activities that strengthen the faith of our children as well. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in Room 110.

#### CURSILLO GROUP REUNION MEN'S CURSILLO GROUP REUNION

Men's Cursillo Group Reunion meets weekly to share with other Cursillistas the members' on-going spiritual and personal growth and to discuss ways to bring a Christ-like attitude to others.

#### CURSILLO GROUP REUNION WOMEN'S CURSILLO GROUP REUNION

Women's Cursillo Group Reunion meets weekly to share with other Cursillistas the members' on-going spiritual and personal growth and to discuss ways to bring a Christ-like attitude to others.

## JUST MOVED

The Just Moved group uses biblical study and practical suggestions to help women focus on Christ during the stresses of transition and adjustment associated with moving. The team helps participants develop new friendships and supports and encourages them through the transition of moving and it is fun too!

## LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SERIES

Explore and focus in-depth on your God-given strengths in a workshop setting. Use a reliable and well validated on-line survey and participate in a program that will help you identify, develop and better use your strengths for family, ministry, community and work.

## RENEW (WEDNESDAY MORNING)

This small faith community meets for a time of sharing God's word, prayer, study, and friendship. They also participate in outreach to the Community Pregnancy Center and a local nursing home at Christmas time and provide a soup lunch during Lent.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is a privileged time and place to confidentially reflect with a trained director about the many ways that God is moving in your life. Direction is about being encouraged to draw closer to your true self, discovering God in the midst of daily living, and can add to your conscious experience of God's presence and love. All Spiritual Directors at St. Therese have received specialized training and certification in Spiritual Direction.

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking with Purpose bible studies enable women to know Christ personally through Scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Meeting weekly beginning fall of 2020, this ministry will offer opportunities to enrich the faith of all who participate.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This study meets from September through May on Thursday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Come join us.

# <u>Ignatian Spirituality</u>

St. Therese Catholic Church offers a number of programs throughout the year that incorporate the spirituality of St. Ignatius.

## ADVENT AND LENTEN DIRECTED RETREATS

The Advent and Lenten Directed Retreats enable the participants to deepen their relationship with God during these two seasons. A team of Ignatian Spiritual Directors will provide individual prayer direction for



interested parishioners in a 5 day "retreat" which can be done at home. The only requirement is your commitment to pray for approximately 30 minutes each day during this time and to meet with your spiritual director daily.

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITIES**

CLC is a way of life for lay persons who wish to serve Christ, the Church, and the world in the tradition of Jesuit or Ignatian Spirituality. CLC groups usually meet twice a month.

## **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY COMMUNITY**

The Ignatian Spirituality Community is made up of parishioners who have completed the Spiritual Exercises. The community determines ways to enhance Ignatian Spirituality at St. Therese through prayer groups, scripture studies and retreats.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

This two hour program is offered in September to see if God is calling you to make the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

#### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius are offered in English and Spanish. This involves a 10 month commitment to praying with scripture and meeting with a Spiritual Director weekly.

## <u> Parish Library</u>

The Parish Library contains a variety of religious, theological, and spiritual books and DVD's. These materials are available to all parishioners. The library is located in the Parish Life Center.

# **Little Way Preschool**

Little Way Preschool offers classes for 2 - 5 year olds, inspiring and nurturing children's spiritual, mental, physical and emotional needs through Catholic principles.



## LITURGY AND WORSHIP COMMISSION

Mission Statement: to enhance the worship at St. Therese Catholic Church through the proper implementation of liturgical principles.

#### Chair: Robyn Bucknam <u>robynbucknam02@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>sainttherese.net/liturgy</u>

## ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers are parishioners in the fourth grade and older, including adults, who have made their First Communion. Altar Servers serve God and the people by assisting the priest in preparation for and celebration of the Church's liturgical rites, primarily the Mass, but also special services.

#### ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT

Works with the Liturgical Environment Coordinator to prepare the Church and Parish campus for each liturgical season.

