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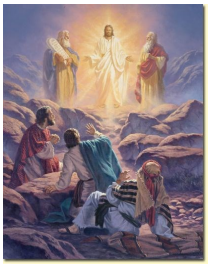


March 5, 2023

Parish Office Hours

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

2023 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving" Psalm 50:14

This weekend is our **Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend**. I invite all members of our parish community to join in support of our annual appeal. Our parish goal is $52,411 . **No gift is too small… every dollar donated helps** those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned for our local use here at St. Therese Parish.

You can **submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend** - or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/appeal. I encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to our DSA.

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!

This weekend, we begin the 2023 Diocesan Services Appeal. DSA supports forty-five ministries that parishes, given their own limited resources, are unable to conduct on their own. There are so many ways that our parish benefits from DSA. One is a little less obvious but has been in the news a great deal lately: college campus ministry. DSA supports campus ministry at Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. All of these programs are very active in serving students. However, the ministry that takes place at St. John Student Center in East Lansing was especially vital in the aftermath of the shooting on the MSU Campus on February 13. The traumatized students and staff were actively served by the three priests and campus ministers assigned to the student center. For an excellent article on ministry provided by the campus ministry team, please see "Catholic Campus Ministers at Michigan State try to help students with the unimaginable" a National Catholic Reporter article written on February 15. In the weeks ahead, I will continue to talk about the importance of DSA. Our parish goal for 2023 is $52,411. Every gift, no matter its size, is greatly appreciated and used responsibly.

Please participate in the Disciple Maker Index! This is a survey which asks our parishioners about their Catholic beliefs and their satisfaction with their parishes. Hopefully, we are doing well at St. Therese, but if we are not, we would like to know. The DMI also measures our understanding of our Catholic faith and practice. These results will give our parish staff an important understanding of the ways in which we need to provide better education and formation for our parish.

Don't let Lent pass you by! I strongly encourage you to participate in the Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers that take place every Friday of Lent at 6PM. I am greatly looking forward to our Parish Mission on Sunday, March 19, and Monday, March 20. Please invite your family and your friends. Also, don't forget our Communal Penance Service on Monday, April 3, at 6:30PM.

Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine; it continues to escalate. Pope Francis fears that we might be on the brink of World War III.

Lenten Blessings,
Fr. John Fain

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 12

Attention all families sending their students to area Catholic schools, you are eligible for a subsidy from St. Therese if you are a registered member of our faith family! **Applications for subsidy and scholarship funding the 2023-2024 school year** are available in the social room and parish office. These forms need to be back to the office by March 24, 2023. Any questions please call the parish office and ask for Sue.

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 5, 2023

Monday, 6th	**Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38**
8:30 a.m.	**Intention of Barbara Nidefski** - Betty Spitler
4:00 p.m.	Tutoring
6:00 p.m.	CY1/CY2 (JDR, SEAS)
Tuesday, 7th	**Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**
	Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
8:30 a.m.	**†Mary York** - Sandi Walczak
9:00 a.m.	Small Group (SFR)
11:30 a.m.	Staff Prayer (CH)
6:00 p.m.	Small Group (SFR)
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (MAR) & (GYM)
6:30 p.m.	T.O.P.S (FMR)
Wednesday, 8th	**St. John of God, Religious**
	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
	No Service
2:00 p.m.	OLL Circle Meeting (JD)
4:00 p.m.	Tutoring
6:00 p.m.	Italian American Club (FMR)
Thursday, 9th	**St. Francis of Rome, Religious**
	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
1:00 p.m.	St. Bernadette Circle (JD)
1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Rosary
6:00 p.m.	**†Mike Golden** - Jean Beck
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 10th	**Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, 11; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46**
8:30 a.m.	**†For the Repose of Kyle Browns Soul**
	& Healing for His Family- Gramma
6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m.	Soup Supper (FMH)
7:00 p.m.	N. A. (GYM)
Saturday, 11th	**Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-31**
3:00 p.m.	Confessions
4:30 p.m.	**100th Birthday Sophie Borzenski** - Borzenski Family
7:00 p.m.	N. A. (GYM) ***DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS***
Sunday, 12th	**Ex 17:3-7; 1 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42**
8:30 a.m.	**People of the Parish**
9:30 a.m.	Library Open (SJR)
10:30 a.m.	**†Abegayle Hill** - Steve & Leslie Schultz
7:00 p.m.	A.A. (FMR)

Stewardship Report
489 envelopes issued, 97 used this week

2/26/23 Weekly contributions	**$8,386.18**
Weekly Budget Goal	**$9,500.00**
Amount under goal	**-$1,113.82**

St. Bernadette Circle will meet March 9th @ 1:00 p.m. in the Juan Diego Room. Hosted by Linda Wieber

Knights News

Knights of the Month:

