

HOLY CHILD PARISH

"Two beautiful churches, one GREAT parish."

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus
13 E. Evesham Road

St. Maria Goretti
321 Orchard Avenue

August 16, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor
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School Principal
Bereavement
Director of Parish Life

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WELCOME!

**The parishioners of Holy Child
Parish welcome you!**

**All worshipers are invited to
register by calling the
Parish Office at
(856) 939-1681**

***No matter what your present
status is in the Catholic Church; no
matter your family or marital
status; no matter where you are in
the practice of the faith; no matter
your personal history, age or
background; no matter what your
self-image may be; YOU are
invited, welcomed and loved at
Holy Child Parish.***

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*Welcome to
Holy Child Parish*

Parish Office Hours are:

Monday -Thursday:

9:00 am—2:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

Saturday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to request a home or hospital visit.

Marriage

Arrangements are made at least one year in advance. One wedding may be scheduled on Saturday between 12:30–2:00 pm.

Confessions

Confessions are taking place on: Saturday 11AM to 12Noon & 3:45PM to 4:15PM at St. Teresa Church and Sun 8:15AM to 8:45AM at SMG Church.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults interested in becoming Catholics and those Catholics who wish to complete their sacraments, call the parish office.

Pre-Jordan Baptism Preparation

Expecting a little one? Congratulations! Before your baby's Baptism, parents must attend our Pre-Jordan preparation class.

Before a Baptism date can be scheduled, all required paperwork must be submitted to the Parish Office, including:

- *A copy of your child's Birth Certificate*
- *Letters of Eligibility for each Godparent*

Pre-Jordan classes are held once a month at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Parish Office. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Upcoming Sessions:

August 12, 2026

September 21, 2026

October 19, 2026

Baptism Scheduling

Baptisms are currently being held during our weekend Masses on **Sundays immediately following the 11am Mass**. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a baptism or for more information.



While the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, it doesn't mean that we don't celebrate any of the local traditions that are associated with Mary, free from the ravages of sin, was assumed into heaven body and soul. The biggest of course is the Wedding of the Sea. The custom originated around 1000 AD in the Republic of Venice. Pious legend states that an archbishop was at sea in the middle of a raging storm. Praying to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the archbishop threw his ring into the sea and immediately the waters became calm. The miracle gave rise to the Wedding of the Sea where the bishop throws a ring of flowers to bless and calm the shore and for the protection of bathers and those who depend upon the ocean for their livelihood. We also dedicate the shore to Our Lady of Assumption, the Star of the Sea, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Italian immigrants brought the practice to Atlantic City and it has spread across the Jersey Shore. Following the Mass for the Assumption, there is a procession to the beach along with the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Through our Lady's intercession on our behalf to her Son, we place our trust in the Lord of All Creation and to His Mother, who Christ gave to us at the foot of the Cross. As we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, what areas of our lives have we never thought to ask Our Lady's intercession? And what would it look like to entrust all those things to her? Let us turn towards the Mother of God to guide us safely through the "sea" of life towards God.

Lois Rogers, a Catholic blogger, speaks of her childhood memories of the Feast of the Assumption at the Jersey Shore. As a part of her article, Lois gives an adapted family meal: **Shrimp with Feta Sauce**. You can find the recipe here: <https://catholicspirit.com/news/a-family-tradition-of-savory-blessings-on-the-feast-of-the-assumption>

Mass Cards & Candle Dedications

Looking for a meaningful way to remember, honor, celebrate, or pray for a loved one? The Parish Office offers a variety of spiritual gifts, including **Memorial Mass Cards, Intention Mass Cards, Get Well Mass Cards, and Candle Dedications**. Masses may be requested for almost any intention, including the deceased, healing, thanksgiving, birthdays, anniversaries, special intentions, or those in need of prayers.

We also offer candle dedications and offertory gift remembrances as a faith-filled way to honor someone special. To request please visit or contact the Parish Office Monday through Saturday.



