

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church and School*



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April 17, 2022 - Happy Easter!



**SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday Vigil Mass . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays . . . . . 10:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

Please feel free to call the office to schedule an appointment for Reconciliation.

**SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION**

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**PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION**

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## Thinking about Coffee and Donuts After Mass? Let Us Know!

If you and your friends or group would like to host a coffee and donuts gather after Sunday Mass please let us know. Please call 503-256-5850 or email [info@stthereseor.org](mailto:info@stthereseor.org) so that we can help you set up. Coffee and donuts will be at the Parish Social Center (PSC) after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Expectations include:  
Opening and locking up of PSC  
Cleaning up of area and disposal of trash after the gathering  
Clean up of coffee pots and turning off coffee maker  
Purchase and picking up of donuts

DO NOT WORRY BE HAPPY



Jo'Anne Johnson  
Barb Miller  
Prayer requests of Constance Pelligrino  
Deceased members of St. Therese Women's Association  
For our widows and widowers missing their spouses  
Couples celebrating their anniversaries this month of April  
Parishioners celebrating their birthdays this month

Please include our Parish petitions in your prayers. Our strength is our prayers for one another! Please feel free to call the Parish 503-256-5850 or email [info@stthereseor.org](mailto:info@stthereseor.org) if you or would like to be included in our prayer list, or someone you know (with their permission).

### IMPORTANT DATES - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### Reception into The Catholic Church For Ken and Justin

Sunday Morning Mass, May 8, at 10:00 a.m.

#### Adult Confirmation For Jerreca and Elaine

Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral

#### First Communion St. Therese Students

Sunday Morning Mass, May 15, at 10:00 a.m.

#### Confirmation at St. Therese St. Rita and St. Therese

Wednesday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m.



The item of the month is **canned corn**. Please place food donations in the barrel located in the small entrance near the handicapped parking. All donations of non-perishable food are appreciated; if you have perishable or frozen food to donate please contact Shasta Hatter at 503-253-7566 to make arrangements. Thank you for your generosity.

**NOTE: Your response to SDVP's items of the month for February was overwhelming - they are well-stocked for at least a month. Thank you!**

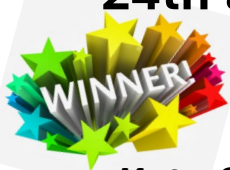


# It's Time For Fun!



St. Therese Women's Association and the Altar Society  
is sponsoring a Basket Raffle!

Tickets will be sold after Masses on April 23rd and  
24th and April 30th and May 1st for your chance to  
win one of the following baskets:



Kate Spade Dinnerware & a Bumpers Restaurant Gift Certificate

Fred Meyer Gift Card With Other goodies

Portland Florist Gift Card and Other Items

Saylor's Old Country Kitchen Steak Dinners and more fun items

Three Elmer's Restaurant baskets with family fun and treats

Italian Basket with Olive Garden Gift Card

Brewery Basket and Gift Card to Bridge City

Light it Up! Globe Lighting Gift card and other items

Asian Baskets Full of Fun

Parish Staff's Coffee, Chocolate and Tea Basket of Delights



Drawing will be held on May 22nd after Mass.  
You do not need to be present to win.

Saturday Vigil Mass is at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass is at 10:00 a.m.



## *Fr. Steve's Homily*

THE KENOSIS OF THE CROSS

APRIL 10, 2022



The third temptation of Christ was for him to be granted supreme control of all the kingdoms of the world in order that he might accomplish his messianic mission. This temptation is on display as Barabbas and Jesus stand with Pilate before the crowd. In which of these men will they choose to place their hope? Which one will they ask Pilate to free? Jesus is the one Son of God who though in the form of God refuses to grasp hold as though an owner thereof. This refusal comes at a price, for Jesus stands before Pilate with the power of escape but will not exercise it. Barabbas, whose name means 'son of the father', a common reference to the Messiah, is a revolutionary dedicated to the violent overthrow of the Romans. As opposed to Jesus, Satan has had his way with him for Barabbas has fallen hard for the lures of the third temptation.

In the great kenotic hymn of Philippians, which we heard read today, Jesus is revealed as the perfect icon of God. As such, the divine nature is unveiled not as one dedicated to seeking power but rather as being one most accurately manifested in self-emptying service. The incarnation referenced in the early part of the hymn is therefore not presented as an act of triumph, but as one of condescension and humility. In reflection of this reality, Christ's ministry will only reach its earthly hour in the humiliation of the crucifixion. The victory of the Lord's resurrection is hence only possible through the cross; through a voluntary suffering and death, on its face, promising nothing.

The implication of these mysteries for you and I as disciples of the Lord is radically and deeply profound. We are trained to believe that all real change must begin with our own exhaustive efforts at planning, control and execution. In fact, the opposite is true: the only model of transformative change available to us is not political, programmatic or therapeutic. Rather it is cruciform in shape and kenotic in action. Our only job is to get out of the way as we continue to surrender our will ever more completely to the Spirit of Christ with whom we have been anointed. He will lead us home, a journey that will of necessity involve time spent on Calvary.