Dennis Howland Brian Milam

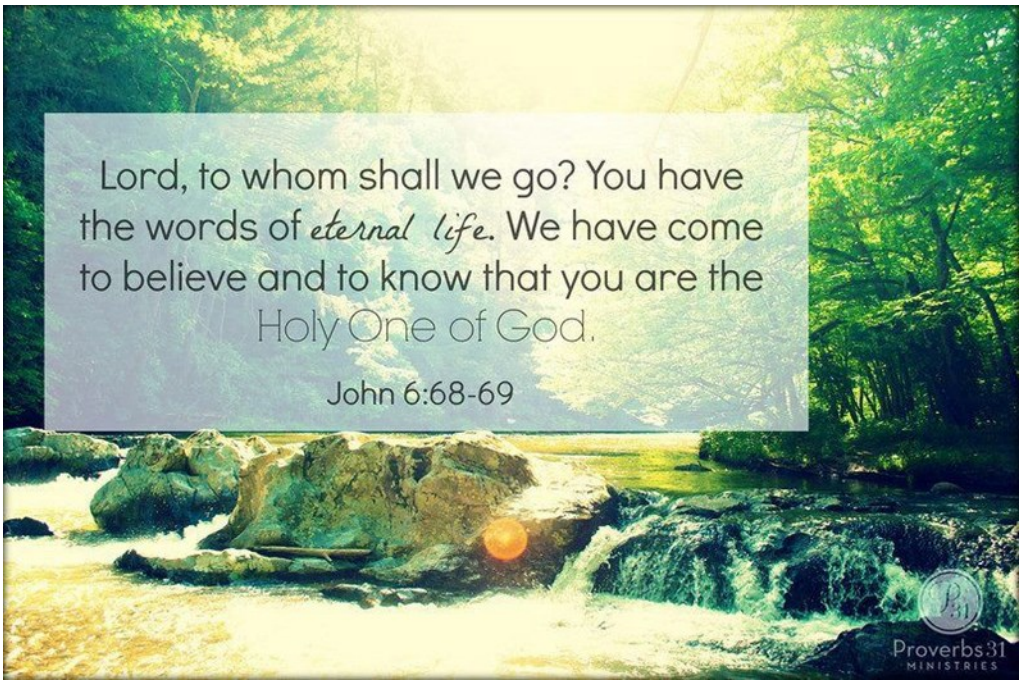
The Meijer Simply Give Winter campaign continues at the DeWitt Meijer! Meijer Simply Give cards are available on the tables in the vestibule and at the food pantry. If the DeWitt Meijer is not where you regularly shop, we will be happy to purchase a $10 card for you! Simply see a SVDP Vincentian in the vestibule before or after any of the Masses on the weekends of March 18th and 19th and we will accept your donation, provide you with a receipt for your taxes, and purchase a Simply Give card for you during the Double Match Day on March 25th at the **DeWitt Meijer**. If you wish, donations may also be placed in the poor box. Please make any checks payable to Meijer and include Simply Give on the memo line. The Meijer Simply Give campaign is a major fundraiser for our food pantry and we feel blessed to have such great supporters of our efforts to feed the hungry in northwest Lansing. Thank you so very much for your continued support!

St. Therese Parish Mission

"The Greatest Story Never Told"

Speaker: Stephanie Smith

The greatest story ever told is that of ***Our Lord, Jesus.*** But there's another story worth telling, worth knowing. Take a break from the busyness of life this Lent and join us to explore that tale, for it is indeed, the greatest story *never* told.



Sunday, March 19, and
Monday, March 20, 2023
6:30 - 7:30 pm
With hospitality time to follow.
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St. Joseph Prayer for Protection

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong,
before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.
Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.
Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart.
Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and
ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.
St. Joseph, patron of departing souls – pray for me.
Amen.

How to Pray: Mary, Undoer of Knots Novena

Dearest Holy Mother, Most Holy Mary, you undo the knots that suffocate your children, extend your merciful hands to me. I entrust to You today this knot and all the negative consequences that it provokes in my life: (pause)
Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life.
You know very well how desperate I am, my pain and how I am bound by these knots.
Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life.
No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.
Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot…I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all, You are my hope.
O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution and with Christ the freedom from my chains.
Hear my plea.
Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge!
Conclude with the Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

St. Therese RED News

Confirmation Y1 and Y2 Our next class will be Monday, March 6th at 6pm. Year 1 students should have completed through Session 6 in the Youcat Confirmation book, and don't forget your saint projects are due next month! Year two students check your email if you haven't gotten your draft letters to the bishop back yet. Final copies are due tomorrow along with Youcat through Session 11.

Parent Power Week 3 Reflection: Last week we added praying for our children by name to our daily routines. Oh the power in that small act alone! This week let's take the power of a praying parent one step farther—let's add something special, a little twist on an old favorite, perhaps! Praying memorized Catholic prayers is very important. After all, in times of distress we turn to what we know by *heart*. But we also must remember that all prayer is a conversation with God and so it's ok to switch it up sometimes! I recommend you try one (or both!) of these this week as you pray for your children… 1) I learned from the great Sheri Wohlfert (she really is so great —humble and kind and wise all in one amazing woman!) that there is a special way to pray the Hail Mary. *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for Maddie now and at the hour of her death. Amen.* I have five kids, so I do this for each of my children as I pray my rosary, one decade for each (I include my husband in the first three *Hail Marys*:) OR 2) Do the same with the Surrender Novena. *Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you. Take care of Katharine!* Check here next week as we strive to raise God-loving, Heaven-bound children!