## **CHURCH MICE**

Church Mice are responsible for the votive candles, altar candles and brass followers, paschal candle, altar linens, albs, vestments, missals in pews and cleaning spots on pews. Assist the Liturgy Coordinator as needed.

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Extraordinary Ministers affirm publicly that they are willing to assume the responsibility of being a servant to others by distributing Holy Communion at Mass. Some ministers also visit the Homebound.

## **GREETERS MINISTRY**

Greeters stand and greet everyone who enters the doors of St. Therese. The qualifications required to be a Greeter are simple: Smile and be friendly, Smile and be warm, and Smile and be helpful!

## **HOMEBOUND MINISTERS**

Homebound Ministers visit and bring the Eucharist regularly to the homebound and sick, communicate and update the clergy and church personnel on the status of each person visited, and communicate with family members as needed. Training will be provided.

## LECTORS

Lectors are adult parishioners who proclaim the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical celebrations, inviting people to hear and respond to God's message of love.

## MASS COORDINATORS

A Mass Coordinator is the check- in person for each Mass, assuring that Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Lectors and Altar Servers are present and giving any special instructions for the Mass.

## SACRISTANS

A Sacristan is the person who sets the altar, credence table and gifts table for the Mass.

## SUNDAY NURSERY—CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE

The Sunday Nursery is for children ages 1 (and walking) to 5. The nursery is provided so that all parents can fully participate in Mass, knowing their children are in a safe and loving environment. \*Due to the pandemic, we are not currently offering a Sunday Nursery.

## USHERS

Ushers foster Christian hospitality among parishioners and visitors. They greet people, show them to available seating, take up the collection, and look after those with special needs.

## <u>Music Ministry</u>

Director: Valarie Valois <u>vvalois@sainttherese.net</u> <u>sainttherese.net/music-ministry</u>

Music performs a particular ministerial function in worship and forms a necessary or integral part of the liturgy. Our goal is to promote the assembly's full and active participation in the Mass. Unless otherwise noted, please call the Ministry Leader for meeting schedule.

## ADULT CHOIR

Adult Choir members sing at the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses on Sunday. Everyone of any level of experience is welcome to join us.

## CANTOR

The Cantor leads the assembly in song. Audition is necessary, instruction is offered and experience is helpful.

#### **CELEBRATION CHOIR**

The Celebration Choir sings at funeral Masses at the family's request. All are welcome to join.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The Children's Choir is for students in grades K thru 6. The Children's Choir sings at various Masses and has regular rehearsals during the school year.

#### HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir for ages 10 and up. The Hand Bell Choir plays at various Masses.

#### **INSTRUMENTALISTS**

Instrumentalists play at various Masses and special occasions and rehearses regularly. All standard band and orchestra instruments and guitars are welcome.

#### LATINO MUSIC MINISTRY

Latino Music Ministry members sing at the 2:30pm Spanish Mass on Sunday afternoon.

#### SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Sanctuary Choir is a small vocal and instrumental group that provides contemporary music for the 5:30pm Sunday Mass.

# Worship Ministries

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

This monthly devotion offers time for prayer and quiet reflection. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins on the First Friday of each month immediately after the 9:00am Mass and concludes at 4:45pm with Benediction. First Saturday Mass at 9:00am is followed by the Rosary.

### LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Pope John Paul II gave us five new mysteries of the rosary, the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary (or Mysteries of Light), and suggested these be recited on Thursdays. He also urged the recitation of the rosary as a prayer for peace in the world, peace in families and in individual's souls.

#### MARIAN PRAYER GROUP

The Marian Prayer Group prays the Rosary and the Divine Mercies Chaplet.

## SACRED HEART OF JESUS DEVOTION

The purpose of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion Ministry is to honor Our Lord each First Friday by saying His 12 Promises and praying the chaplet, which is known as the Beads of the Sacred Heart. Our Lord wants the world to know that His Sacred Heart burns with His Love for us. All St. Therese parishioners are invited to join the Ministry.

