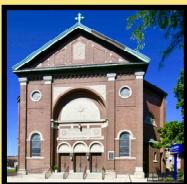


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**Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.**

— Romans 12:2

news and events

First Friday of the Month - September 4th

Friday, September 4th, is the First Friday of the Month. A special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place at St. Therese Church at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta/First Saturday Healing Mass

The novena to St. Teresa began on Thursday, August 27th and continues until September 4th at 8:00 am Masses. You are invited to pray privately if you can't attend the daily mass. On her feast day, Saturday, Sept. 5th, we will have an 8:00 am healing mass with anointing at St. Barbara Church and a 5:00 pm mass with Bishop Robert Casey at St. Therese Church in honor of our parish's beloved patroness.

Annual Feast of Santa Maria Incoronata

The Annual Feast of SMI in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place on Sunday, September 13th at 12:00 noon at St. Therese this year. Due to limited space, the mass will be live-streamed at our parish's YouTube channel.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA classes will begin in October. If you would like to become a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, this class is for you! There is an information sheet on the table at the entrance to Church. Please fill out the sheet and give it to an usher or call the rectory.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Fr. Andrzej Beltowski sent an email requesting prayers for his brother-in-law Grzegorz (Gregory) who is seriously ill in the hospital. Many of you may remember Gregory from his visits to see Fr. Andrzej. As you know, Fr. Andrzej is especially devoted to the Divine Mercy, so please ask for mercy for Gregory.



WE WELCOME YOU

Seeking a parish?
A spiritual family?
A place to pray, deepen your faith, or serve others?

If so, our hearts and doors are open to you! We thank God for sending you. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Francis after Mass.

DAILY LIFE By Sister Caritas

Before I came to St. Therese, about fifteen or sixteen years ago, I had left another parish and was without a job or ministry. My doctor said the point I was at was "The will of God". When he said that, it was the last thing I was thinking about. He suggested that I should have my second hip replaced. Another surgery was not what I wanted to do. He was persistent, so I did. After the surgery, recovery and therapy, I was mostly pain free. The following January, I got up in the morning and found myself free of pain for the first time. I continue to be mostly pain free. My doctor was right. I did not see what could be. I would probably not be as healthy or active as I am now. Sometimes what we don't want is God's will and good for us.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus is preparing for His future death and resurrection. He is telling His apostles. Peter takes Jesus aside and says, "No such thing shall ever happen to you." This can't be what is supposed to happen. The Messiah is not supposed to happen. The Messiah is not supposed to end like this.

Jesus reminds us that we all must carry our cross to follow Him. With the dawn of each day, we have another chance to carry our cross. Everyone has one suited to themselves. We have seen in Jesus' life that carrying our cross leads to a kind of resurrection which we do not see or know. If we seek Jesus and His way of life as we carry our cross, we know there is resurrection. Jesus tries to show us that crosses, difficulties, pain, and suffering are often the way to another kind of life, a new and better way of life. Seeking this kind of life means we will not lose life even when we die.

Each of us makes daily choices. God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is with us and gives us the fulness of life appropriate to living as a Catholic Christian here in this world. As you and I end each day, looking back over choices we make through the day, we measure them to Jesus' life. Each of us is called to follow Him, love Him and love each other. That kind of life leads to eternal happiness that the "world" cannot give.



HOLY COMMUNION

If you find it difficult to walk to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion, please notify one of the ushers before Mass that you would like Communion to be brought to you.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

Congratulations to the 2020 class at St. Barbara Campus of St. Therese School, who celebrated their Confirmation last Saturday at St. Barbara Church:

Ronald Cabrera
Cecilia Claudio
Maylen Dunagan
Gabriella Godinez

Brooke Mahneke
Virginia Medellin
Krystin Ruiz
Lucia Thomas

We thank their parents, sponsors, and catechists for accompanying them and preparing them for this special celebration.

Congratulations to Austin He, who was baptized last Sunday at St. Therese Worship Site. We welcome Austin and assure him and his parents and Godparents of our prayers and support.

Thanks to Eva Mrgan, Ken Ricci and Lily and Richard May for their generous donations to cover the cost of the new organ at St. Therese Worship Site. Special thanks to Eva, Ken, and Rick and Michael Pietrzak for their expertise and guidance for the new organ to be properly delivered and installed.

Thanks to Jim Distasio and his company "M & J Asphalt" for freely repaving St. Therese's parking lot. We appreciate their generosity and kindness.