## *Remembering Them in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus*

The St. Therese Women's Association has lost 17 women since December 1, 2019, just before covid struck. We have to the best of our knowledge only lost 1 to covid. Collectively they have contributed hundreds of hours to the Parish, financially supported the Parish and have been available for more than 50 years for service to St. Therese.

**Remy Agudelo** passed away on December 1, 2019. Immigrating from the Philippines, she was an active member of St. Patrick's Altar Guild and helped on coffee and doughnuts. She served on the Pastoral Council in recent years.F.

**Anna Rose Allais** passed in December, 2910. An active member of St. Patrick's Altar Guild she organized and maintained the Eucharistic Ministers who served the home bound and those in the nursing homes for many years. She also assisted in coffee and doughnuts. F.

**Patti Hills-Burtner** was an active member of St. Patrick's Altar Guild particularly in spiritual activities. Her children attended St. Therese grade school. She recently passed away. F. at St. James in Molalla current resident site.

**Patrcia Hamling** was an active member of the XYZ program and helped a lot on coffee and doughnuts. F. at Our Lady of the Lake, daughter current resident.

**Sharon Henderson** was a member of St. Therese Parish. Her husband was a popular maintenance manager before he passed away of cancer. Unknown

**Mary Carroll** was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Guild being instrumental in helping provide the wonderful raffle baskets for the Bazaar. Mary was active in the Parish Bridge Groups for decades. She and her husband Bill were instrumental in starting the XYZ senior group. She recently passed away. None

**Gail Hebert** was an active member of St Francis Altar Guild.. She helped to organized the annual Bazaar for many years and was instrumental in establishing its current format in the late 1980's. She helped the annual Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show by making and donating the beautiful centerpieces that were raffled off each year. Gail was an ardent worker at the 9:00am, first Sunday, coffee and doughnuts program for over a decade. Gail passed away last summer.F.

**Terri Munroe** was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Guild. At our last Spring Luncheon Terri was the very entertaining moderator for the Fashion Show. She passed away earlier this year.

**Barbara Netz** was an active member of St Patick's Altar Guild and of the 9:00am choir.

**Jean Olson** is a past president of the Women's Association, a former ACCW President and several other organizations. She was an active member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar Guild having served as President and recently working on the Bazaar raffle baskets. In recent years she organized the International Day celebration on Pentecost. She was an active XYZ member. Her children also attended St. Therese School. Jean passed away in 2020. F. at Our lady of the Lake, daughter's parish.

**Jean Pfeifer** was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Guild and served as an officer in the Women's Association. In years past she would host Bridge Games sponsored by the Women's Association even though she herself did not play. She and her husband, Donald, both passed away this year. F. elsewhere.

**Dorothy Rose** was a member of the St. Therese Women's Board and a past Guild member. She was also on the ACCW Board. She was the liaison for the ACCW. She was a leader in the XYZ senior group. She passed away in 2020 of covid, the only one that we know of that passed of covid at this time. None

**Joanne Scabery** was an active member of St. Patrick's Altar Guild. She was a member for several decades. She also assisted at coffee and doughnuts. Joanne passed away in 2020.F.

**Anne Schmidt** was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Guild for over 50 years. She was active in all aspects of parish life. She organized Bridge Games for over 45 years. She also participated in Dinner for Eight and was a member of the XYZ group. Anne passed away in December, 2021.F. at St. Rita's

**Thelma Striplan** just passed away the first of February. Her husband, Bill, passed away in November. She was an active member of St. Patrick's Altar Guild. F. at another Parish.

