

St. Therese Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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Deadline : Tues. by noon

Parish Office Hours

Mon- Thursday: 9:00 am -4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday :CLOSED

Mass Assignments

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day) 5:30 pm

Lector:

10:00 am Donna
5:30 pm Natalie

EOM:

10:00 am Donna, Barb
5:30 pm Rich, Natalie

Servers :

10:00 am Please Volunteer
5:30 pm John M.

Weekend: January 3 & 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

Lectors:

5:30 pm Natalie
10:00 am Cathy

Extra Ordinary Ministers:

5:30 pm Juli, John, Natalie
10:00 am John, Russ, Steve W

Servers:

5:30 pm Donna, Grace
10:00 am Andrew, Nathan

Ushers:

5:30 pm Rich, Larry, Barb, Bob
10:00 am (Group 4) John, Carol,
Ross, Annika

Mass Schedule

Dec. 30, Tuesday

Confession 7:30 am / Mass 8:00 am
+ Pat Stehly

Dec 31, Wednesday

5:30 pm + Donna Grzywacz

Jan. 1, Thursday (Holy Day)

10:00 am +Mary Helen Wrycha

5:30 pm + AL & Florence Holewinski

Jan. 3, Saturday

Confession 10:00 am / Mass 5:30 pm
+ Souls in Purgatory

Jan. 4, Sunday

Confession 9:30 am / Mass 10:00 am
+Special Intension for the Juonie Family

Santuary Lamp

January 4 -10 + Mary Helen Wrycha

Adoration

There will be no Adoration from Dec.

23rd - Jan 6th. Adoration will resume Jan. 7th. If you would like to volunteer for adoration, please call Janet Juonie:
715-573-0134

Religious Education

DRE: Steve Martin

officeofreligouseducation@ sttheresecc.org

Faith Formation /CCD classes are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

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Saint Therese Parish

Pastor's Message

By Fr. Janusz Kowalski

Holy Family Sunday 2025

Today's liturgy presents us with the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In the Gospel, we observe two fragments from the account of Jesus' childhood according to Saint Matthew: the flight to Egypt—when Herod decided to find the newborn King of Israel and kill Him—and the Holy Family's return to the land of Israel, to Mary's town, Nazareth. In this passage, St. Matthew shows us both the drama unfolding over Jesus' life and the reality of everyday existence and duties. Everything is fulfilled according to the prophecies announced centuries ago. Egypt, by contrast, becomes a place of refuge and life for the Messiah. From there, as we hear, God calls Him to return to the land of Israel. This calling is meant to lead to the redemption of the chosen people, as well as the pagan world.

Let us look at the situation the Holy Family found themselves in. "Go to Egypt," Joseph heard, "protect the child and His mother." What would you do now if God told you: "Tonight you must leave for Europe with your family to save them"? Or perhaps a family is too much—what would you do if God asked you this individually? Would you leave your own home, your homeland? Surely, such a decision and an actual departure would face great difficulties.

The question arises: does this Gospel fragment still say something to me? I ask because our lives are secured by so many things that it would be difficult to make such an immediate decision. The message conveyed in today's Gospel is difficult but also very simple: are you able to trust God and place your life and your family's life in His hands? Regardless of what dark clouds are gathering over you, your family, or your marriage?



Parish Announcements

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Fr. Janusz, Fr. Balraj and the parish office staff want to wish our St. Therese family a very Blessed Christmas!



From the beginning, nothing seemed to go smoothly: Mary is with child, and Joseph intends to dismiss her. They must go to Bethlehem to be enrolled—Mary is about to give birth. There is no room in Bethlehem. They go to a nearby cave. Herod is hunting for Jesus' life. In the middle of the night, they must set off for Egypt. This is a constant starting from scratch. However, we can look at it differently: it is a constant starting... from God. Let us reflect for a moment: how many times has God called me to change, to do something for someone or for myself? How many times did He want the best for me? What was my answer? It didn't add up on my calculator or match my plans. Yet, whenever I listened to You, O God, I learned Your wisdom!

Today, your heart may be filled with fear of the unknown, of what awaits: bad news from a doctor, job insecurity, poor relationships at work, at home, in the family, or in marriage. Look at the Holy Family; see how they trusted God.