RACISM AND MINISTRY

Last Wednesday, Bishop Robert Casey had a zoom meeting with his priests in Vicariate III on the topic of racism and ministry. I found the conversations to be helpful in light of the recent racially charged events in our country. This is an issue that not only challenges all ministers, but also all Christians and people as well. I want to share the examination of conscience questions that Bishop Casey invited his priests to reflect and pray about with you all.

Have I prayed, earnestly and regularly, for an end to racism and an increase in the understanding of the equal dignity of all those created in the image of God?

Have I sought ways to better educate myself about the structures of sin that perpetuate racism and that may have an unforeseen effect on the way I live my life?

Have I tried to gain a deeper understanding of the privileges and blessings I enjoy in my life and how these same privileges and blessings may not be enjoyed by others because of their race?

Have I been conscious of the existence of racism in the world, naming it and recognizing it as a structure of sin?

Have I prayed for and actively sought after a greater understanding of systemic racism and have I been willing to enact real changes in my life to combat it?

Have I been willfully ignorant of the racism that I know exists in family, or my community, or my Church and I have been insensitive by ignoring it?

Have I looked for opportunities to enter into dialogue about racism with those with whom I would not ordinarily converse?

Have I desired to overcome indifference to racial violence and to push past the tendency to ignore it?

Have I asked God to forgive me for the times that I have contributed to racism, whether consciously or unconsciously, through jokes, conversations, criticisms, use of influence, or complaints?

Have I asked God to forgive my family members, my friends, my neighbors, and my fellow churchgoers who have deliberately participated in and perpetuated the sin of racism, and have I prayed for a conversion of their hearts?

Peace

Fr. Francis

Please pray for the following students as they receive their



Saturday, August 29, 2020

Michael Casey	Miranda Medellin
Sergio Cerritos	Briana Monreal
Aleksander Chavez	Patrick Mulhearn
Ryan Delfin	Javier Ortega
Anthony Dominguez	Sergio Reyes
Rossella Folino	Carys Rodriguez
Luca Gonzalez	Yssa Villagrana
Anthony Guzman	Olivia Walczak
Autumn Lopez	Carter Walker

Faith Testimony #6

WITNESSING THROUGH ACCOMPANIMENT

By Thomas Howard

Some mistakenly believe that when it comes to sharing a faith testimony, priests and sisters should be recruited first and laypeople last. We are blessed with many active ministries here at St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, where the creative action of the Holy Spirit is hard at work. It is wonderful when a layperson involved in one of our ministries steps up to the plate and willingly shares a faith witness.

Bette Pienta's experience during the RCIA baptisms a few weeks ago is highlighted below. The guiding question to be kept in mind while reading is: Can I emulate Mary, who accompanied Jesus to the very end?

Just a few days before the big evening on August 1st, the date was chosen to finally initiate several new members into our faith community. Bette was the first member of our evangelization team to volunteer to attend the mass and conduct a few interviews for our evangelization team. "Thanks in advance, Tom, for picking me up. I know how hard it can be to find parking in Chinatown on a Saturday evening."

From the moment we arrived until hours later when we left, Bette was in her element, introducing herself to the RCIA elect, encouraging them with both words and a smile hidden behind her mask. Her main task was to conduct a few interviews, delving into one's raw experience of grace discovered in the sacrament of baptism.

Fiona, Jing's and my new goddaughter, was one interview Bette conducted that evening. "I wanted to find out, first hand, how an immigrant family encounters the Catholic faith", Bette commented. Yo-Yo, Fiona's mother and pictured on the left, was also initiated into the faith that evening.

Bearing witness to Christ crucified, therefore, is often quite simple. Bette's openness to saying 'yes' to our team's invitation not only infused confidence and peace in the lives of the elect that she interacted with that beautiful summer night, but this experience also brought her great personal satisfaction and joy. "I absolutely love accompanying people as they enter the faith. Even though this was not the Easter Vigil, it did, nevertheless, bring back many wonderful memories for me in my Catholic journey. God is good!"



Thank you Bette for reminding us of St. Therese's 'little way.' Proclaiming Christ crucified in today's world does not always need a trumpet. All we have to do sometimes is show up.

CARRY ON THE MISSION APPEAL

Hopefully, everyone has received their letter in the mail regarding our new appeal. Please help us to raise \$50,000 by October 18th, so that this amount will be matched by a generous donor. The suggested amount per family is \$125; however, please donate whatever you can to keep our churches alive. To date, we have received two donations: Mr. & Mrs. James Bertucci - \$125, and Mr. Joe Boniewicz - \$10. Thank you for your support. We will continue to update our totals weekly.

