

December 28, 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](http://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 29

*Saint Thomas Becket*

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35 (202)

8:00 AM ✧ Mass for Paul Gannon

8:30 AM Flame of Love Weekly Cenacle

7:00 PM OCIA

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### ✧ TUESDAY, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40 (203)

5:30 PM ✧ Mass for Matthew Harber

### ✧ WEDNESDAY, December 31

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 the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Bible Study

4:30 PM ✧ Mass for Michael Kinder Jr

### ✧ THURSDAY, January 1

*The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21 (18)

9:00 AM ✧ Mass for Tony Saine

### ✧ FRIDAY, First Friday January 2

*Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28 (205)

8:00 AM ✧ Mass for Paul and Mary Holicky

5:30 PM ✧ Mass for Faith Purkiser

No Potluck Dinner

6:00 PM 2nd of the Month Rosary (in your home)

### ✧ SATURDAY, First Saturday January 3

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

1 Jn 2:29-3; 6 / Jn 1:29-34 (206)

9:00 AM ✧ Mass for Mike Pilarski Family

9:30 AM Exposition (until 12:00)

11:00 AM Confession (until 11:50)

3:30 PM Confession (until 4:15)

4:30 PM ✧ Mass for Janet Oxley

### ✧ SUNDAY, January 4

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 (20)

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 All The Souls in Purgatory

7:00 PM Epiphany Concert

## Our Parish Support

### Weekly Collection December 20 and 21

Total Sunday Adult Collection	\$
Utilities	\$
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	\$
Online Giving	\$

Total from all Collections \$ No Data

## Talent Next Week

January 3 and 4

### USHERS:

4:30 PM Dean Oxley, Mike Palmer, Skip Sandels, Maureen Ousley, Greg Bireley

8 AM Kevin Koehl and Volunteers

10:30 AM Anita Ellert and Shayla Greenman and Volunteers

### LECTORS:

4:30 PM Vicki Jacobs

8 AM Kim Waterman

10:30 AM Bill DeVinney

### SERVERS:

4:30 PM Ashley Ramirez

8 AM Alex Kramer, Allison Kramer

10:30 AM Templars, Olivia Koerner

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

4:30 PM Lisa Palmer, Mick Palmer, Bri Bohnstedt

8 AM Annette Kramer, Steven Kramer, Kim Thomas, Barbara Cantwell

10:30 AM Michelle Downing, Kevin Gorney, Amy Carsten, Pete Duran

### MONEY COUNTERS: Team 3

### LINENS: Loretta Watkins

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the 4:30pm and 8am weekend

Masses, except at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and Christmas

2304 Lower Huntington Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46819  
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[www.sttheresefw.org](http://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](mailto: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  
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[gs\\_rockstroh@yahoo.com](mailto:gs_rockstroh@yahoo.com)  
**Knights of Columbus Council**  
**#9460**

Grand Knight:  
Larry Stoffel  
260-432-4689  
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**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](mailto: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](http://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://www.youtube.com/>

#### Business Administrator:

Amy Carsten  
[secretary@sttheresefw.org](mailto:secretary@sttheresefw.org)

#### Music Director:

Beverly Rieger  
[sttheresemusic@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresemusic@gmail.com)

## Parish Information

### Fr. Glenn's Pen – The Feast of the Holy Family

We have just celebrated the glorious feast of Our Lord's birth into the world. God has revealed Himself in the flesh! In this first weekend after Christmas and before the Epiphany, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. God chose to reveal Himself in the context of a human family. This family is the model for us to emulate. In His Sacred Scriptures God had given us real instruction on what such a family would look like!

The first reading from Sirach gives us the attitudes which each family member is to aspire. The challenge is that we are all free creatures and we fail to accept the grace God gives us to live up to these ideals. A father is "set in honor over his children; a mother's authority He confirms over her sons." We are called to have profound reverence for our parents, and if we do so he or she "atones for sins". One thing that our parents gave us is life, our life was brought about in cooperation with God's providence. No matter how perfect or imperfect our parents may be, we must honor them. Foolishly as a youth I thought, "Why doesn't the world constantly improve? We can learn from the mistakes our parents made and not make them!" Well, children do not come with an instruction manual as to how to take care of them! Each human is so different. In fact, I really appreciate what Fr. Spitzer says in his book, *The Souls upward yearning for Transcendence*, - something to the effect, "every human being is a universe unto themselves" He goes on to suggest that the "physics" aka science will work in another galaxy should we be able to travel there some day, but each human operates under their own universal laws. Make no mistake, there are commonalities, but everyone is unique. At some point in our life we have to ask ourselves the question, "Do I follow Christ because my parents did?" or "Do I follow Christ because I believe He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life".

Paul enjoins the Colossians to put into practice the implications of following Christ. "Put on ... heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must do!" ... above all "put on love, that is the bond of perfection". To walk the virtuous life, we must strive to gain custody of our thoughts. I enjoin you to beg to respond to the grace God gives you, in the way that He wants you to respond to that grace! I try and pray for this everyday in my personal prayer. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he enjoins spouses to "subjugate" yourselves to one another. Christians are called to a life of service. All vocations epitomize service in different ways. In marriage this "subjugation" must be mutual. Both spouses must truly discern what is best for the other. John Paul II had deep insight on how this can be done in what is called his "Theology of the Body".