#### VIRTUAL ROSARY

We pray the Rosary with intentions for peace in our country, as well as our individual intentions Monday-Friday evenings at 9:00pm. Visit our website for our Zoom link and password.

## <u> Pastoral Care Ministries</u>

## FUNERAL MEAL MINISTRY (Sponsored by S.W.A.T.)

On the occasion of a funeral within the parish, S.W.A.T. will provide a meal or reception for the family and friends of the deceased, per the family's request.

#### FUNERAL MINISTRY

The prayer vigil group conducts a Prayer service for the family at the funeral home. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers and Altar Servers assist at funeral services. The Celebration Choir sings at funeral Masses at the family's request.

## PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is a group whose members pray for a common list of intentions. It is open to all parishioners. The praying is individual in your home and at your convenience. The intentions are emailed to all those on the chain. Visit the parish website for more information on how to add a name to the Prayer Chain and how to become a part of the Prayer Chain.

# **COMMUNITY MINISTRIES COMMISSION**

Mission Statement: to promote the word of Jesus Christ by helping those who are in need, following the basic principle that "whatever you do to the least of my people you do unto me."

#### Chair: Sophia McNiff <u>sophialmcniff@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>sainttherese.net/community-ministries</u>

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

Professional Chefs run the kitchen but volunteers are needed for set up, serving and clean up. Please visit our website for up-to-date information. We will not be hosting a meal in 2021.

### ESL (English as a Second Language)

Volunteer to teach English as a second language. No foreign language or teaching experience is required. All supplies and teaching materials are provided.

## FEEDNC VOLUNTEERS (SOUP KITCHEN)

Teams of volunteers from St. Therese serve hot meals at FeedNC to anyone in need and provide encouragement and fellowship.

#### **FOOD MINISTRIES**

Our Backpack and Food for Days ministries serve local school children. Parishioner support of these ministries is greatly appreciated!

## HEALING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (Sponsored by S.W.A.T.)

Members of the Healing Prayer Shawl ministry knit or crochet shawls for those who are experiencing a life transition or for those who need comfort in a time of healing. Included with each shawl is a card with a brief explanation of the ministry and healing prayers and the name of the person who made the shawl.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

The Peace and Justice Ministry desires to foster the values of Jesus Christ, to promote the integration of the social teachings of the Catholic Church into the total faith formation of the St. Therese Parish Community, to provide a process for an interior "change of heart" and to respect the dignity of human life in all its stages.

## **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

- **Pregnancy Center** Raises money for the Mooresville Pregnancy Center with an annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fund drive, annual Walk for Life, and annual Banquet.
- **40 Days for Life -** in spring and fall with prayers outside of a Charlotte abortion clinic
- Annual Life Chain

## TITHE COMMITTEE

Through prayer, screenings, and discussion, the Tithe Committee oversees the distribution of a portion of the parish offertory to those in need on behalf of the parish community.

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement groups are grief and faith sharing programs based on Ignatian spirituality. These programs bring those suffering the loss of loved ones together with others in the community who have experienced the same kind of loss. The six week bereavement program is offered several times a year. Please check the bulletin or call the office for more information. The members of the Bereavement Ministry offer solace and encouragement to those who grieve through cards, calls, forming friendships and most importantly through support.

#### CARE TEAM

The Care Team reaches out in friendship and prayer to those in our community. Our ministry's goal is to reach as many people as possible using word of mouth, the bulletin and our website to find people who need encouragement, support and a feeling of connection.



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one confidential, Christian care for those experiencing life's difficulties. Our mission statement follows that of the parish: Love God, Follow Jesus, Serve All by supporting those in need.

# PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Mission Statement: to promote friendship and community among the members of this parish and encourage their active participation in the life of the parish community.

#### Chair: Sheila Lockard <u>sheila lockard@yahoo.com</u> Website: <u>sainttherese.net/parish-life-ministries</u>

## ATHLETICS

The goal of the St. Therese Athletic Department is to build a program that members of all ages can support with pride and bring us closer within our immediate church community, while allowing our adult and youth teams to represent St. Therese in a competitive Christian manner that all can be proud of. Our program emphasizes faith-based character and conduct, achievement in athletics, confidence building, leadership skills and respect for teammates and opponents.