Our Parish's Live-Streamed 10:30 am Sunday Mass: Catholics are still absolved from Sunday obligations. Those who can't yet participate in person can still join us online; our 10:30 am Sunday mass is live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzAgZ6h3s85ofB3QSYO2VQ>)

Remember to "like" our new SMTT Facebook page to receive the latest news about the parish: <https://www.facebook.com/StMotherTeresaParish/>

Reminder: If you are considered as part of the "vulnerable population;" if you have pre-existing health conditions; or if you are experiencing any health issues, out of super abundant caution and pure love for yourself and others, we strongly encourage you not to join our mass in-person for now and we kindly invite you to join our online masses.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 29 - Vigil of The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Deceased Members of the Malone Family
(Spalla Family)
+ 1st Ann. Rem.: Ed Glabicki (Wife, B.)
+ Virginia Pienta (Bette Pienta)
+ Alfredo Porrás Tecayehuatl, Maria Lourdes Porrás Tecayehuatl, and Lorena Berra Porrás (The Kwiatkowski and Pérez Families)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)
5:00 p.m. First Communion Mass at St. Therese Church (by invitation only)

Sunday, August 30 - The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Shirley and Anthony Scuito (Mike Vicario)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + 1st Ann. Rem.: Ed Glabicki (Wife, B.)
+ Estelle Barton (B. Glabicki)
+ Helen Collan (Edward Sraga Family)
+ Teresita Villefuerte Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King)

Monday, August 31 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Tuesday, September 1 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + 11th Ann. Rem.: Bernice Korso (M. Korso)
+ Casimir Pienta (Bette Pienta & Family)
+ 25th Ann. Rem.: Bruno Roti (Marion)

Wednesday, September 2 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Thursday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

8:00 a.m. + The Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius and Eleanore

Friday, September 4 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church
7:00 p.m. First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (at St. Therese Church)

Saturday, September 5 - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

8:00 a.m. + Feast Day Mass to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Healing Mass

Saturday, September 5 - Vigil of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. **Feast Day Mass of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta with Bishop Robert Casey (at St. Therese Church)**
5:00 p.m. + Linda Duddleston (Spalla Family)
+ In Loving Memory of Mike Nardi (Frank & Sophie)
+ Juanita Smith (Bette Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, September 6 - The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Charles Sims (Christine Krupa)
+ Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Russell Lech (B. Glabicki)
+ Ralph Eneberg (B. Glabicki)

Collection - Week of August 22nd - 23rd

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 719.25
Sunday Loose:	\$ 235.00
Debt Reduction Collection:	\$ 131.00
Total Collection:	\$ 1,085.25
Weekly Budget:	\$ 2,200.00
July 1st to Present (Actual):	\$ 11,230.50
July 1st to Present (Budgeted):	\$ 17,600.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

8:00 a.m.

Lector: B. Hudren

5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

Lector: L. Saletta

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford

Eucharistic Minister: G. Vanderford

Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Rodriguez or P. Rodriguez

Lector: L. Szczepanski

For those unable to attend Mass due to illness or for those who do not have access to the internet, please be sure to watch the Mass on television:

During August

**Cardinal Cupich Mass from
Holy Name Cathedral
ABC-TV Channel 7 - Chicago**
Sunday Mass: 9:30 am

Year-Round

**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass at 9:30 am
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago**

Sunday, September 6 - The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. + 3rd Ann. Rem.: Rose Furmanek (Sonny)
+ Birth. Rem.: Eleanor Leverence (Son, Gary)
+ Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)
+ Teresita Villafruete Holcomb (Angelica, Emmanuel and Jeremy King)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday:
8:00 am - 4:00 pm. At the present time, the office is closed
on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

Communion Calls: Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

Ministry of Care: Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:
Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Debbie Annerino, Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Tony Baressi, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Anna Kolendo, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Ken Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marcuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petrucc, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Maria Saludo, Edward John Schmit, Jr., Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30am
St. Therese: Mandarin Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4:00 pm followed by Bible sharing and food.
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am
St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: St. Therese - 7:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS: St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

CONFESION

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm or by appointment
St. Therese: By appointment

THE ROSARY

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.



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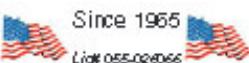
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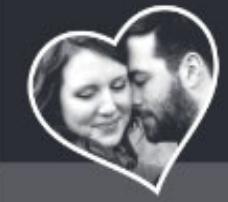


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