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Parish Office Hours

MONDAY- THURSDAY 9-5
CLOSED NOON—1 PM FOR LUNCH

FRIDAY 9-NOON

Congratulations to our Feast Day Raffle Winners!!!



Fifth Prize \$100 – Glenda Turner
Fourth Prize \$300 – Barb Robinson
Third Prize \$500 – Gene Schmitt
Second Prize \$1000 – Gary Adams
First Prize \$1500 – Fr. John Fain



Thank you to everyone who sold or bought raffle tickets!!
We raised \$13,700 !!!!! Thank you for your support of St. Therese Parish!

SACRAMENTS

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: (see inside bulletin)

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE: Call 487-3749 (press 9)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal forms are located in the Parish Office. Please complete the forms, turn in as directed, and we will contact you for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Actively participating members interested in receiving the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish office at least nine months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Communal Celebrations take place at weekend liturgies in the spring. Watch the bulletin for details.

Welcome to St. Therese! We are so happy that you have joined us for this Mass celebration. If you've been away for a while, we know coming back to the church may not have been easy for you, but we are glad you are here.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS!

Becoming a member of the St. Therese Parish brings you into a family of Families, a network of loving individuals called together with a divine purpose—becoming Saints. By registering, you are giving us the gift of knowing you, understanding your needs and helping establish you into a group within St. Therese that will best fit what you are looking for. Come to the Parish Office or visit the Information Desk in the Social Room for a registration packet. If you are new to the area, please stop into the Parish Office and introduce yourself. We look forward to getting to know you!

Our Parish Feast Day Celebration on Sunday, October 3, in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux was a huge success! I was very pleasantly surprised at the number of people who showed up to participate in this celebration in the Fr. Koenigsknecht Activity Center / School Gym. We have so many people to thank for making this wonderful day a possibility. First, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for agreeing to host the event. Paul Teszlewicz and Thomas Kavanagh served as its Chairpersons – I greatly appreciate your leadership! The beautiful decorations were chaired by Jill Hundt and set up by Laura and Leslie Ozanich. The Kids Games and Cake Walk were conducted by Deacon Dave, the Guadalupe Family Circle, Youth Minister Jay Jong and the Parish Youth Group. Thanks to everyone who donated cakes, pies and other desserts. We appreciate the work of Pat Droste and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Circle and Marnie Howland and the St. Bernadette Circle for preparing and serving the desserts. There was a spectacular array of Door Prizes – almost 40 in all. Thank you to Gerri Teszlewicz and Lee Mayes for acquiring these fun prizes. The publicity for the event was assisted by Karen Kavanagh. Punch and Drinks were prepared by Dennis and Marnie Howland. Rod and Mary Ellen Sickles were in charge of the arduous task of relocating tables. So many people assisted with setup and cleanup – this was especially appreciated. A special thank you to Carole Haley and Sue Benjamin for their hard work in conducting the Parish Raffle. Also, I am grateful to Chris Costigan and Jim Carter who installed new LED lights in the Gym. Thank you to everyone who bought and sold raffle tickets, as well as those who donated door prizes. The major donors for the Feast Day Celebration were the Knights of Columbus, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and an anonymous donor. What a fun day! It was great to see so many of our parishioners enjoy the company of each other in such a happy environment. Again, thank you to everyone who made our Feast Day Celebration such a wonderful experience.

I would like to thank Barbara Gonzalez and Therese Mukarushema for their leadership on the Parish Pastoral Council over the past years. New members of the Pastoral Council are Cathy Jo Ramsey and Maria Lira. Thank you to these four people for their willingness to serve.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. It is a special time to remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus. I am going to be teaching a brief class on Mary, the Queen Mother on Monday, October 25, at 6:30PM in Fr. Murray Hall. Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary – Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*.

God's blessings upon you,
Fr. John Fain

Mass Intentions for the Week of October 10, 2021

Monday, 11th 8:30 a.m.	St. John XXIII, Pope; Rom 1:1-7, Lk 11: 29-32 †Rosemary & Clarence Huhn & Family - Kathleen Tabor
4:00 p.m.	Open Doors Tutoring
Tuesday, 12th 8:30 a.m.	Rom 1:16-25, Luke 11:37-41 †Charles & Clare Rademacher - Joann Slavonek
10:30 a.m.	Staff Prayer (CH)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (MAR)
6:30 p.m.	T.O.P.S (FMR)
Wednesday, 13th	Rom 2:1-11, Lk 11:42-46 No Service
4:00 p.m.	Open Doors Tutoring
Thursday, 14th	St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr; Rom 3:21-30, Lk 11:47-54
5:30 p.m.	Rosary
6:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Brown Family - Carole Haley
Friday, 15th 8:30 a.m.	Rom 4:1-8, Lk 12:1-7 Godparents - Kathleen Tabor
7:00 p.m.	N. A. (FMH)
Saturday, 16th	St. Hedwig, Religious, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; Rom 4:13, 16-18, Lk 12:8-12
3:00 p.m.	Confessions
4:30 p.m.	†Marilyn Schultz - Library Friends
7:00 p.m.	N. A. (FMH)
Sunday, 17th 8:30 a.m.	Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10:35-45 †Linus & Vestrasta Arens - Leo Arens
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
7:00 p.m.	A.A. (FMR)