### **BOOK CLUB**

Books are reviewed and a selection is made that will nourish both mind and soul. The book club meets monthly for lively discussions on book selections. Come join this fun and educational group.

#### **BRIDGE CLUB**

The Bridge Club meets on Friday afternoons. All level of players (men and women) are welcome to join.

#### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Coffee & Conversation provides an opportunity to come together as a community in Christ to spend time in fellowship; encouraging each other on our faith journey. We meet monthly after Daily Mass in the Family Room. Coffee and pastries will be provided. All are welcome!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS sainttherese.net/knights-of-columbus Or kofc7406.org

#### Mission Statement: to encourage the men of our parish, in good Catholic standing, to live their daily lives according to our Christian principles and to support and defend our Catholic Church.



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members of Knights and their families and the needy in the community in which we live. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. The Knights host many parish activities including the parish monthly Pancake Breakfast, Operation Lamb and other community events. Meetings are held twice a month on our parish campus.

**Business Meeting:** 7:30pm 2nd Monday (Members only) **Social Meeting:** 7:30pm 4th Monday (Members, Auxiliary, and guests)

## LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary, as volunteers, support and aid the St. Therese Council Knights of Columbus spiritually, socially and financially in all of its endeavors. The primary requirement of each volunteer is to be a woman 17 years of age or older.

## M.O.S.T. (Men of St. Therese)

M.O.S.T. is a group of men of the parish who join together to serve St. Therese, become better Christians through faith building programs and enjoy fellowship activities.

## RUMMAGE SALE (Sponsored by S.W.A.T.)

An annual rummage sale is held every summer to raise money to help the church and community. Parishioners donate items to sell.

## SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES (Sponsored by S.W.A.T.)

A group for all women age 50 or older who are enjoying fully this time in their lives. Come and join the fun and activities.

## SPECIAL WORKS AND TASKS (S.W.A.T.)

## sainttherese.net/swat-special-works-and-tasks

All ladies of St. Therese Catholic church eighteen years of age and older are encouraged and welcome to attend regular monthly meetings and to actively participate in the various programs and activities sponsored by S.W.A.T. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00am in the Family Room. The business meeting is followed by a short program and refreshments. Many activities are offered within the church and the community. Funeral Meal Ministry, Healing Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Rummage Sale and Social Butterflies are all sponsored by S.W.A.T.

# **BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES COMMISSION**

Mission Statement: to advise the Pastor regarding the maintenance and improvement of parish property, and to address the safety & security of the parish campus. The commission has the responsibility to review contracts for repair, replacement and service activities at the Church campus.

Chair: Bob Frohman <u>facilities@sainttherese.net</u> Parish Staff Contact to Buildings & Facilities Commission: Dave Conklin <u>dconklin@sainttherese.net</u>

# ECUMENISM COMMISSION

Mission Statement: to collaborate with area churches in areas of common good.

Chair: Peter O'Donnell <u>podonnell757@hotmail.com</u> Website: <u>sainttherese.net/ecumenism-commission</u>

# **EVANGELIZATION AND COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

Mission Statement: To create a self-sustaining evangelistic/discipleship movement.

### Chair: Gail Benson <u>ECC@sainttherese.net</u> Website: <u>sainttherese.net/evangelization-and-communication</u>

# Stewardship Committee

Mission Statement: to recognize God's providence to us and return Him thanks and praise by striving to be worthy stewards for the greater good and benefit of the community.

Chair: Jack Hastings jack.hastings0359@gmail.com Website: sainttherese.net/stewardship-committee

## LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS SERIES

Explore and focus in-depth on your God-given strengths in a workshop setting. Use a reliable and well validated on-line survey and participate in a program that will help you identify, develop and better use your strengths for family, ministry, community and work.

