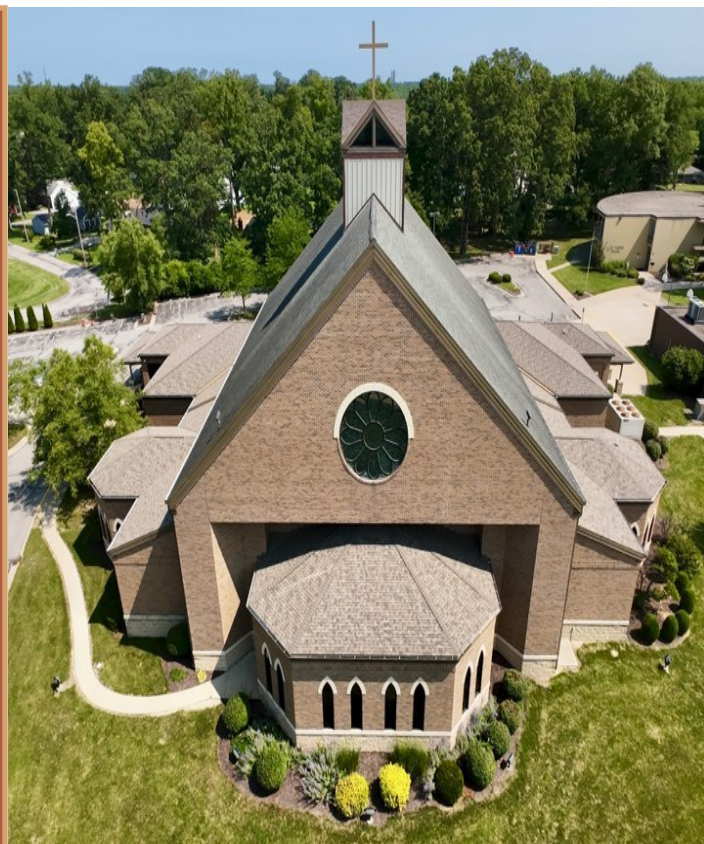


December 21, 2025

Welcome to St. Therese Catholic Church

*Our Mission is to Pursue the Way to
Do Even the Little Things with Great
Love and Demonstrate Our Catholic
Faith.*



Visitors !

Welcome to St. Therese Catholic Church . St. Therese established its roots over 70 years ago, when Father Herman Schoudel was assigned on Nov. 13, 1946, to begin plans for a parish that was to be located in Waynedale.

Please see our ushers if you are in need of assistance.

Restrooms are located on the right side of the church.

Information is located on the back table in the gathering space.

All Exits are marked.

Ministries

- ♦ Knights of Columbus
- ♦ Saint Vincent De Paul Society
- ♦ Flame of Love Cenacle
- ♦ Children's Liturgy
- ♦ St. Therese United for Life
- ♦ Men's Group
- ♦ St. Dymphna's Refuge
- ♦ Music Ministries
- ♦ Religious Education
- ♦ Youth Groups/Knights of the Holy Temple

Get in touch with us !

Phone 260-747-9139

2304 Lower Huntington Rd

Fort Wayne, IN 46819

secretary@sttheresefw.org

Website: www.sttheresefw.org

Father Glenn Kohrman
Pastor

Catechist Sisters
of St. Ann in India
Sr. Sangeetha Udumala
Sr. Roja Kondala
Sr. Dumala Rama Jyothi

Max Ortega
Deacon

Mass Times

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Tuesday/Thursday 5:30 pm

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00 am

1st Friday of the Month 5:30 pm

1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 am

Adoration

Thursday

6:00 –9:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Confession

Bible Study

Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am

Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm

First Saturday of the Month 11:00 am-11:50 am

Calendar

✧ MONDAY, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56 (198)
8:00 AM ✧ Mass for Cody and Lauren Waterman
8:30 AM Flame of Love Weekly Cenacle
7:00 PM OCIA
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

✧ TUESDAY, December 23

Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66 (199)
5:30 PM ✧ Mass for All the Souls in Purgatory

