

# **ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH**

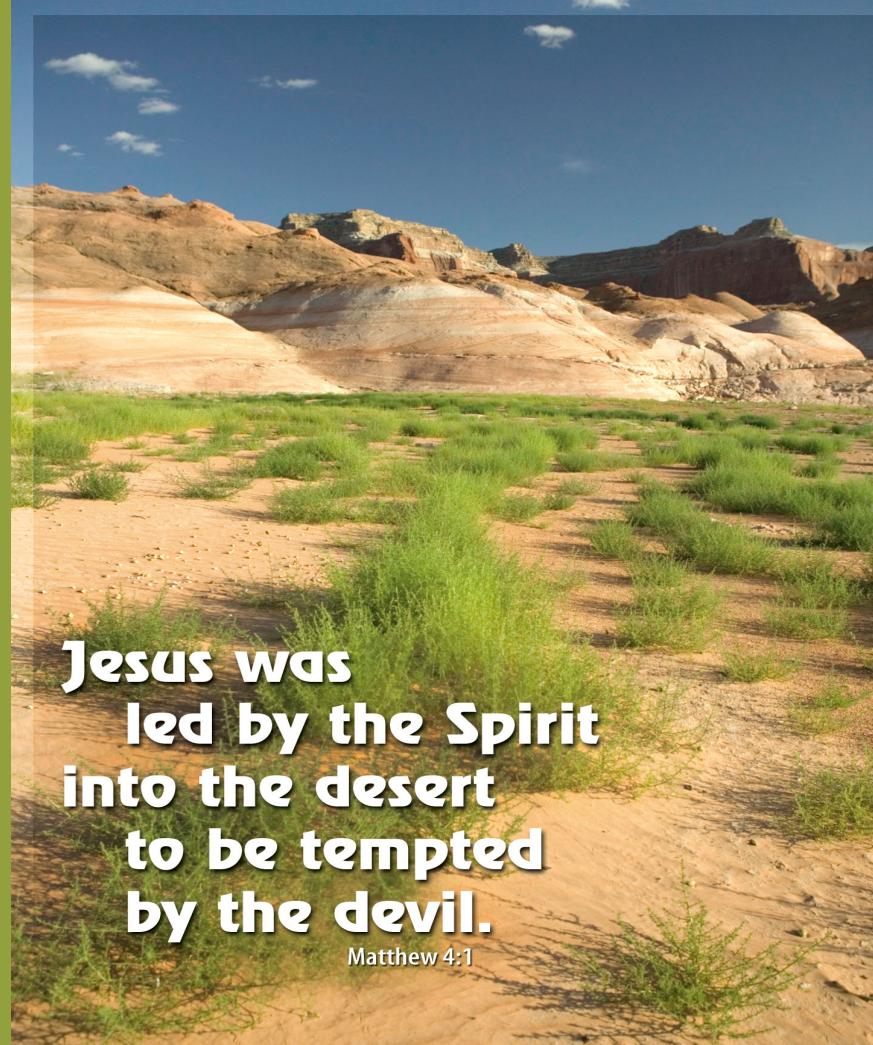


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**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March  
01,  
2020**



**“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”**

**— Matthew 4:10**



## Activities This Week

Sunday, Mar. 1 - Altar & Rosary Mtg; 11:00 am  
 Monday, Mar. 2 - Combined Parish Liturgy Mtg.;  
     7:00 pm  
     - St. Barbara KC's Mtg.; 7:00 pm  
 Tuesday, Mar. 3 - Senior Citizens Mtg.; 11:30 am  
 Friday, Mar. 6 - Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm  
 Saturday, Mar. 7 - First Saturday healing Mass;  
     8:00 am  
     - First Reconciliation @ St.  
         Therese Worship Site; 10:00 am  
     - St. Barbara High School  
         Reunion; 5:00 pm Mass; 6:00  
         pm dinner  
 Sunday, Mar. 8 - 3rd Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am  
     - Indonesian Mass in the Chapel;

## OFFERING TO ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH

As we continue to work on the unification of Parish operations, we now have a bank account under the name of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The change will help with daily parish operations, simplifying accounting and, ultimately, save us some costs. In order to help us with this process, please **start making your offering checks payable to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish.** If you are using online giving (**Give Central**), you don't need to make any changes.

## HOLY NAME NEWS

Our next Holy Name meeting will be on Friday, March 13th at 7:00 pm.