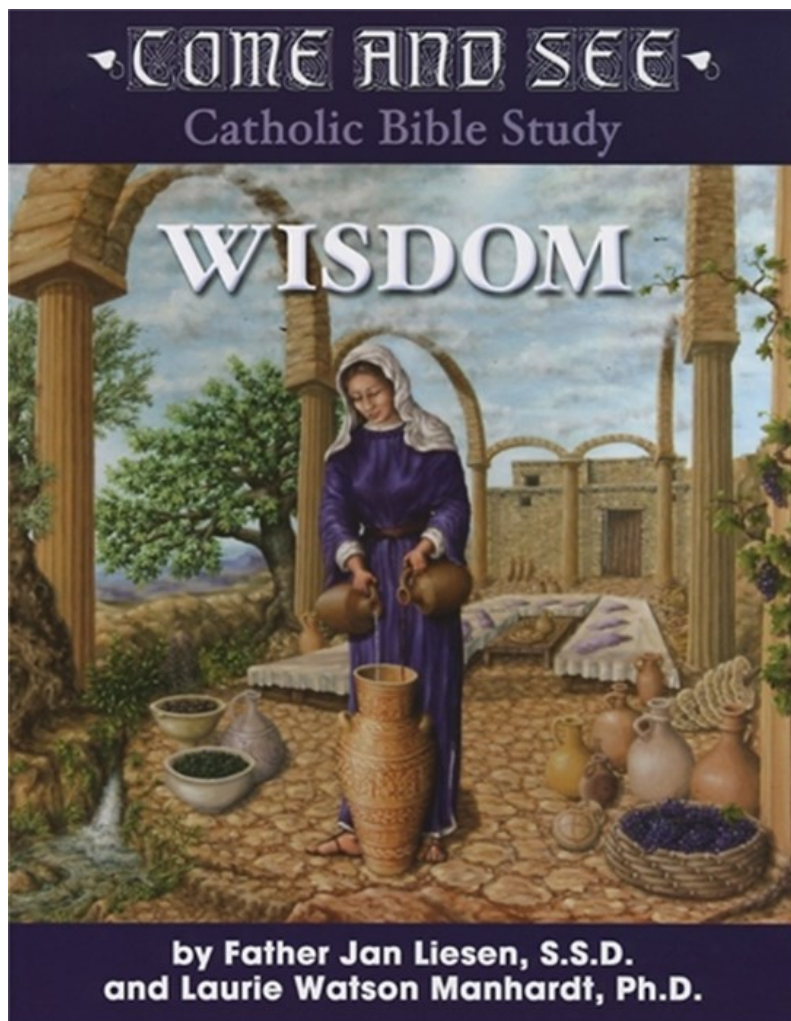
**School Corner:** Regular Sunday Mass goes Molly and Cathy support fellow teacher Justin, who will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on May 8th along with fellow Candidate Kenneth Hughes.



**Weekly Schedule of Masses and Intentions**

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Day	Date	Time	Observance	Mass Intention
Saturday	Apr 16	8:30 pm	The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night	Newly baptized
SUNDAY	Apr 17	10:00 am	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Missa pro populo
Monday	Apr 18			
Tuesday	Apr 19			
Wednesday	Apr 20	10:00 am	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Jack Curtis +
Thursday	Apr 21			
Friday	Apr 22			
Saturday	Apr 23	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Thelma Striplin +
SUNDAY	Apr 24	10:00 am	Sunday of Divine Mercy	Missa pro populo

## Come and See! An Invitation From the Tiny Group Who Just Finished the Genesis to Jesus Bible Study Program:



We just loved how the **Genesis to Jesus** Bible Study Program unlock the unwieldy and often confusing, misunderstood book called “Old Testament” and bring out its beauty and fullness. If you think you know Jesus without having to know about the Old Testament, you need to rethink and give the Old Testament a second look. Our group has realized that so we are getting together again on Fridays at 11:00 a.m. for **Come and See: Wisdom**.

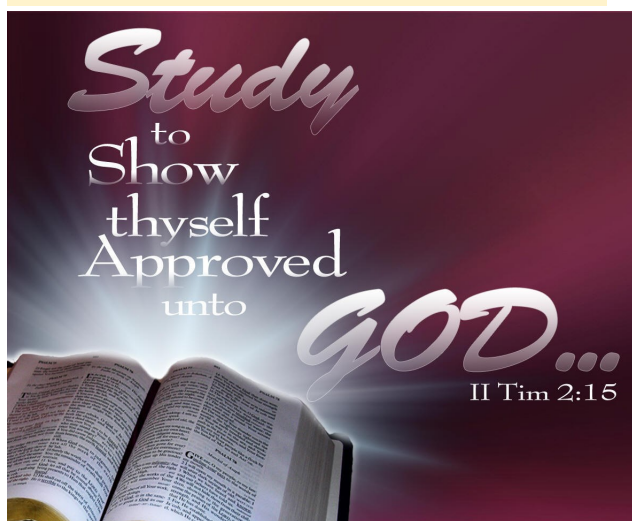
**Come and See: Wisdom** covers the Wisdom literature of the Bible found in the Old Testament:

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Song of Solomon, Wisdom, and Sirach.

Please come and see and join at least one meeting on Friday, April 22, at the PSC at 11:00 a.m.

From **Genesis to Jesus** is truly one different Bible Study that will show you how the Old Testament holds the key to our understanding of salvation history in a visually compelling narrative. You have to give it a try. We will be happy to run the program again for those who missed it the first time. Please call 503-256-5850 or email [info@stthereseor.org](mailto:info@stthereseor.org)

In this world where many voices claim to be authentic teachers of the Catholic Faith and authentic followers of the True Shepherd please continue to be mindful and vigilant so that you will not be led astray. Feel free to refer materials to Fr. Steve for his expert advice. Take advantage of any of the Bible Study Programs we have curated to increase in knowledge and wisdom and see how learning Sacred Scripture from an authentic Catholic perspective can be life-transforming. Call 503-256-5850 or email [stella@stthereseor.org](mailto:stella@stthereseor.org) to set up an hour for you or your friends for any or all of these programs. Engage the beauty and Truth of Sacred from the heart of the Church. Be sharp. Not everything popular leads to right.



“The true reading of Holy Scripture, is not only a literary phenomenon, not only reading a text. It is the movement of my existence. It is moving towards the Word of God in the human words.” - Pope Benedict XVI