## **CLIFTONSTRENGTHS FOR STUDENTS**

For High School Students: Use the talents that God has given you to become the best person you can be! Living your best life begins when you tap into your unique talents. When you know your unique set of talents or top 5 strengths, you're empowered to succeed by doing what you naturally do best.

## STRENGTHS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

As you prepare to enter, continue, or leave college or the workforce, take some time to identify and learn more about your God-given strengths. Use a reliable and well-validated online survey and Participate in a program that will help you: Explore and focus in-depth on your top 5 strengths; investigate how to develop and grow these strengths; and find ways to better use your strengths for family, church, community, school, and work.

## WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee is an arm of the Stewardship Committee. Our mission is to help new parishioners feel at home at St. Therese. Members make phone calls to new parishioners welcoming them to our Parish and inviting them to events. We host Welcome events a few times a year for which we bake, set-up, serve and greet our new



parishioners. The committee keeps in contact with new parishioners for one year through emails to ensure that they have settled in and feel comfortable in our Parish.

# <u>Service</u>

## BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

Back 2 School Bash is a community event that helps prepare students to go back to school. Bash provides school supplies, a backpack, and a new pair of tennis shoes to students in grades K-12 living in the Mooresville Graded and the southern part of Iredell–Statesville School Districts.

## THE CHRISTIAN MISSION

The Christian Mission provides food, used clothing, furniture, appliances to people in need. People are helped with medicines, fuel, gas, electricity, and shelter on an emergency basis. Phone: 704-664-2357

## THE CHRISTIAN MISSION FOOD AND COAT COLLECTION

Every year St. Therese collects coats and non-perishable foods for The Christian Mission.

## FIFTH STREET MINISTRIES

Fifth Street Ministries in Statesville provides Emergency Assistance, Soup Kitchen, Night Shelter, Thrift Store, My Sister's House, Emergency Shelter, and the Open Door Clinic. Phone: 704-872-4045 to volunteer in any of these areas.

## HEALTHREACH COMMUNITY CLINIC

The HealthReach Community Clinic, located at 400 East Statesville Ave, Suite 300 in Mooresville, provides free medical care and pharmaceutical needs for residents in Iredell County. They welcome volunteers that have a medical background, such as doctors, nurses, phlebotomists and nurses aides. Front desk assistants are also needed. If interested, please call 704-663-1992 or contact us at <u>healthreachclinic.org</u>.

## **IREDELL COUNCIL ON AGING**

**Statesville Office: 704-873-8568 Mooresville Office: 704-662-3337** The Iredell Council on Aging is a private, not-for-profit agency devoted to improving the quality of life and maintaining independent living for Iredell's older adults, **60 and over.** There is no set fee for services, but clients are asked to make a contribution to a cost-sharing program based on their income. They offer a wide range of health, education, recreation, and social activities for older adults.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE CHARLOTTE REGION

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of the Charlotte Region brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Their vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Phone: 704-376-2054

## COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER OF LAKE NORMAN

The Pregnancy Center gives free pregnancy tests, peer counseling, friendship and support, maternity and baby clothes, childbirth, parenting, and adoption education, and post-abortion counseling. Mooresville: 704-664-4673 Huntersville: 704-727-0535

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a fun-filled event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship. Teams of family members, friends, coworkers, and others join together each year to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and make a difference in the community.





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# **Mass Schedule**

Daily Mass:Monday through Friday9:00amWeekend Mass:5:00pmSaturday Vigil5:00pmSunday (English)8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm<br/>5:30pmSunday (Spanish)2:30pm

Watch Mass LIVE on our website:

sainttherese.net/mass-livestream

Watch Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am (English) and Sunday 2:30pm (Spanish) on YouTube youtube.com/c/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresvilleNC

Watch Friday 9:00am, Sunday 10:00am, and Sunday 2:30pm (Spanish) on Facebook facebook.com/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresville/

Please submit any ministry changes to the Parish Office.

**First Saturday** 

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9:00am