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of August 16

SATURDAY The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am +Margaret McLaughlin req by family (ST)
4:30 pm +Regina Schuster req by John & Anna Maria Calianno,
+Nicholas Jude Clements & Nicholas Joseph Clements
req by Casey & Linda Clements (ST)

SUNDAY 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am +Ann Tomasso req by Ralph & Barbara D'Auria (ST)
9:00 am +Stephanie A. DeJesse req by Lennox Family (SMG)
11:00 am +Jewel Heibel req by The Heibel Family,
+Barbara Mangano req by Sister-in-law, Eileen,
+In appreciation of our parishioners req by Saint
Vincent dePaul Society (ST)

MONDAY 20th Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am +Michael Querubin req by loving wife, Diana & daughters (ST)

TUESDAY 20th Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am +Louis Bagnato req by Gina Simon (ST)

WEDNESDAY St. John Eudes

- 8:30 am +Christine West req by Francis McGarry (ST)

THURSDAY St. Bernard

- 8:30 am +Mom-Mom McGovern (Heavenly Birthday) req by
The Amerman Family (ST)

FRIDAY St. Pius X

- 8:30 am +Sister Thomasine Marie, IHM req by The IHM Sisters (ST)

SATURDAY The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am +Louella DiDio req by Holy Child Seniors (ST)
4:30 pm +Regina Schuster req by Madeline & Dino Ranella (ST)

SUNDAY 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am +Reverence for Jesus & the blessed sacrament,
In appreciation of our Parishioners req by
St. Vincent dePaul Society (ST)
9:00 am +Vincent Nocella req by wife & family,
In appreciation of our Parishioners req by
St. Vincent dePaul Society (SMG)
11:00 am +Linda Lonetto req by The Acerbo Family (ST)

SMG = St. Maria Goretti Church, 321 Orchard Ave.

ST = St. Teresa Church, 13 E. Evesham Road

**Bread & Wine
Memorial
& Sanctuary
Candles**
(the week of
Aug 16-22)

**The Blessed Virgin
Mary Candle
burns: (ST)**
In Memory of
Michael Querubin
Req by
Loving wife,
Diana & daughters



Telephone Prayer Chain Line

Please call with prayer
intention requests to The-
resa 856-939-4132 or
Joan 856-939-4679
anytime.

The telephone prayer
chain line will
activate for you

Mass Book

**The Mass Book for the year 2027 will open on Au-
gust 26, 2026.** During the first two weeks, **Mass in-
tentions will be taken by appointment only.**
Appointments can be scheduled beginning **August 10**
by calling the Parish Office at **856-939-1681.**
Thank you, and God bless!

Poor Box

If you pass the poor boxes could
you possibly throw some change
for the SVdP Society. God Bless.



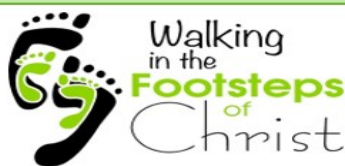
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

ST Chapel hours are as
follows:

Monday & Wednesday
4PM to 7PM

Tuesday & Thursday
9AM to Noon

Friday
(Date Night with Jesus)
7PM



Faith Formation

If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact our Faith Formation Office

856-939- 0592

holychildfaithformation@gmail.com

Walking together in faith!

Religious Education for Special Needs for All Ages Embrace – Engage – Empower

We are blessed to be accompanying several families with children with special needs, ranging in age from 6 to 14 years old, as they continue their faith journey.

Our Religious Education program has been thoughtfully adapting our curriculum to meet the unique needs and learning styles of each child. For some students, a parent joins them during class to provide support. For others, a dedicated aide works alongside the child, helping them participate in lessons and activities at a pace that best meets their individual needs.

The presence of these children, their families, and our compassionate volunteers enriches our parish community. Together, they are a beautiful sign of God's unconditional love and a reminder that every person has a valued place in the Body of Christ.

We are grateful for the opportunity to help each child grow in faith, experience God's love, and fully participate in the life of our parish.

