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August 21, 2022

Parish Office Hours

MONDAY- THURSDAY 9-5
CLOSED NOON—1 PM FOR LUNCH
FRIDAY 9-NOON



"Rescue and Response" Weekend Retreats

Women's Retreats
September 16-18, 2022
October 21-23, 2022
November 11-13, 2022
January 6-8, 2023
March 17-19, 2023

The message of these weekends is meant to inform people of the current state of the church and the world, and Christ's answer to those problems. "To be transformed by the Gospel, we must first understand that the gospel is not merely "good" news but explosive, life-changing news." Fr. John Riccardo reminds us that "God wants his world back!" Invite your parish to join us to learn how he has chosen us all for this purpose. More information and registration can be found at www.stfrancis.ws, or call 517-669-8321.

DeWitt, MI

Men's Retreats
January 13-15, 2023
January 20-22, 2023
February 10-12, 2023
March 10-12, 2023
April 14-16, 2023

SACRAMENTS

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays: (see inside bulletin)

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE: Call 487-3749 (press 9)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptismal forms are located in the Parish Office. Please complete the forms, turn in as directed, and we will contact you for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Actively participating members interested in receiving the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish office at least nine months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Communal Celebrations take place at weekend liturgies in the spring. Watch the bulletin for details.

Welcome to St. Therese! We are so happy that you have joined us for this Mass celebration. If you've been away for a while, we know coming back to the church may not have been easy for you, but we are glad you are here.

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS!

Becoming a member of the St. Therese Parish brings you into a family of Families, a network of loving individuals called together with a divine purpose—becoming Saints. By registering, you are giving us the gift of knowing you, understanding your needs and helping establish you into a group within St. Therese that will best fit what you are looking for. Come to the Parish Office or visit the Information Desk in the Social Room for a registration packet. If you are new to the area, please stop into the Parish Office and introduce yourself. We look forward to getting to know you!

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — August 21, 2022

To the Members of the St. Therese Parish Family

I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome I received these past 6 weeks as I served your parish during your Pastor Fr. John Fain's absence. I really appreciated all the smiles, and words of warmth and hospitality that so many of you shared with me, along with your words of gratitude for serving your parish. You are a very faith-filled community of disciples of Jesus Christ and you can be proud of your parish and the way you serve one another as well as the way you serve the poor.

So many people offered favorable comments about my style, my preaching and presiding, and I deeply appreciate that support and affirmation. Many folks were so helpful in assisting me with each liturgy; thanks to your Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, altar servers ushers and mass coordinators, for all the help you gave me.

I want to say a special word of thanks to your deacon David Borzenski; he was always there when I needed him, with every liturgy I celebrated as well as one funeral; he even was there, the Sunday morning we didn't have power, but nothing stopped us from celebrating the Lord's presence among us. David serves your community so very well, he truly is a deacon in the best way, and he serves you humbly in the name of Jesus Christ.

I have certainly enjoyed my time with you; getting to know you as much as I could in 6 weeks. You have a special spirit here at St. Therese. You reach out and welcome people to your community; people from other parishes, people of all races and cultures and you serve the poor, which is Church as Church should be; as church should be; as Jesus meant us to serve one another.

I'm sure you are pleased to have your pastor Fr. John back with you this weekend. Welcome him home as I'm sure he is happy to be back with you. Continue the many fine things you are doing as a parish family. Thank you once again for your welcome and acceptance of me and my ministry among you. I will continue to remember all of you in my prayers.

Sincerely in Jesus our savior,

Fr. Jerry



Come help Cristo Rey Church raise funds for our building by attending the South Lansing Farmers Market at **800 W Barnes St.** (Old Saint Casimir Church here in Lansing). **Every Thursday from 3pm to 7:00pm** where we have a Food booth with delicious dinner plates ready to go! So, don't cook on Thursdays; instead, come and enjoy some great food and support our church!



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Questions? Contact Victoria Reynaga at 517-749-4952

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 21, 2022

Monday, 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2nd Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22 8:30 a.m. †John Schmitt - Anna Feldpausch 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg (FMR)
Tuesday, 23rd	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26 8:30 a.m. †Agnes Redmond - Family 9:15 a.m. Feast Day Planning Mtg (FMH) 11:30 a.m. Staff Prayer (CH) 6:30 p.m. Youth Group (MAR) 6:30 p.m. T.O.P.S (FMR)
Wednesday, 24th	St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51 No Service 5:30 p.m. RCIA/Quinceanera Prep (SFR) 7:30 p.m. Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal
Thursday, 25th	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calaznz, Priest 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51 5:30 p.m. Rosary 6:00 p.m. †Joaquin Robledo - Joe & Gloria Caruso
Friday, 26th	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13 8:30 a.m. †Jack Belen - Tom & Karen Kavanagh 7:00 p.m. N. A. (Gym)
Saturday, 27th	St. Monica 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. †Kathryn Harmon - Lee Anne Harmon 5:30 p.m. Baptism for Mila Villarreal 7:00 p.m. N. A. (FMH)
Sunday, 28th	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14 8:30 a.m. †Alice Losey - Ron & Pam Sprayman 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish 7:00 p.m. A.A. (FMR)

Stewardship Report

*How can I repay the LORD for all the great good done for me?
Psalm 116:12*

489 envelopes issued, 104 used this week	
8/14/22 Weekly contributions	\$9,962.96
Weekly Budget Goal	\$9,500.00
Amount over goal	\$462.96

“Stewardship means acknowledging with gratitude the blessing we have received from God by offering a portion of the for the Church and the poor. The gifts of time, talent and financial resources we possess are not to be hoarded but to be shared with others for building a better Church and world.” Msgr. Joseph M. Champlin

“He who wants to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come in conflict with it.” Blessed Titus Brandsma

A SPECIAL PRO-LIFE AFTERNOON “DELIVERING HOPE”

OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15th 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Turner Dodge Mansion 100 E. North St. Lansing, MI 48906

Spend the afternoon listening to pro-life speakers while enjoying the grounds of the historical Turner Dodge Mansion. Pro-life leaders will bring you up-to-date on the current status of abortion in our state and how you can make a difference! Learn about a new and exciting life-saving ministry coming to Lansing and Ann Arbor that will serve both our MSU and U of M students!