"100 Club" winners chosen last month were: 1st prize: George V. Sr.; 2nd prize: George V. Sr.; 3rd prize: My Angel 5616; 4th prize: George V. Sr.; and 5th prize: Cooper W.



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**Reminder:** There will be **NO** bingo on Thursday, March 5th.



Thursday,  
 February 20, 2020  
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 \$500 Coverall Split

## news and events

**Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:** The second collection this weekend is to help the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The collected funds will help the Church to focus on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media. Please be generous.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be held on all Fridays during Lent. Stations will be said at the St. Barbara Worship site at 6:00 pm. Stations at the St. Therese Worship Site will be at 7:00 pm.

**First Friday:** First Friday will be on March 6th. We will not have our regular Divine Mercy Chaplets on this Friday, but will have the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm followed by benediction at St. Therese Church.

**First Reconciliation:** Our School and Religious Education Program students will have their First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 am at St. Therese Church. Please keep our children in your prayers.

**St. Barbara High School Reunion:** St. Barbara High School will hold an all-year reunion on Saturday, March 7th, beginning with 5:00 pm Mass, followed by the reunion at 6:00 pm. For more information, please call the rectory (312) 842-7979.

**Indonesian Mass:** Beginning on Sunday, March 8th, an Indonesian Mass will be held in the St. Barbara Chapel at 11:00 am on the second Sunday of the month. This Mass will be said in our chapel for the next six months.

**St. Mary of Perpetual Help Penny Social:** On Sunday, March 8th, St. Mary's will hold their annual Penny Social in the school building at 1042 W. 32nd Place, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Win a Flat Screen TV plus many other prizes. Auction calling begins at 12:30 pm sharp! Lunch and refreshments will be available for sale.

**Bethlehem Arts:** Representatives from Bethlehem Arts will be in Chicago to sell hand-made olivewood religious articles to help the religious sisters and brothers in the Holy Land. They will be at the St. Barbara Worship Site following all Masses the weekend of March 14-15. They will be at the St. Therese Worship Site on Sunday, March 22.

**Reconciliation Service:** There will be a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 23rd, at 7:00 pm.

**Lenten Season Retreat:** On Saturday, March 28th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish welcomes Rev. Donald Senior for a Lenten Retreat titled "From Death to Life: Biblical Reflections on the Lenten Season". The cost is \$10.00 and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, there are flyers and a sign-up sheet on the usher's table.



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

Thanks to The Parent Association, students and faculty, families and benefactors of St. Therese School for another successful Lunar New Year Benefit Dinner. All of you worked hard for this largest fundraiser for our school. Our students were amazing in their performances. We appreciate your dedication, commitment, and your love for our school and parish.

Congratulations to George Lee, recipient of this year's Lifetime Service Award from St. Therese School. George is a long-time faithful parishioner. He is very much involved in our school, parish, and community. We thank him and congratulate him for this prestigious recognition.



## RITE OF SENDING AND RITE OF ELECTION

We are so blessed to have 9 adults in our RCIA programs and 5 school children being prepared for Baptism this year. Lent is a special time for all catechumens and candidates. As they continue their journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, we accompany them and pray for them as a community of faith. Their desire to be disciples of Jesus reminds us of our discipleship. We too are called to have a closer look at our lives, to get rid of all sins and to love our God and neighbors with all we are and we have, particularly in this Lenten Season.

Next Sunday at the 10:30am mass at St. Therese, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending with them and for them. The Rite of Sending is an optional parish celebration of sending the Catechumens and candidates to the Rite of Election. It is a rite in which a faith community makes sure that they are ready to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. After the homily, the catechist calls them forward with their godparents and then the priest asks if the catechumens are ready. Have they taken their formation seriously? Have they given evidence of their conversion? Do the godparents judge them ready for the Rite of Election? Then they are invited to write their names in the book of Elect. The ritual concludes with prayers for the catechumens and candidates.

The Rite of Election will be celebrated also next Sunday at 2:30pm in Holy Name Cathedral with one of our Bishops. Paul Turner describes this rite as follows:

"Election" refers to the idea of "the chosen people." In Israel's early history, God chose a people and established a covenant with them. Christians believe that God continues to choose people, now through the covenant of Baptism. The Rite of Election thus establishes the names of those who will enter the new covenant through the Sacraments of Initiation.