If you have a child with special needs and are interested in giving us the opportunity to help prepare them for the Sacraments or enroll in our Religious Education program, we encourage you to contact the Faith Formation Office.

We would be blessed to work with your family to help your child grow in faith and experience God's love within our parish community.

Time is Running Out! Are you signed up for our Fall Religious Education Sessions begin Sunday, Sept 13



With our Religious Education Sessions beginning in only four weeks, the question is ... are you registered, as we are forming our Class Rosters now.



RE—REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL DUE! !!



NEW 1st GRADE PARENTS please remember that in order to receive the Sacrament of First Communion in 2nd grade, your child **MUST** complete two-years of Religious Education, either within a Catholic School or through a Religious Education Program.



NEW KINDERGARTEN PARENTS are you aware that our Religious Ed program begins in kindergarten? For the past 6 years we have offered an amazing Kindergarten Class where our young parishioners are just beginning their spiritual journey.

Please contact our Faith Formation Office to have a Registration Form sent out to you right away!

Is Your Child Up to Date with Sacraments? Order of Christian Initiation for Children

Does your child need to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation? ***If you have a child in 1st through 8th grade who has not yet received one or more of these sacraments, we are here to help.*** Whether your family is just beginning your journey in the Catholic Church, returning to the practice of the faith, or your child's sacramental preparation has been delayed, we warmly welcome you.

Our Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) classes are integrated into our Sunday morning Religious Education program, which begins in September. This allows children to prepare for the sacraments while learning and growing in faith alongside their peers. Evening sessions are also available. For more



**“Missionaries of Mercy”
Appeal**
Help is still needed
to reach our goal



*Calling upon us to act with compassion toward others,
bringing to life the corporal and spiritual works of
mercy that strengthens the Church.*

We are called to act with compassion toward others and bring the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to life, strengthening both our Church and our community.

Through your generous donations, **our parish has reached 49% of its Catholic Ministries Appeal goal.** We are grateful for every gift receive, but we still need your help to reach our goal.

Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to support the continuing mission of the Church throughout the Diocese of Camden. When we contribute to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we bring the light of Christ and the hope of the Gospel to individuals and families throughout South Jersey.

Your gift supports: Social, Community, and Health-Care Services; Evangelization and Faith Formation; Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries; Vocations and Seminarian Formation; Catholic Education.

Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference. Together, we can become Missionaries of Mercy to those who need us most.



**Is God calling
you to be a
volunteer?**

**Our Religious Education
& Family Programs are
looking for your help.**

**Meet our Catechesis in an
Information Session
THIS Wednesday, August 19, 7PM,
St Teresa School Hall**

Wonderful and dedicated volunteers are at the heart of all our programs. As we continue to grow in leaps and bounds, we are always in need of volunteers who are willing to walk with our youth as they journey toward a deeper and more intimate relationship with our Lord.

With my schedule, I am afraid to commit. We understand everyone has a busy schedule and we want to work around your availability. Our goal is to gather first and then distribute according to needs and availability. How do you know until you come see for yourself.

But there is NO WAY I'm qualified. Don't forget there were so many of Jesus' disciples who felt the same way, most of all Peter! God works with you and your gifts and so do we. Just like the twelve were sent out two-by-two, we take small and easy steps, pairing you with a mentor that walks this journey with you. You'll never be alone!

What's my next step? We are asking you to prayerfully consider joining a wonderful group of people. One guarantee is, you will get so much more out of it than you ever thought. It is a very rewarding ministry for our volunteers as well as our youth.

Please consider joining us on August 19 for an information session, giving you a chance to meet volunteers and see how you can be an essential part of our program.

For more information, please call our Faith Formation Office @ 856-939-0592 or email us @ holychildfaithformation@gmail.com.

