

February 15, 2026

St. Therese Parish

113 W Kort Street, Rothschild

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Feb. 17, Tuesday

Confession 7:30 am / Mass 8:00 am

+ Jim Markrof

Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday

Confession 7:30 am/ Mass 8:00 am

+ The Parish Family

6:30 pm +Alice Marie Ciolkosz

Feb. 19, Thursday (Pride TLC) 10:45 am

+Pat Stehly

Feb. 21, Saturday

Confession 10:00 am / Mass 5:30 pm

+ Terry Gene Bollea

Feb. 22, Sunday

Confession 9:30 am / Mass 10:00 am

+ Deceased members of the Covenant Choir

Parish Contacts

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715-574-0598

Bulletin articles: Please send to:

bulletin@sttheresecc.org

Deadline :Tues. by noon

Mass Assignments

Weekend: February 21 & 22

First Sunday of Lent

Lectors:

5:30 pm Karen

10:00 am Jami

Extraordinary Ministers:

5:30 pm Karen Renee, Bill

10:00 am Carla, Jami, John

Servers:

5:30 pm Donna, Grace

10:00 am Avalon, Talus

Ushers:

5:30 pm Rich, Larry, Bob, Barb

10:00 am (Group 2) Kleman Family

Parish Office Hours

Mon- Thursday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

Sanctuary Lamp

February 15-21 +Donald Mullen

Adoration

Adoration in the Chapel every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thurs from 8:00 am- 8:00 pm.

If you would like to volunteer for adoration, please call Janet Juonie: 715-573-0134

Religious Education

DRE: Steve Martin

officeofreligiouseducation@sttheresecc.org

Faith Formation /CCD classes are on Wednesday evenings from

6:30 pm-7:45 pm

Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:30pm for all CCD students, please sit with your family.

Pastor's Message

By Fr. Janusz Kowalski

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We often seek justification before God solely through the external observance of religious law and acts of worship. In doing so, we forget—or consciously ignore—the need to stand in truth before ourselves. Jesus faced the greatest resistance from the religious elites; they believed they were superior and more perfect, forgetting the mercy of God.

To build something new and lasting, one needs a solid foundation. According to Jesus, that foundation is the **Law of the Old Testament and the Prophets**. Taking a step forward, Jesus suggests we have the foundation, and thanks to it—and upon it—we will build something even more magnificent. This "new construction" allows us to enjoy the fullness of goodness, love, and justice, helping us open the doors to heaven and eternal life.

A New Standard of Justice

This building process is intended for every disciple of Christ. **"Your righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees."** We have a path, encouragement, and support from our Teacher, who says: "I have walked this path, and you can walk it too." You are not alone; in His relationship with you, He accompanies you so that you always choose what is best for yourself and others. You are called to be righteous, so begin to implement this perfect plan of love in a new way—just as **He** did.

"But I Say to You..."

Let us look at a few examples of His interpretation of the Old Testament. Jesus uses the formula: "You have heard that it was said to those of old..." This is a reference to the people of Israel and their oral tradition—the way teachers taught how to live according to God's plan. It is here that Jesus places Himself above Moses by saying: "But I say to you..."

On Murder: The Law says, "Do not kill." Jesus expands this, saying that if you are angry, if you accuse, or if you slander another—you will be subject to judgment. Jesus brings the meaning of His words down to the greatness and dignity of the human person. Anyone in such a situation is called to repair their relationship with their neighbor.

On Sin: "If your right eye causes you to sin..." (v. 29). The Lord explains that it is better to lose a part of oneself than to sin and deserve hell in its entirety.

On Oaths: Jesus teaches about swearing oaths (cf. Lev 19:12; Num 30:3; Deut 23:22), which was intended to avoid lies and deceit. When swearing, people invoked God. Jesus demands simplicity and sincerity: **"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'** Anything more is from the evil one." The very need to further emphasize one's word already suggests a suspicion regarding one's truthfulness.

Conclusion

Mere external observance of an imposed Law does not give birth to love. The Law must be kept **for the sake of love for God and neighbor**. It is only then that a person becomes truly free.



Parish Announcements

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.

Prayer Chain Call Linda Narloch : 715-355-1806

A "prayer chain" is individual members that are "linked" by prayer, and requests that make their way from one person to another, following the "chain." In a prayer chain, each link represents one person committed to pray for the needs of others. Please call Linda with your prayer requests.

Lenten Books The Little Flower Council has again provided the parish with Lenten devotionals: Little Black Book. They will be available at the entrances of the church. Please take one. The Youth version of the book, The Little Purple Book have been distributed at CCD this week.

Pope Leo XIV

February Intention

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.





Lent Begins

K of C Grand Knight : Joe Coles 715-212-9677



“KNIGHTS FOR LIFE – BLOOD FOR LIFE”

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council serving St. Mark, St Agnes and St Therese Parishes is sponsoring a Blood Drive. The “Knights for life – Blood for Life” blood donation drive will be held on Thursday, February 19th from 2:30–7:00pm in Abts Hall at St Agnes in Weston. The Blood Bank’s levels are very low and they are in need of blood for our community. We are asking families and friends to help support this effort by donating blood to give life to those in need.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18th Masses at 8:00 am & 6:30pm.
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



LFC  President Janet Juonie 715-573-0134

“Over the Toes & Under the Clothes” Service Project

We are collecting 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!

Faith Formation

Ash Wednesday is right around the corner. This day marks the beginning of Lent, a sacred season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during which time we prepare our hearts for Easter. The ashes we receive on our foreheads are a sign of humility and a reminder of our need for God’s mercy. Join us in praying that we enter this season with open hearts, seeking renewal, repentance, and a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

Breakfast



Breakfast is served after the 10:00 am Mass every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Free will offerings are accepted. Enjoy good food and fellowship. Pierogi and sausage will also be sold.

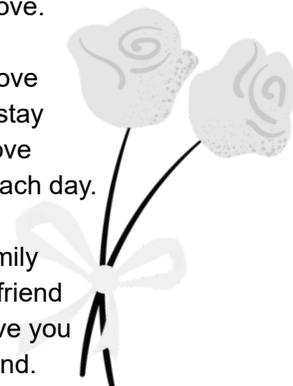
****Pierogi and sausage are always available for sale in the parish office****

A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.



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February 08, 2026



	Collection	Mailed
Tithing	\$ 4,364.75	\$ 1,897.00
Children's envelopes	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00
Offertory	\$ 374.00	\$ 2.25
Votives	\$ 73.00	\$ 0.00
School Restoration	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Church Upkeep	\$ 345.00	\$ 0.00
Music	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Day	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Pew Repair Project	\$ 290.00	\$ 11,001.00
Credit Card Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 578.81
ACH Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
SUB	\$ 5,477.75	\$ 13,499.06
	TOTAL	\$ 18,976.81

Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX)
Current total to date is \$ 71,373.50

Inspired By The Spirit Campaign
 Campaign Goal: \$ 520,000.00
Amount Received: \$ 498,327.67
We are at 95.83% of our Goal

Diocesan Annual Appeal	
Target Goal	\$ 71,870.00
Amount Collected	\$ 29,664.00
TOTAL Under Goal	\$ 42,206.00



Pew Repair Project	
Project Goal	\$ 120,000.00
Amount Received	\$ 17,591.00
	14.7% to goal