Stewardship Report

“The Lord loves a cheerful giver. May we learn to be generous in giving, free from the love of material possessions.”
- Pope Francis

489 envelopes issued, 86 used this week	
10/3/21 Weekly contributions	\$6,863.56
Weekly Budget Goal	\$9,500.00
Amount under goal	-\$2,636.44

There will be **NO SCRIPT** sale after Mass on Sat. Oct. 16. SCRIPT will be sold on Sunday Oct. 17 as usual.

Medicare Seminar

Monday, October 11th, @ 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Presented by Michelle Sanchagrin, a multi-licensed producer and Medicare specialist, not employed by the Center for Medicare Services (CMS). This is a very important, informative Seminar. Many important topics will be discussed. Bring your questions & interested friends & neighbors!

Fall Clean-up at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery



Please remove all items you wish to keep **before October 20, 2021**. Following the 20th, the staff at St. Joseph will begin removing & discarding the remaining items. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Come Celebrate the Life of Marilyn Schultz, who passed in October 2020. Her family will be hosting an open house on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the home of Mary & Bill Hill, 8321 Wintergreen, Laurelwood subdivision in Delta Twp, near the corner of W. St. Joe and Marketplace. Call Mary at 622-0555 if more information is needed.

Religious Education News

No RED Groups today - See you next Sunday for regular RED Groups at 11:45am!

RED Groups this Week...In lieu of our regular Sunday RED Groups this week, we'll have our first ever RED Praise and



Worship evening Tuesday, October 12th from 6:30-8:00pm! Our Youth Minister, Jay Jong, will lead us in singing, praying, and worshipping our Lord together. This evening will include Adoration! Your whole family is invited! Bring a friend, too! See you there!

Fall Family Hour = FUN! Join us Sunday, October 24th for an afternoon of family fun! We'll pray, we'll learn, we'll create, and we'll share a meal together - you don't want to miss it! We'd really appreciate an RSVP with a count of family members who will be joining us as we plan and prepare. You can catch me in the hall or my office, call me, or email me anytime!

Confirmation RED Group Begins Is your teen ready to learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation? Our Year 1 RED Group is for youth in 8th grade or older, and the orientation and first class is Monday of this week - that's October 11th! See contact info below.

DRE Contact Info: Stephanie Smith - ssmithdre@gmail.com OR 517.487.3730.

Don't Miss Out...

Sun, Oct. 10 - NO Sunday RED Groups

Sun, Oct. 11 - Confirmation Year 1 RED Group Orientation 6pm - SEAS

Tues, Oct. 12 - RED Praise and Worship 6:30pm in the church

Sun, Oct. 24 - Fall Family Hour - details to come!

November is the month we remember our beloved dead in special ways. Everyone is invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones in the

Book of Remembrance

which will be in the Gathering Space beginning October 13th. The book will then be placed in the symbol corner in church during the month of November as our parish community remembers its deceased loved ones.

St. Bernadette Circle will meet in the Juan Diego room at 1:00 pm on Thurs. Oct. 14. Hosted by Bernie Droste.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule - October 16-17, 2021

4:30 PM

Lector: S. Scarane

Mass Coordinator: B. Wenzlick

Servers: A. Phillips, B. Wenzlick

Em's: B. Wenzlick

Ushers/Greeters: M. Murray, B. Robinson, D. Schmitt

8:30 AM

Lector: J. Shields

Mass Coordinator: C. Haley

Servers: B. Milam, C. Haley

Em's: M. Sickles

Ushers/Greeters: D. & M. Howland, M. Visser

10:30 AM

Lector: T. Black

Mass Coordinator: L. Schultz

Servers: L. Pugmire, N. Heinritz, S. Schultz

Em's: L. Schultz

Ushers/Greeters: B. Hilts, P. & G. Teszlewicz

Counters: Team D

Our Adult Faith Formation

Our Parish Social Ministries

Winter Apparel Collection Begins this week!

Last year – COVID Year – we collected well over 130 jackets and coats, gloves and hats, heavy sweaters and sweatshirts, boots, adults and kids – mostly gently used. Return to your closets and **please bring in clean and unstained items, working zippers, no tears.**

Consider: The coat not being used in your closet actually belongs to the person on the street who is shivering.