**Faith and Family
Opportunities This Fall**
Mark your calendars! ♥

We are very excited to offer a plethora of opportunities for our Faith and Family Events. What a great way to spend time with other parish families and friends sharing faith and fun throughout the night. Below is a **Sneak Peak!**

 Family Game Night Oct 23 @ 6:30PM STRS Hall	 Saints & S'mores Bonfire Oct 30 @ 6:30PM SMG Lot
 Family Adoration Oct 10, 9:30AM St Teresa Church	 Family Rosary Making Coming in Nov and Jan
 Faith & Fitness Walk TBD	 Grandparent & Grandchild Faith Day TBD
 Outside Movie Night TBD	 Stations of the Infant Jesus Advent

Acts of Kindness Challenge
Lent

Building Faith. Strengthening Families. Growing Together. ♥

AUGUST 16, 2026

The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus

Four-Week Book Club This Fall, Thursdays @ 7PM, Starting October 8th

Deepening Our Personal Relationship with Jesus

Growing in trust, listening to His voice, and allowing Him to transform every aspect of our lives.



Place whatever you have into the hands of our Lord and discover the joy of a deeper, more personal relationship with Him.

Most of us would say that we have a prayer life, but how would you describe your **personal relationship with Jesus**? This fall, we invite you to join us as we journey together in discovering what it means to know Christ more personally, growing in trust, learning to recognize His voice, and allowing Him to transform every aspect of our lives.

Whether you have been active in your faith for many years or are simply longing to grow closer to the Lord, this series is for you. As we place all that we are into His hands, we discover that Jesus desires not only to be part of our lives, but to lead them.

A deeper relationship with Christ gives us the confidence to live our faith with joy and to share His love with those around us through our words, actions, and everyday witness. Come and discover how a personal encounter with Jesus can transform your life.

We have several parishioners already registered, all that is missing is you! For more information or to register, please call our Faith Formation Office @ 856-939-0592.

OCIA Faith Supporters

Companion on the Journey

Would you prayerfully consider sharing your journey of faith by becoming a **Faith Supporter** for an adult preparing to enter the Catholic Church through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)?

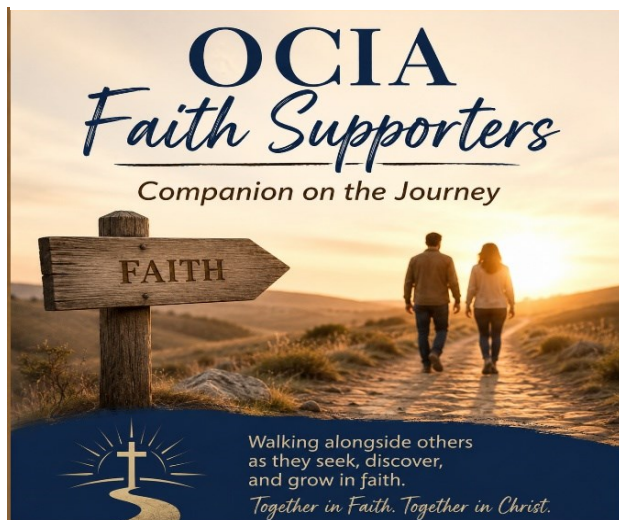
As a Faith Supporter, you are not expected to have all the answers. Your most important role is simply to be a friend and companion, someone who listens, prays, encourages, and helps another person feel at home in our parish community.

Can you pray with a catechumen? Join them at a few parish events so they can experience how Catholics live, pray, and grow in faith together? Your welcoming presence can make all the difference.

Many of our recent Faith Supporters have discovered that accompanying someone else has enriched and deepened their own relationship with Christ. As one supporter shared, *"I find that I am learning and growing as much as they are."*

A Faith Supporter Discernment Night will be held in September to explain the role, answer questions, and help you discern whether God may be calling you to this ministry. If you have a heart for walking with others on their faith journey, we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a Faith Supporter. Sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is simply our presence.

For more information call our Parish Life Office @ 856-939-0592.



Spend an Hour with Jesus in our Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Since its inception, our Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has been a tremendous blessing to our parish community. Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the greatest treasures of our Catholic faith. In the quiet presence of Our Lord, we are invited into deeper prayer, thanksgiving, and a more intimate relationship with Christ truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

Because the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, the chapel must never be left unattended. We are prayerfully asking members of our parish family to consider offering just **one hour each week** with the Lord.