TRIP TO CROATIA

Join Father Janusz on a trip to Croatia. Mark your calendar for June 15 - 26, 2026 (12 days and 10 nights). He will be visiting Medugorje, the site where visionaries first claimed to see the Blessed Mother in 1981. There will be time for meditation, praying and Mass. Other cities visited will feature museums, national park, an abbey, a mosque and the beautiful coastline of the Adriatic Sea.

For more information contact Father via email: frjktrips@gmail.com or call St. Therese Parish Office at 715-359-2421.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Fr. Janusz would like to meet with all servers, adult and youth, on Dec 30th at 3:00 pm. Please meet in the Church.

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December 21, 2025

	Collection	Mailed
Tithing	\$ 2,991.00	\$ 3,842.00
Offertory	\$ 355.00	\$ 65.76
Children Envelopes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Voltes	\$ 36.00	\$ 0.00
Christmas Floral Tribute	\$ 110.00	\$ 250.00
Christmas	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,275.00
Retired Religious Appeal	\$ 550.00	\$ 100.00
Music	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
CAPEX	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,500.00
Church Upkeep	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Circle of Joy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Credit Card Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
ACH Tithing	\$ 578.81	\$ 0.00
SUB	\$ 4,670.81	\$ 18,282.76
TOTAL		\$ 22,953.57

Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX)

Current total to date is \$ 71,168.50



Inspired By The Spirit Campaign
Campaign Goal: \$ 520,000.00
Amount Received: \$ 483,467.67
We are at 92.97% of our Goal

Diocesan Annual Appeal	
Target Goal	\$ 71,870.00
Amount Collected	\$ 18,949.00
TOTAL Under Goal	\$ 52,921.00



Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 1st Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 10:00 am & 5:30 pm

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God celebrates Mary's special place in God's plan. It honors her as the mother of Jesus, who is both fully human and fully God. This feast reminds us that through her yes, God entered our world to bring love, mercy, and peace.

This day invites us to reflect on the deep connection between Mary and her Son. Her trust in God shows the beauty of faith and obedience. She cared for Jesus with a mother's love, guiding Him in His early years. Her example encourages us to welcome God's work in our own lives with the same openness.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as the magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

Gold — a symbol of wealth and power, identifies the recipient as a king.

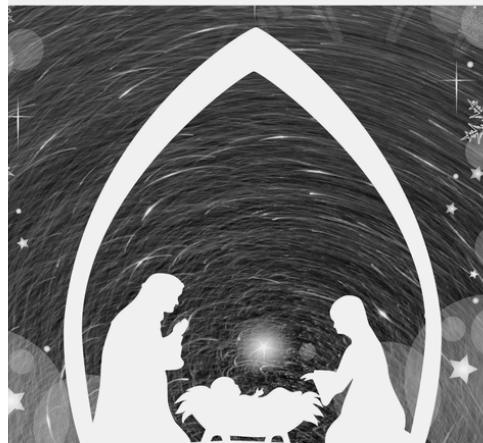
Frankincense — the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering, is symbolic of prayer.

Myrrh — another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child—so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death.

Epiphany kits will be available at all entrances of the church on January 3rd and 4th. Please take one and bless your home together as a family.

Newman Catholic Schools

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the students and staff at Newman Catholic Schools.



Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Requests

Mass intentions and Sanctuary lamp openings are available for 2026. Please call or stop in the parish office to sign up if you would like to remember a loved one in a Mass.

Parish Potluck

Reminder: We will **NOT** have parish potluck in the months of November or December. Potluck will resume the 4th Thursday in January at noon.

LFC



President Janet Juonie 715-573-0134

St. Therese Circle of Joy food pantry is open. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call Barb at 715-359-4845. We appreciate your donations, please double check expiration dates, we can not use anything with expired best buy dates. Thank you!

From the Diocese

What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall? Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what it means to "pivot from maintenance to mission."



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WINNER

Calendar Winners

Tues., December 23rd
Jacci P. from Weston

Faith Formation

There are no faith formation classes this week. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 14th.

Breakfast



Breakfast is served every 1st and 3rd Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. Join us for great food and fellowship. Free will offering is accepted. Pierogis and sausage will be available for purchase. They are always available for purchase in the parish office.



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Meetings on the first Monday
of the month Sept—April
6:30 Rosary meeting to follow



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