

St. Therese Parish

113 W Kort Street, Rothschild

Second Sunday of Lent



Mass Schedule

March 3, Tuesday

Confession 7:30 am / Mass 8:00 am
+ Tammy Dryer

March 4, Wednesday

Confession 7:30 am/ Mass 8:00 am
+ Ethel Zurakowski & Beverly Heinrich

March 5, Thursday (Rennes)

Mass 11:00 am

+Lattyak, Myers & Florek families

March 6, Friday (During Lent)

Confession 11:30 am/ Mass Noon
+Al & Florence Holewinski

March 7, Saturday

Confession 10:00 am / Mass 5:30 pm

The Parish Family

March 8, Sunday

Confession 9:30 am / Mass 10:00 am
+Donald & Arlene Mullen

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715-574-0598

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bulletin@sttheresecc.org

Deadline:Tues. by noon

Mass Assignments

Weekend: March 7 & 8
Third Sunday of Lent

Lectors:

5:30 pm Pat

10:00 am Cathy

Extraordinary Ministers:

5:30 pm Renee & Bill, Jim, Pat

10:00 am Liz, Peter, Russ, Scott

Servers:

5:30 pm Donna, Grace

10:00 am Andrew, Nathan

Ushers:

5:30 pm Rich, Larry, Bob, Barb

10:00 am (Group 4) John & Carol,

Ross, Annika

Prayer Chain

Call Linda Narloch : 715-355-1806

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm

Every Sunday during Lent after the
10:00 am Mass

Sanctuary Lamp

March 1 - 7 +Arlene Mullen

Religious Education

DRE: Steve Martin

officeofreligiouseducation@sttheresecc.org

Faith Formation /CCD classes are

Wednesday evenings from

6:30 pm-7:45 pm

Pastor's Message

By Fr. Janusz Kowalski

Second Sunday of Lent |Year A| 2026

During the season of Lent, the Church invites us to ascend two distinct mountains: Tabor and Golgotha. The first is a mountain of joy and hope; the second is the mountain of the Cross. Both are essential to our faith. Together, they reveal a profound truth: while it is difficult to accept suffering and the cross while maintaining joy, it is precisely through the toil of the cross that we arrive at the radiant joy of the Resurrection. Human life is inherently unpredictable. Despite our best efforts to plan, we inevitably encounter both what we desire and what we dread. In choosing to walk with Jesus, we consent to His presence on every path. We follow the One who was transfigured to give us hope, just as we will be called to the Garden of Olives to keep watch with Him in His agony. There, we may face experiences of darkness, abandonment, and the sense of futility that arises when all seems lost.

The Necessity of Mount Tabor

It is for this reason that we need Mount Tabor. In today's Gospel of Matthew 17:1-9, we witness an extraordinary convergence: Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah, the Father's voice thunders from heaven, and the apostles stand in bewildered helplessness. St. Peter, overwhelmed by a glory he has never before known, wishes to freeze the moment. He seeks to build three tents, hoping to create a permanent sanctuary of safety. However, this desire can become a spiritual trap. By attempting to confine God's glory to the mountaintop, Peter inadvertently limits the divine presence. While Peter says, "It is good that we are here," Jesus teaches that **God is everywhere and dwells within every human person.**

The Path to Jerusalem

Having departed from Caesarea Philippi, Jesus is now resolutely on the path to Jerusalem to face His death. This mountaintop revelation mirrors Moses' ascent of Mount Sinai to receive the Decalogue. The presence of Elijah further fulfills the prophecy of Malachi, who spoke of the prophet returning to turn hearts back to God before the "great and terrible day of the Lord."

Following this encounter, the prophets depart, and Jesus remains alone with His disciples. The moment of majesty fades into the return to everyday life.

Why the Transfiguration?

Jesus orchestrated this event on Mount Tabor to **strengthen the apostles** in their vocation. With Jerusalem and the reality of the Cross looming, He allowed them to experience a "glimpse of glory" so that they might not lose heart when the darkness of the Passion arrived. Today, Jesus extends this same invitation to us. He calls us to Tabor to fortify our spirits, offering Himself as our strength during our most arduous trials.