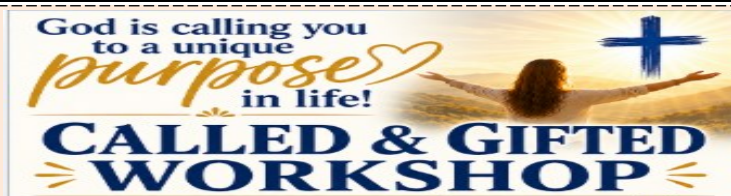
We are currently in need of:

- **Regular Adorers** Especially on **Monday and Wednesdays @ 4:00PM**. Regular adorers commit to the same one-hour time each week. If you are unavailable on a particular week, we will gladly arrange for a substitute.
- **Substitute Adorers** – If you cannot commit to a weekly hour but are willing to fill in occasionally, we would be grateful to add you to our substitute list. Substitute adorers are contacted only when a scheduled adorer is unable to attend.

Chapel Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays: 4PM–7 PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9AM–1 PM

Whether you are new to Eucharistic Adoration or have been an adorer for many years, we invite you to experience the peace, grace, and countless blessings that come from spending time in the presence of Jesus. For more information on becoming a regular or substitute adorer, please contact our Parish Life Office at **856-939-0592**.



Diocese Event – SPACE is LIMITED Open to Everyone!

Saturday, October 17 – 9AM to 4PM
(Carpools will be set up leaving from Holy Child)

St. James, along with his brother John, was among the first disciples called by Jesus. They walked with Him, learned from Him, and became some of the first witnesses. But it wasn't until they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit that they were transformed from followers into bold witnesses who changed the world.

The same is true for us. We cannot fully live the life of discipleship without the Holy Spirit. God has given each of us unique gifts, but those gifts are meant to be energized by His Spirit.

Think of it this way: many of our appliances have incredible features and endless potential. But until they are plugged into a power source, they are simply fixtures sitting on the counter. They were designed to do something—but they need power to fulfill their purpose.

So it is with us. God has uniquely created and gifted each one of us, but it is the Holy Spirit who empowers those gifts so they can bear fruit for the Kingdom.

Join us for the **Called & Gifted Workshop** and discover how the Holy Spirit is inviting you to use your God-given gifts to build up His Church. Whether you serve in ministry already or are simply wondering how God is calling you, this workshop will help you recognize the unique ways He has equipped you to make a difference.

Come and discover that you were not just called to believe, you were called to be empowered, equipped, and sent.

Workshop Schedule:

Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory
Roles of the Holy Spirit
Discerning Your Gifts

We are excited to have the opportunity to participate in this amazing workshop helping us to better discern our Spiritual Gifts. We already have several parishioners who have already signed-up and ready to go!

Because this is open to the whole Diocese. **SPACE IS LIMITED and will close out quickly!** For more information or to register please call our Parish Life Office @ 856-939-0592.

Attention PB&J Sandwich Makers

Thank you for your generous donations of peanut butter, jelly, and bread, and for the time you dedicated to making sandwiches twice each month throughout the year. Your generosity and gift of time help feed hundreds of our brothers and sisters in need throughout Camden.



As we begin our new season of service, our first sandwich-making day will be Thursday, September 17, at 10:30 a.m. in Saint Maria Goretti Parish Hall. Please note that because of the Labor Day holiday, we will begin with the third Thursday in September. After that, we will return to our regular schedule of the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Can't join us on Thursday mornings? You can still participate by making sandwiches at home with your family. Simply drop off your sandwiches between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at Saint Maria Goretti Parish Hall. Please place each uncut sandwich in an individual zip-top bag before returning them to the original bread sleeve. Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion for those in need. Everyone is welcome to be part of this wonderful ministry!

