

St. Therese Parish

113 W Kort Street, Rothschild

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"

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 Deadline : Tues. by noon

Mass Assignments

Weekend: January 24 & 25
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lectors:
 5:30 pm Theresa
 10:00 am Cathy
Extraordinary Ministers:
 5:30 pm Theresa, Alan, Jim
 10:00 am Liz, Nick, Steve W.
Servers:
 5:30 pm Vivienne
 10:00 am Andrew, Will
Ushers:
 5:30 pm Rich, Larry, Barb, Bob
 10:00 am (Group 3) John D., Scott G.
 Phil H., Tony S.

Parish Office Hours

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

Prayer Chain

Call Linda Narloch : 715-355-1806

Mass Schedule

Jan. 20, Tuesday
 Confession 7:30 am / Mass 8:00 am
 +Pat Stehly
 Jan. 21, Wednesday
 Confession 7:30 am/ Mass 8:00 am
 +The Paish Family
 Jan. 24, Saturday
 Confession 10:00 am / Mass 5:30 pm
 +Jack & Delores Heilmeier
 Jan. 25, Sunday
 Confession 9:30 am / Mass 10:00 am
 +Deceased members of Krause family

Sanctuary Lamp

January 18 -24 Florence Holewinski

Adoration

Adoration in the Chapel every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 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

Pastor's Message

By Fr. Janusz Kowalski

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

A week ago, we stood together by the waters of the Jordan, witnessing the baptism of Jesus—the one who fulfills the law of the Old Testament. He becomes the Righteous One, and this is sealed by the Father's testimony—"This is my beloved Son"—and the sign of the dove, the Holy Spirit. Today, we have the testimony of John the Baptist, given to those standing around him: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

The reference to the lamb is significant. What was the lamb in the culture of Israel? What did it symbolize? What did it refer to in the History of Salvation? Jews in Jesus' time remembered the verses of the prophet Isaiah, who portrayed the Servant of the Lord as a lamb that allows itself to be sacrificed without complaint to deliver us from all evil.

Every year, Jews journeyed to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover and came to the Temple to choose one lamb per family, to sacrifice it, and then consume it during the Passover meal. The requirements were simple: a year-old lamb without blemish.

By presenting Jesus as the Lamb, John the Baptist reveals key aspects of His redemptive mission. He will take all the sins of the world upon Himself to redeem the world and humanity.

There is one more interesting thing that needs explanation. John gives testimony about Jesus, but at the same time, he says that he did not know Him.

John's words are strange, surprising, and may even be misunderstood because John was Jesus' cousin. John knew facts about Jesus' life—what he had heard about Him—but he did not know Jesus well enough to be present in His daily life.



Parish Announcements

We know many people from historical events, and we have heard family stories about many others, but in reality, we do not know them. John's true knowledge of Jesus occurred at the moment the Holy Spirit descended because John then heard the truth about the man—the true image of God within Him.

Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email Hope4U@diolc.org.

Breakfast after Mass

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.

Welcome to St Therese

We would like to warmly welcome Jessica Hodgkins to our parish. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

If you would like information on joining our St. Therese family, please call the parish office. 715-359-2421

Visit our "New" Website:
www.sttheresecc.org

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Saint Therese Parish

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rose #1062 Salad Luncheon Saturday February 7, 2026 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. \$12.00 adult \$6.00 under 10. Also Raffle and Bake Sale Krasowski Hall St. Michael Church 611 Stark St. Wausau.

Raffle drawing March 5, 2026, St. Therese Church Hall 113 Kort St. Rothschild. Proceeds used for scholarships and charitable projects

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.

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!

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January 11, 2026



	Collection	Mailed
Tithing	\$ 3,189.25	\$ 455.00
Offertory	\$ 487.00	\$ 0.00
Children Envelopes	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00
Votives	\$ 109.00	\$ 0.00
Christmas	\$ 40.00	\$ 25.00
Retired Religious Appeal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CAPEX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Church Upkeep	\$ 210.00	\$ 0.00
Catholic Life	\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00
Envelope Cost	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00
Credit Card Tithing	\$ 695.62	\$ 0.00
ACH Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
SUB	<u>\$ 4,836.87</u>	<u>\$ 490.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 5,326.87

Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX)

Current total to date is \$ 71,218.50

Inspired By The Spirit Campaign		
Campaign Goal:	\$ 520,000.00	
Amount Received:	\$ 494,752.67	
We are at:	95.14%	of our Goal

Diocesan Annual Appeal		
Target Goal	\$ 71,870.00	
Amount Collected	\$ 24,000.00	
TOTAL Under Goal	\$ 47,870.00	





President Janet Janonie 715-573-0134

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Save the Date “Souper Bowl” Sale

The Little Flower Council soup and bread sale is coming soon. We know that St. Therese has many excellent cooks, and we would love to sample some of your homemade soup. Please bring a jar or more of your favorite soup or yummy breads for our upcoming sale on February 7th and 8th. If you need jars, we will have some clean, washed jars you can pick up in the church kitchen.

Pope Leo XIV



January Prayer Intention

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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January is pro-life month.

Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states' laws are hostile to preborn children. And so, our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Remember to spend time as a family praying for an end to abortion and for society to embrace respect and value the dignity of life from conception to natural death.

Parish Potluck

Due to a funeral, Parish Potluck is being rescheduled to Wed. January 21 in the Church Hall beginning at noon. Bring your favorite recipe to share and enjoy fellowship and good conversation. Plus, Bingo!!

From the Diocese

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE:

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



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Blessing for a Happy,
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St. Therese PCCW

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6:30 Rosary meeting to follow



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