Parish Announcements

Holy Thursday: Looking for 12 great volunteers (Male, Adults) for Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 2nd. Mass time begins at 6:00 PM. Why do we do these special events for the Holiest Week of the Year? Holy Thursday is the Gateway to the Easter Triduum and commemorates the Last Supper when the Eucharist was instituted, the priesthood bestowed upon the 12 Apostles, and Jesus expected the Apostles to continue the ministry of the Eucharist. Washing of feet is to show us to serve one another. Disciples are to love one another as Christ loved. Can you be one of these great Apostles for St. Therese? Call into the Office and more information 715-359-2421

PEW REPAIR/RE-FINISHING

Please consider helping donate to the pew refinishing project. We have established a separate capital account for any donations to help defray costs, hoping not to have to borrow. Any amount you can afford to donate would be appreciated. Checks/donations can be made out to St. Therese Parish, ATTN: Pew Repair. Reports on our monetary progress will be in our Bulletin.

From Silence to Song: Be Part of Our Easter Choir!

After a long silence, our church choir is finding its voice again—and we'd love for you to be part of this beautiful new beginning. We're starting fresh with the Easter season, a time of hope, renewal, and joy. Whether you've sung in choirs before or simply love to lift your voice in praise, this is your chance to join us for a short, meaningful season of music. Try it out for Easter and see where God leads from there. For more information, contact Lynn at 715-527-1903.



Lent 2026

Every Friday during Lent (Feb 20 - March 27)

Confession at 11:30, Mass at noon

Lenten Lunch in Church Hall to follow Mass

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm and after the

Sunday 10:00 Mass.

Friday Lenten Lunch hosted by:

Feb. 20th The Breakfast Committee

Feb. 27th The Little Flower Council

March 6th Mary's Troopers

March 13th The Pro-Life Committee

March 20th The Parish Staff

March 27th The Knights of Columbus



Sunday Brunch

Join us for Sunday Brunch Sunday March 1 after Stations of the Cross in the Church Hall. Grilled Brats, potato salad, coleslaw, beans and cookies will be served. Free will offering will be accepted.

Pierogi and sausage are always available for sale in the parish office

Faith Formation



Lenten Mite Boxes

All faith formation students received a Lenten Mite Box during class on February 11th. All funds will go to the Missionary Childhood Association.

Each sacrifice made, prayer raised, and coins given makes a difference in the lives of children helping children. It makes a difference in the giver by helping generosity grow. It helps the recipient by showing that someone cares about them and their faith.

Parents, please encourage your child(ren) to contribute what they can as a part of their Lenten discipline. Remind them that as they make sacrifices for children in need, they are loving Jesus.

Events Around Us

Lenten Soup Kitchen

Church of the Resurrection in Wausau will be having a "Lenten Soup Kitchen" every Wednesday from Feb. 25 - April 1 at 11:00am - 1:00pm. Free will donations are accepted and take outs are available.

LFC



President Janet Juonie 715-573-0134

"Over the Toes & Under the Clothes" Service Project

We are collecting **adult** socks and underwear (All sizes needed) also winter gloves and personal hygiene products for those in need in our community. All items donated must be **NEW** and in the original packaging. Donations can be placed in small laundry baskets at the church entrances. We will collect until March 22nd. Thank you!

Little Flower Council meeting Monday March 2nd. We will hear from Chris Neuens representing Hagar House. It is a faith-based nonprofit entity founded in Wausau, WI in June of 2021. It was founded by Jessica Bretl, along with several community partners committed to providing support to single mothers in the greater Wausau area. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about the wonderful work this organization provides for the community.



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February 22, 2026



	Collection	Other
Tithing	\$ 3,707.00	\$ 665.00
Children's envelopes	\$ 11.00	\$ 0.00
Offertory	\$ 391.00	\$ 5.00
Votives	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00
CAPEX	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00
Circle of Joy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Church Upkeep	\$ 105.00	\$ 0.00
Catholic Life	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Day	\$ 1,237.00	\$ 110.00
Pew Repair Project	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,350.00
Credit Card Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 101.85
ACH Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
SUB	\$ 5,617.00	\$ 3,231.85
TOTAL	\$	\$ 8,848.85

Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX)

Current total to date is \$ 71,434.50

	Inspired By The Spirit Campaign	
	Campaign Goal:	\$ 520,000.00
	Amount Received:	\$ 499,767.67
We are at 96.11% of our Goal		

Diocesan Annual Appeal		
Target Goal	\$ 71,870.00	
Amount Collected	\$ 30,988.00	
TOTAL Under Goal	\$ 40,882.00	

	Pew Repair Project	
	Project Goal	\$ 120,000.00
	Amount Received	\$ 20,551.00
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Meetings on the first Monday
 of the month Sept—April
 6:30 Rosary meeting to follow

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