Attention Seniors

Our new season will begin Thursday, September 10 at 10:30am in Saint Maria Goretti Hall. As we begin another wonderful year together, we'll also celebrate **America's 250th Anniversary** with a fun patriotic gathering. Wear your favorite **red, white, and blue** and enjoy a morning of fellowship, laughter, and community.

Whether you've been with us for years or are looking for a welcoming place to meet new friends, **this is the perfect time to join us! Everyone is welcome—we can't wait to celebrate with you!**



If you feel that you have a burning desire to help people get closer to Christ and to know the Truth, then perhaps you have a vocation to the priesthood. If you feel like God is calling you, call our vocations director Father Joseph Szolack at:

Joseph.Szolack@camdendiocese.org

WIN \$1,000s!

Support Holy Child Parish.

Have a blast playing this exciting sweepstakes based on professional football! Get your game cards and WIN!

Special Offer:
Buy five (5) cards and get one (1) free.
(All six cards must be purchased by the same individual; offer cannot be split among multiple buyers.)

Number of Tickets:	Donation	Total Amount
	X \$20.00	

Name going on the ticket:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

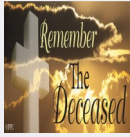
Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Hand form into Parish Office or in the collection box

Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Gloria Iacovino,
Carmine Auletto &
Roman Delvalle

Please Pray for our Sick:

PRAYER LIST

Our updated Sick List (as of 6/15/2026) is now available at all church entrances and in the Adoration Chapel. Please note: **The bulletin is reserved for new names only.** Thank you for your cooperation and prayers. Please call the Parish Office to remove a name when your loved one is healed.

Adorers can pray for the sick (newly added):
When names are put on the list, they will remain on the list for three months unless otherwise requested.

Vincent DiLorenzo John Aubry
Marie Orlando Grace Virginia O'Neill

If you would like to have a name on the list, please fill-out this form and return to the parish office or call the office at 856-939-1681. Thank you and God bless!

I would like to have the following name (s) entered on the Prayer List:

Requested by: _____

Phone# _____ Date _____

Our Active Military

Asuree Tijerina, Jim Boyle,
Tabatha Baur, Justin Warrender, Gian-
na Bowne, Nicholas Liberatore, Tay-
lor Naphys, Lou Sampolski,
Tyler Thomas, T.J. Swanson,
Nicholas Cristinzio, Justin Nairn &
Nicholas LoCantore



Stewardship

Our weekly expenses are \$9,561.75 and
our monthly expenses are \$38,247.

July 6—\$6,828.00
July 12—\$8,686.00
Pastoral Solidarity Fund—\$1,485.00
July 19—\$6,680.00
July 26—\$8,631.00
Star Herald—\$1,409.50
August 2—\$8,847.00

Second collections for August:

Assumption—August 15

School Support—August 23

Thank you for your continued support.

Altar and Rosary Society

Monthly Meetings every 3rd

Wednesday every month

Starts at 7:00 PM

Location: SMG Hall

All women are welcome to come see!

Saint Vincent dePaul Society is Available to Help in Many Ways

Food Pantry Open @ SMG Hall

- 2nd & 4th Wed of every Month
- 9AM to 10AM

*If you are in need of food of any type, please stop
by SMG Hall during pantry hours.
Walk-Ins are welcome or call 856-632-1765.*

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.



Thank You to Our Dedicated Faculty & Staff

This week, we would like to thank the incredible faculty and staff of St. Teresa Regional School for the many ways they support our school community. Their commitment extends far beyond the classroom, as they generously give their time to attend and volunteer at school events throughout the year.

During our recent parish carnival, it was a joy to see so many of our teachers and staff there each evening, supporting our parish and school families. Their presence is a beautiful reminder that St. Teresa Regional School is more than a workplace—it is a faith-filled family.

We are especially grateful that many of our faculty and staff are also parishioners and proud alumni of St. Teresa Regional School. Their love for our school and parish shines through in all they do.

Thank you to our faculty and staff for your unwavering dedication, your joyful spirit, and for being such wonderful examples of faith, service, and community. We are truly blessed to have you as part of the St. Teresa family.