✧ WEDNESDAY, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 1b / Lk 1:67-79 (200)
6:00 AM Men's Group
8:00 AM ✧ Mass for Don and Carol Nagel Family
9:00 AM Bible Study
4:30 PM ✧ Mass for LeighAnn Marie Palmer
9:30 PM Office of Readings with Music
10:00 PM ✧ Mass for the People of the Parish

✧ THURSDAY, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6
9:00 AM ✧ Mass for Jim Fraizer

✧ FRIDAY, December 26

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22 (696)
8:00 AM ✧ Mass for Paul Gannon

✧ SATURDAY, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)
3:30 PM Confession (until 4:15)
4:30 PM ✧ Mass for Joan Kinder

✧ SUNDAY, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)
8:00 AM ✧ Mass for the People of the Parish
10:30 AM ✧ Mass for Ralph and Cecilia Trentadue

Our Parish Support

Weekly Collection December 13 and 14

Total Sunday Adult Collection	\$7,977.00
Utilities	\$
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$
Online Giving	\$2,360.50

Total from all Collections \$10,337.50

Talent Next Week

December 27 and 28

USHERS:

4:30 PM Dean Oxley, Mike Palmer, Skip Sandels, Maureen Ousley, Greg Bireley
8 AM Gordon Engquist and Volunteers
10:30 AM Marcos Romero and Volunteers

LECTORS:

4:30 PM Al Olry
8 AM Jennifer Engquist
10:30 AM Jamie Millhouse
Dec. 31 4:30pm
Jan. 1 9:00am Kevin Gorney

SERVERS:

4:30 PM Ashley Ramirez
8 AM Lincoln Schafer, Sophia Schafer and Victoria Engquist
10:30 AM Templars, Ella Derck, Andres Romero

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

4:30 PM Lisa Palmer, Elaine Shearer
8 AM Abby Engquist, Kim Wyss, Erna Springer
10:30 AM Barb Smith, Bill DeVinney, Terry Tescula, Deb Layson
Dec. 31 4:30pm Lisa Palmer
Jan. 1 9:00am Kevin Gorney

MONEY COUNTERS: Team 3

LINENS: Jean McCammant

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the 4:30pm and 8am weekend Masses, except at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and Christmas

Liturgy and Stewardship

2304 Lower Huntington Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46819
(260) 747-9139
www.sttheresefw.org

Sacrament & Other Information

Registration

We welcome all new members!
To register in our parish, please phone, email or stop by the Parish Office.

Baptism

Parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation class offered by appointment. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class or for further information.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office to meet with Fr. Glenn Kohrman six months to a year in advance to begin preparation and confirm a date.

Bulletin Announcements

All announcements must be delivered in writing (email, dropped off or faxed) to the Parish Office by **noon on Monday** of the week it is to run. Deadlines for holiday weeks will be posted in the bulletin. Announcements may be edited for space or content.

Email: secretary@sttheresefw.org

Food Bank Hours:

Thursdays 10:00am - Noon
(Must live in 46809, 46819, 46798, 46777, or 46783 zip codes)
Operated by volunteers through the
Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St Therese

Regular Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7am - 4pm; Wednesday 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Parish Council

Chairperson: Bruce Hall
Dean Oxley Matt Simerman
Ken Metz Michelle Downing
Jeanne Nes David Eckert
Yesenia Nevarez
Sandy Simerman

Finance Council

Chairperson: Kim Wyss
Skip Sandels
Deb Perrine
Eric Dorman

Building and Grounds

Contact: Greg Rockstroh
(260) 747-0210
gs_rockstroh@yahoo.com
Knights of Columbus Council
#9460

Grand Knight:
Larry Stoffel
260-432-4689
lwstoffel@gmail.com
Saint Vincent de Paul
President: Tony Rahrig
Assistance Line Voice Mail:
(260) 747-9130

St. Therese United for Life
Contact: Janeann Perkins
(260) 433-1686
janeann.perkins@outlook.com
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Main Contact: Heidi Williams
Terry Tescula
Loretta Watkins

Mass intention requests

may be scheduled on the parish website sttheresefw.org or at the parish office. The requested stipend is \$10 per Mass. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 747-9139.