Did you know that 80% of women who see their preborn babies on an ultrasound will choose life? Now, instead of waiting for women to come to us, we will go directly to them with a state of the art PRO-LIFE mobile medical clinic providing free ultrasounds and medically based pregnancy counseling that supports LIFE decisions. You will be given a chance to tour this incredible mobile unit and catch the vision! Now is the time for us to gather together for LIFE! For more information call event sponsors: Kelly McVeigh 517.256.3025 or Nancy Kujawa 517.256.2923 This mobile clinic is a ministry of the Pregnancy Help Clinic in Brighton. Go to: www.friendsatphc.org



Our Parish Social Ministries

We are now taking your plastic bags to make PLARN for homeless mats!

Open Doors Tutoring Center

will be closed for the next two (2) weeks, re-opening on Monday, 8/29. We **need more tutors!!!** Our tutors make a difference! **YOU** will make a difference. Start your tutor registration on www.sttherese.org.

Our Adult Faith Formation

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

We operate year round, now. We have a new candidate just beginning the process. If you have been waiting to jump in with questions about faith and what to do with it, now is a great opportunity to join us for the journey. Call Dave at 517-331-5765 as your next step.

From Dave's Desk...

A **Small Discipleship Group (SDG)** participant recently wrote, *"I joined a small Discipleship Group in the beginning because it was partly a bible study class and I wanted to learn more about the bible. Now, I continue to learn more and more about my faith."*

Knowing more about **Jesus Christ** and the **Way** we must walk is absolutely necessary. In **SDG's**, we hear from Scripture scholars, theologians, historians, women & men authors, bishops, priests & a sister:

In 2020-21, during Bishop Boyea's Year of the Bible, we focused on Scripture: [The Bible Timeline](#), [The Psalms](#), [The School of Prayer](#), [Walking with Mary](#), [Conversion](#), [Entering the Passion of Jesus](#), [Acts of the Apostles](#).

In 2021-22, we saw/read: [Metanoia](#), [The Chosen](#) (season 1), [Doors to the Sacred](#), [Acts of the Apostles](#).

This year, our lineup is: [The Chosen](#) (season 2), [Letters to Myself from the End of the World](#) (Advent book by Emily Stimpson Chapman), [Untold Blessing](#) (video series with Bishop Robert Barron), [Seriously, God?](#) (Lenten book by Fr. Michael White & Tom Corcoran).

Another participant wrote, *"We joined the Small Discipleship Group in order to be supportive of the Parish's effort to start Small Groups. We are glad that we joined. We value being with others of the parish in our Small Discipleship Group because we have learned more about our Catholic faith, and because we have gotten to know other members of our parish better than we would have otherwise."*

In **SDG's**, we come to trust **Jesus Christ** more because we come to know and trust **God's** holy people around us.

I now invite you to join in a Small Group this fall.

REQUIRED FOR THOSE ENTERING A 2ND MARRIAGE:

There is a new marriage preparation requirement for couples entering into a second union whether following death of previous spouse, or a previous nulled marriage.

The next retreat will take place the weekend of October 29th at St. Francis Retreat Center. To learn more go to: <https://www.stfrancis.ws/retreats>



Are you or someone you know celebrating a **significant wedding anniversary: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage?** If so, please contact the parish office to let them know. Please also advise the parish office if you celebrated a milestone anniversary during 2020 or 2021 as we did not celebrate anniversaries those years,

due to COVID. The diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion. Bishop is presiding over a special mass for these anniversaries on **Saturday, 9/24/22 at St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing at the 4:30pm Mass** that day followed by a cake and punch reception in Fr. Mac Hall. The diocese wishes to honor and thank you for your witness.

SVDP NEWS:

Vincetians: At our September 7th dinner meeting this year, we will again be providing pulled pork and beef brisket sandwiches from the Smoke'nPig along with side dishes and drinks! Please come for dinner and a brief important meeting about pantry operations. Call or text Sue at (517) 449-6021 to RSVP by September 1st.



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. John 14:6



If you do not succeed in taking advantage of an opportunity, do not lose your peace, but humble yourself profoundly before Me and, with great trust, immerse yourself completely in My mercy. In this way, you gain more than you have lost, because more

favor is granted to a humble soul than the soul itself asks for (St. Faustina Diary 1361)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule August 27-28, 2022

4:30 PM

Lector: S. Scarane

Mass Coordinator: C. Anderson

Servers: N. Heinritz, L. Pugmire

Em's: R. Margetin

Ushers/Greeters: M. Murray, D. Schmitt

8:30 AM

Lector: J. Shields

Mass Coordinator: D. Temple

Servers: B. Milam, Les. Ozanich

Em's: D. Temple

Ushers/Greeters:

10:30 AM

Lector: D. Vandenberg

Mass Coordinator: C. Anderson

Servers: C. Anderson, L. Nolan

Em's: D. Vandenberg

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