Here is my "nickel" summary of it. We all want three things, pleasure, possessions, and power! The war rages within us to be either the person of lust, or the person who is pure of heart. The person of lust wants pleasure, possessions and power in a narcissistic self-serving way. The person with a pure heart wants to bring pleasure to their spouse, use their possessions to serve God and neighbor, and to use their authority in a way that benefits those who are subject to it. May we strive for this purity of heart!

The Holy family models how we should live our lives. May we respond to God's grace and do it!

### Donations Needed for the Epiphany Concert

The reception is following the Jan. 4th Epiphany concert. If parishioner's could bring treats to share at the reception, it would be greatly appreciated.

You can drop off at the parish hall after each Mass that weekend or before the concert.

Concert is at 7pm

Thank you !!



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## Parish and Community Events

### Sign up for Synod 2026

Sign up Sheets are in the gathering space

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

Closing Benediction

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

Closing Benediction

St Therese Catholic Church  
2304 Lower Huntington Rd  
sttheresefw.org  
260-747-9139

All Sessions will be in the  
parish hall



**CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES**

FORT WAYNE + SOUTH BEND

where **hope** begins

Parents were able to shop for **181 children**, and on Tuesday, another **82 children** were served. We are welcoming our final families as they select and wrap gifts—gifts chosen with love, dignity, and pride because of you.

Thank you for making this moment happen. Your generosity didn't just provide gifts—it restored hope, strengthened families, and reminded parents that they are not alone.

Thank you to our St. Therese Families  
Thank you to our school students for making the ornaments for the tree and Jessica Stouder for working on the project!

### Saint Vincent de Paul News

Robert Felicichia received the Saint Vincents de Paul Top Hat Award!  
Thank you for all of the work you do !



### *Art Exhibition*

*February 07, 2026*

*St. Therese Parish Hall*

*6:00pm*

*21 and older event*

*10.00 entry fee*

*appetizers included*

*Hatfield and Sons*

*Cocktails*

*for purchase.*



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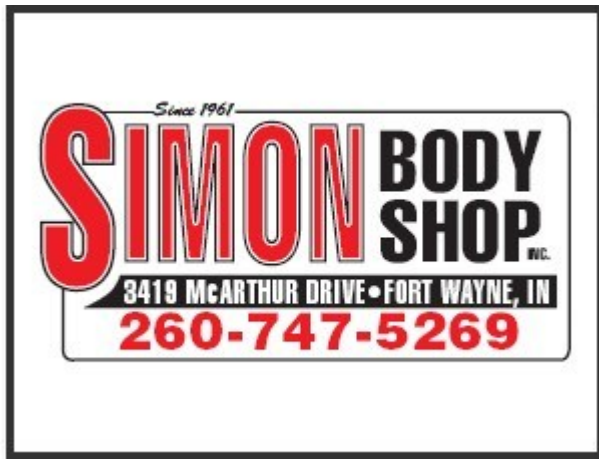
2222 Lower Huntington Rd 46819  
call 260-747-9139 for more information

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### 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!



### Congrats to Ms. Sarah Paris

St. Therese Catholic School Art/Music Teacher, on her fantastic Christmas program. More clips to come !  
The students did a great job.

### **Euchre Tournament**

**January 10, 2025  
6pm  
Parish Hall**

**Bring your  
own snacks**

**Concessions  
with pop  
and water**





## St. Therese School Mission Statement

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

## 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

Greetings Saint Therese Family,

We have just wrapped up another semester, and I am so happy with all of the great things occurring in our school. We were blessed the last week of school with a beautiful Christmas program put together by Sarah Paris our Art/Music teacher. She started a performing arts class this year with the middle school and students were putting their newly learned skills on display. More and more students are becoming interested in these programs, and we hope to grow it next year. We thank all of the people that participated in helping with this program.

Also, Cub Scouts will not be meeting again until January 6th. I highly suggest that you take a look at our program, even if you do not have kids who attend Saint Therese. We are working on growing this pack so we can do fun activities and outings. We are planning an ice-skating trip soon.

As we are all wrapping up at the end of 2025, I believe it is important to look at all that we have accomplished this year, and what we hope to accomplish in the New Year. This year, we have seen the growth of many of the clubs that we have to offer, we have interest in doing more activities with families, and we have started down the path of getting state funding for our PK.

At the start of the New Year, we have a plan in place to begin a multi-tiered system of support for our students for ELA and Math. This will help students who are behind and struggling catch up on the missing knowledge needed to be successful at their current grade level. This support system will also help our students on their test scores and for some challenge them to go beyond their grade level. I am confident that this will show students that learning can be fun, meaningful, and individualized.

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and is looking forward to what the New Year will bring.

Walk in Love,

Michelle Dellinger  
Principal

**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](http://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 January/February

1. Spaghetti Sauce
2. Soup
3. Egg Noodles
4. Paper Towels
5. Shampoo
6. Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes

### 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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7:30am-3:30pm  
closed June and July

**School Secretary:**  
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