Prayer Line:

Dee Malott 747-9543
Ginny Uecker 747-3317

Chapel:

open 8am to Dusk
(hours may vary)

YouTube Link:[https://](https://www.youtube.com/)
www.youtube.com/

Business Administrator:

Amy Carsten
secretary@sttheresefw.org

Music Director:

Beverly Rieger
sttheresemusic@gmail.com

Parish Information

Fr. Glenn's Pen – 45h Sunday of Advent – Year A

Many years ago, probably about 25, I was talking to a young man who had attended the same public school that I had attended in the late 70's and early 80's. Somehow we got on the topic of religion. He was quick to share that he was taught that all religions have their "resurrection myths". Implying that there was nothing really unique about the Christian story. I fear this was the seed that led this person away from the faith. Many young people were drawn away from Christianity by the secular educational system. Even in my day some of the Catholic Schools did not seem to grasp the importance of their singular mission to proclaim the Good News of Christ. I was brought up in a family that never took faith for granted. I recall when we would have company, the standard parting greeting was, "Keep the faith!" When I was a young child, one of the priests was visiting our home and as he was leaving I said "Keep the faith!"; my family was aghast that I said that to a priest! I know firsthand that priests especially need to hear such a greeting. Faith has been under assault!

Advent is a time for us to focus on the great mystery of our faith. It is not just like any other religion; it has tremendously strong historical provenance. Genesis 3:15, known as the protoevangelium – the first Gospel, after the fall, God spoke to Satan and said, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, your offspring and hers. You will strike at their heel, and they will crush your head!" The pronouns in Hebrew are tricky, sometimes it is translated that "you will strike at her heel, and she will crush your head", others say, "you will strike at His heel and He will crush your head". It is impossible to tell from the Hebrew, so the translation I used was from a Jewish translation of the Old Testament.

We hear many other prophecies that speak of the coming Messiah in the line of David. I do not believe there is any other world religious figure that has anything like the prophecies concerning Jesus. Isaiah actually gives this child a name that literally means, "God is with us!"

Paul reminds the Romans that Jesus came not only from the David line but came to bring all people together, Jew and Gentile alike. In the Gospel we hear about the birth of Jesus and how God let Joseph know that all is well. We hear Joseph described as a "righteous man". We do not have even one word from Joseph in the Bible, but this description says a lot. A Jewish rabbi had a friend who was a priest and read this account about Joseph to be "just". He commented that this describes possibly a certain kind of Jewish man, "a Zedek", "a just one." He noted that sometimes such a man had dedicated his life to study and may have made a Deuteronomic vow, which sometimes included celibacy. He would have likely known several languages, possibly Egyptian, quite handy for the flight into Egypt. Nonetheless, God uses us all to share this good news which truly has singular historical provenance. Come Lord Jesus Come! Maranatha!

Parish Council 11/25/2025

Synod— all dates are signed up and very good attendance

School update— Capital Campaign being launched

SGO status- 31,000 in the fund

Bishop's Appeal—Goal reached 50,887.50

Discipleship Quads—start in lent

Alumni reunion dinner— in the works

Parish Directory—working on the direction of the project

Campus Buildings Update: Sister's Chapel still in process of completing

December 21, 2025



Parish and Community Events

Sign up for Synod 2026

Sign up Sheets are in the gathering space

Dec 11, Thursday 7pm-8:30 pm Closing Benediction

Dec. 18, Thursday 7pm-8:30pm Closing Benediction

Jan 17, Saturday (after Mass) 5:30pm-7:00pm
Closing Benediction

Jan 18, (after Mass) 11:30am-1:00pm
Closing Benediction

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All Sessions will be in the
parish hall

Volunteers needed for the Live Nativity

January 4, 2025

7pm

Looking for 3 kings, 6 shepherds, and
6 angels. Families welcome!



Call the office if you can help or
email

secretary@sttheresefw.org



Saint Vincent de Paul had it's annual Mass at St Therese Catholic Church with Bishop Kevin Rhoades celebrating the Mass. We had 9 servers on this Saturday morning from our school and parish students. Special thank you to Beverly Reiger, our choir, and servers, for making this a beautiful Mass.
Servers: Sophia Schafer, Olivia Koerner, Jackson Koerner, Zach Koerner, Drew Miller, Andres Romero, Michael Gutierrez, Osvaldo Lopez and Angel Hernandez

Cupertino Classic

ENCOUNTER VOCATIONS.
ENJOY THE GAME.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL | FORT WAYNE

TIPOFF 6:30 P.M. | FREE ADMISSION

JOIN BISHOP RHOADES FOR ADORATION AND MASS
LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TOGETHER AS A DIOCESE!
ADORATION 3 - 4 P.M. | MASS 4 P.M.