Our Parish Website

sttherese.org

NEW: See the "Us @ A Glance" button on our website's front page for the link to Deacon Dave's interview with Nicole Bachmann, WILX TV, Studio 10 featuring St. Therese Parish's PLARN bed mats and Blessing Bags in service of Lansing's homeless community.

NEW: A new weekly Realign Resources for Mission update video, 9/30/2021, at the "Us @ A Glance" button. This installment is by Fr. Chas Canoy, St. John's Parish, Jackson, on making sure that the *Diocese of Lansing equips and empowers parish staff by ensuring it has sufficient staff to fulfill the mission.* (pillar #2).

ONE MORE WEEK: Light your newly-gotten prayer candles, go to our front page, to the button/link to the Society of the Little Flower, "Novena to **St. Therese.**" Please pray our Parish Intentions for October, too. They are all crafted from The Story of A Soul, St. Therese's autobiography.

From the Feast Day Planning Committee

Thank you to the 170 people who attended our Parish Feast Day Picnic. We hope you all had a great time. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, take down, donated baked goods, decorations, door prizes and offered advice. Thanks to St. Francis Retreat Center Staff for a good meal. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus, St Vincent de Paul Society and an anonymous donor who covered the cost of the meal and paper products. See you all next year.

SVDP News

There is a GLFB delivery on Monday, October 11th at 8:00a.m. Please come help put the food on the shelves and in the freezers! Thanks so much for your support!

Current pantry needs:
Cereal, ranch dressing and mustard.

October 10, 2021

All Souls Day

The Catholic Church celebrates the communion of saints and souls every year. In Mexico and other Latin American countries, **Dia de Los Muertos - All Souls Day** - is the time of the year to celebrate the lives of close relatives, friends, community members and pets who have passed away.



Objects important to lost loved ones such as favorite foods, drinks, mementos and pictures are collected and displayed on an **Ofrenda Altar** - in honor of the faithfully departed that have gone before us to eternal rest.

The **Guadalupe Family Circle** invites you to bring a picture of a deceased loved one to honor on our **Ofrenda** in the Social Room starting on Oct 17, 2021 through November 7, 2021.

(Please mark your name and phone number on the back of each picture.)

Our Adult Faith Formation

Back to **Ordinary Time, the 28th Sunday!** Jesus tells the rich, young man that the 10 Commandments are still "in-play!" But two things more he lacks!

"Sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."

"Follow me."

The young man has lived a good life, keeping all the Commandments from his youth. How about us?

In our small groups, we discussed "Sell what you own and give the money to the poor..." That seems pretty extreme, like the other one Jesus came up with, "Be holy as my father is holy."

What is our response? "to be shocked and go away grieving?"

What of what we own might be holding us back from following Jesus more closely?

Let's just start by looking at our surplus. We begin our **Winter Apparel Collection** this week. What surplus items in your closets might you donate to the person, cold on the street or the child waiting at the bus stop?

Might you approach your neighbors and ask them to look at their closets? Might that simple request pique your neighbor's interest in your faith and your faith life? In St. Therese Church?

We All are in the ministry of inviting adults, young and not-so-young, into a relationship with Jesus Christ through US his Church.

Please call Dave @ 487-0478 or 331-5765 and let's have the conversation.

Upcoming Events and Information

- * On Wednesday, October 13, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in the Vestibule for parishioners to write names of deceased loved ones.
- * Monday, November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints. Since it falls on a Monday it will not be a Holy Day of Obligation but you are welcome to join us at the 8:30 am Mass to celebrate the day.
- * Tuesday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. A special prayer service for deceased loved ones will take place at 6:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Juan Diego Room.

THE 2021 MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, experience God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit by joining us for the **First Annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference** to be held on **Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** at the **Lansing Center** in Lansing, Michigan. Bring along your sisters, daughters and friends to experience the love that Christ brings to us as we journey through this life. Speakers include: Sheri Wolfert, Kelly Wahlquist, Father Adam Maher and Father Joe Krupp with Bishop Boyea from Lansing and Bishop Gruss from Saginaw joining us to preside at Mass. The day will include lunch, shopping, music, prayer ministry, Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information and to register for this conference, please visit www.MichiganCWC.org.

Special Needs Masses at the St. Francis Retreat Center

October 17, 2021

The Diocese of Lansing - Disabilities Ministry and All Faith Ministry for disABILITIES are resuming the Special Needs Masses at the St. Francis Retreat Center at 703 E. Main Street in DeWitt. All ages/abilities are welcome! Any questions, please contact Cathy Blatnik, Coordinator of the Disabilities Ministry, Diocese of Lansing and Program Director - All Faith Ministry for disABILITIES at blatsie63@yahoo.com or at 517-381-1410.

Mass starts at 2 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Dining Room. Please RSVP by October 10 with the total number in your group to Cathy Blatnik at blatsie63@yahoo.com or at 517-381-1410

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