Mark Your Calendars!

Sun, Mar. 5 - Sunday RED Groups 11:45am
Mon, Mar. 6 - CY1 and CY2 RED Group 6pm
Sun, Mar. 12 - First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment 10:30 Mass
Sun, Mar. 12 - Sunday RED Groups 11:45am
Sun, Mar. 12 - First Eucharist RED Group 11:45am
Sun, Mar. 19 - Sunday RED Groups 11:45am
Sun, Mar. 19 - CY2 Group Interview 11:45am—library
June 20-22 - Camp Jesus Vacation Bible School—more to come!

"My daughter, don't be exerting yourself so much with words. Those whom you love in a special way, I too love in a special way, and for your sake, I shower My graces upon them. I am pleased when you tell Me about them, but don't be doing so with such excessive effort" (*St. Faustina* **Diary** *739*)

Liturgical Ministers Schedule March 11-12, 2023

4:30 PM
Lector: S. Scarane
Mass Coordinator: A. Phillips
Servers: A. Phillips, P. Teszlewicz
Em's: J. Neubecker
Ushers/Greeters: M. Murray, D. Schmitt

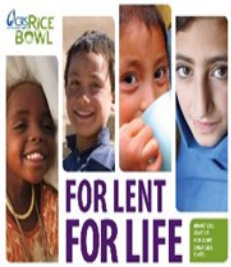
8:30 AM
Lector: P. Droste
Mass Coordinator: C. Haley
Servers: B. Milam, Les. Ozanich
Em's: D. Temple
Ushers/Greeters: J. Miller, M. Visser

10:30 AM
Lector: P. Patterson
Mass Coordinator: L. Schultz
Servers: L. Nolen, S. Schultz
Em's: L. Schultz, P. Teszlewicz, D. VandenBerg
Ushers/Greeters: D. Borzenski, J. Lemmer, E. Wieferich
Counters: Team B

Our Parish Social Ministries

LENT, A SEASON FOR ALMSGIVING

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated central Turkey and northwest Syria. Aftershocks of 6+ magnitude continue in the region; the death toll is climbing past 47,000 . **Catholic Relief Services** is supporting emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey, bringing displaced people to safe spaces and distributing hot meals and clothing. Get your **Rice Bowl** at exits.

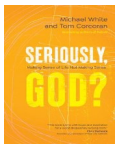


Almsgive some time by tutoring at Open Doors Tutoring Center. Register at: **sttherese.org**, front page button.

Our Adult Faith Formation

The Discipleship Maker Index Survey 2023 is now **on-line** (use the button on sttherese.org or https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gy1k1g) & **on paper** (Information Desk, Social Room)

There are 75 questions about what we believe and what we do because of our beliefs.
In 2020, 120 of us responded. This year, we have a goal of 150 responses.
Please don't tarry, the **survey closes March 27**.



Small Discipleship Groups…
Seriously, God?
Making Sense of Life Not Making Sense
Join the conversation THIS Tuesday, March7 @ 9am or 6pm.

Save the Dates!!! March 19, 20 Parish MissioN With our own Stephanie Smith

Go to the
St. Therese Website
for a wealth of
Lenten Prayer Resources

Everyone is invited to join us for The Parable Project, on Sunday, March 12th at 2 pm at St. Martha Church, 1100 Grand River Ave, Okemos. The Parable Project uses drama, improv, and audience participation to bring the stories that transform our hearts alive. There is no cost, just come with hearts open to receive God's message to you.

RETREAT AT ST. MARY CATHEDRIL

All people, 18 years and older, are invited to join with each other at our Parish Retreat: *The Kerygma*.
The retreat will begin on:
Friday, March 10
CHECK-IN 6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 11
CHECK-IN 8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 12
CHECK-IN 8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.- 11:00 (Mass)
This retreat will offer: Talks from Fr. Karl Pung, Fr. Paul Erickson, and Fr. Jim Rolph. There will also be opportunities for contemplation, Small Group discussion, prayer groups, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession.
Light Refreshments, Beverages, and Lunch and Dinner (Sat).
A great time to gather as a parish community, to pray, learn, and grow, in this Lenten Season.

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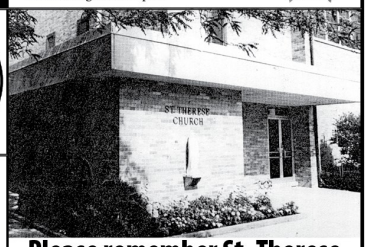

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