ORATORY (CHAPEL) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS
2701 SPRING STREET | FORT WAYNE, IN 46808

DIOCESEFWB.ORG/CUPERTINO

Parish and Community Events

Synod Information:

If you need to change your date or cancel for the Synod, please contact Linda Thomas 260-433-8288 Or the church office 260-747-9139

Golf Outing Sponsor of the week :



All are invited to our annual **Epiphany Concert** on Sunday evening, January 4 at 7PM. This concert will present music of the Christmas Season and also a Live Nativity. Featured musicians are David Ling on violin, Allen Goebbert on organ, soloists, concert choir, and instrumentalists from St. Therese under the direction of Beverly Rieger. This concert is free of charge, but we will take up a free will offering to benefit the St. Therese School. A reception will follow the concert. All are welcome!



No Potluck dinner January 2, 2026
Take the month off!
St. Therese Catholic Church

SERVERS NEEDED for Weekend Mass

Serving is open for 5th grade-High School.

Please call the office to be added to the list for training or to be on the Sunday rotation.
260-747-9139

Euchre Tournament

January 10, 2025

6pm

Parish Hall

Bring your own snacks

Concessions with pop and water



The Confraternity of Penitents invites you to view 50 small Nativity Sets on display through Epiphany at Mary's Glen Spiritual Healing Chapel, 2514 Reynolds Street, Fort Wayne. Open 9 to 5 daily. No admission. See www.MarysGlen.com



Through the love of Jesus Christ, we will be faithful, productive, and responsible citizens.

St. Therese School Mission Statement

St. Therese School Vision Statement

The vision of Saint Therese School is to develop within our students attitudes, behaviors, and skills that will support them academically and socially, which will develop caring and respectful citizens.

SCHOOL NEWS

St Therese Catholic School
Spirit Wear Store
Link to store open NOW !!
Visit either of the following links
<https://www.stthereseschoolfw.org>
<https://st-therese-catholic-school.spiritsale.com>



ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR P/U AT THE SCHOOL

Check out our new school video !
Located on both websites school and church
stthereseschoolfw.org
sttheresefw.org



Our Lady of
Fatima statue is
coming to
St. Therese School

Sign up at the
school office and
get on the list!!

Students are allowed to have
Mary for one week at their
home.

Picking up at the All Schools Mass on Friday
and returning the next All Schools Mass on
Friday

St. Therese Catholic
School
260-747-2343
2222 Lower Huntington
Rd

Bishop Luers Girls Basketball Feeder School Night – Friday, January 9 at 6pm vs. Concordia. Feeder school girls basketball athletes get in free if they wear their jersey! Activities include photo opportunities with Lu the Knight and a poster signing after the game.
Bishop Luers NEW Freshman Registration – Opens Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 8am. Applications can be submitted online at www.bishopluers.org. Questions – contact Jenny Andorfer at 260-456-1261 ext. 3051.

Bishop Luers NEW Family Financial Aid/Tuition Meeting – Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30pm in the Bishop Luers Media Center. Families NEW to Bishop Luers can learn more about financial aid opportunities (scholarships, School Choice and more) and the tuition payment plans available. This meeting is strictly for parents; no students need attend. The presentation will be given simultaneously in Spanish as well in Room 122.

Food Bank Needs for November/December

1. Boxed Potatoes
2. Stuffing
3. Knorr Sides
4. Jiffy Mixes
5. Jello and Jello Pudding
6. Canned Fruit

Food Bank Needs Always

1. Peanut Butter
2. Shampoo
3. Tooth Paste
4. Bars of Soap
5. Deodorant
6. Canned Vegetables

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School Principal:
Mrs. Michelle Dellinger
mdellinger@sttheresefw.org

Hours: Monday-Friday
7:30am-3:30pm
closed June and July

School Secretary:
Mrs. Elda Oberley
eoberley@sttheresefw.org