The key moments of the rite are the Affirmation by the Godparents and the Act of Admission or Election. In the affirmation, the godparents testify that the catechumens are worthy to be initiated. Their testimony reveals the church's positive judgment about the catechumens' desire and behavior. The entire assembly may also join the affirmation.

Let's keep our catechumens and candidates in our prayers and let's journey with them toward Easter.

Peace

Fr. Francis

## STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGES — Heating Costs

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. My role as Operations Director (OD) is to help our Pastor manage parish finances and daily operations. One of the aspects of my job is to keep parishioners informed about the situation of the Parish. With this in mind, I would like to start publishing some information in the bulletin that will help you understand the operation and the financial state of our parish.

I would like to start by describing the heating expenses. The monthly cost of heating all buildings at the St. Barbara campus is astronomical. Here you can see the last bill for the account, which shows the cost of heating only the church and school building. The monthly cost to keep the church and the school warm is \$7,176.84. Please note this is actual usage for November, which wasn't the coldest month this winter. The heating for other buildings (rectory, convent, parish center, and senior mobile) for the same time is an additional \$2,369.21. That brings us to a TOTAL of \$9,546.07. This is the money we pay just for natural gas usage. There are, of course, additional costs like: water treatment chemicals for boilers as well as tune ups, maintenance, and repairs to system parts. Such high costs for heating are clearly related to very old heating systems long past their service life, energy inefficient buildings, and a lot of unused space.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Sunday collections, special collections, and other donations. The Parish is able to operate and keep up with the bills only because of your generosity. There are no savings or supports from the Archdiocese or any other organization to cover our daily, weekly and monthly operating costs. Please help to support your Parish any way you can. Remember to make your offering checks payable to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish.

Piotr Woitasik, Operations Director



**LENT**  
**by Sister Caritas**

Whenever we are invited to something, we have the chance to choose if we will participate or if we will not participate. Temptation is an invitation. I have also found that, when I am trying to stay on my diabetic diet, the things I should not eat, at times, are the things I want to eat. It can be very hard to say no to food. I have to make a special effort to choose my health and not eat the food. It can be difficult to stay on a diet.

We are beginning the season of Lent. Many people take on trying to make serious changes in situations in their daily lives or spiritual lives. We are encouraged to pray more, including going to Mass on Sundays as well as other days. We are also encouraged to fast. Every Friday is a meatless day. When you try not to eat meat on Friday, a hot dog always seems like something you might like to eat more than usual. We are encouraged to give up excessive eating. We are also encouraged to be more generous with our money. If that is not possible, it may be good to make an effort to do more charitable actions. Be especially kind. Stay off of social media or being a part of bullying. Be generous in changing your actions toward others.

At times we look at Lent as a time to “give up” something. Perhaps it would be more positive if we think of giving something to God during Lent. Give God more prayer time. Give our neighborhood more care. Give our bodies more health by eating healthier and carefully. Forty days of working to create changes in our lives creates a new habit.

This is the time to prepare for Easter. It is the time to deepen our Spiritual life. It is a time to become closer to our friends and families as well as better friends to ourselves. Be loving in all levels of your life. We have stations every Friday. We have daily Mass. We have the Lenten Retreat day on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Come and pray. Participate with us. All are welcome. All are invited. How about you?

**ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH**  
**LENTEEN FOOD DRIVE**  
***St. Vincent de Paul Society***



Our generosity will support Benton House our local food  
pantry to help feed the struggling in our area.

Donations will be accepted through the Lenten season  
March 1st – April 5<sup>th</sup>

Boxes will be at the back of the church for any donations.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, February 29 - Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Adrian & Karen Goetz)  
 + Josephine Majewski (Majewski Family)  
 + Catherine Spina (Joe & Rena Zito)  
 + Health Blessings: Chuck Goyer (Adeline Skokal)

Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, March 1 - The First Sunday of Lent**

6:00 a.m. + Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Thursday Bingo)  
 Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
 9:30 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Albina Adomaitis (John & Susan Adomaitis)  
 + Jean Dimitri (B. Glabicki)  
 + Barbara Czerniak (B. Glabicki)  
 + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)  
 + Virginia Pienta (St. Barbara Altar & Rosary Sodality)

+ Ted and Stanley Piorecki

Special Intention (Ed Sraga)

**Monday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, March 3 - Lenten Weekday; St. Katherine Drexel**

8:00 a.m. + Ann.: (Leopoldo Roque Saludo (Family)

**Wednesday, March 4 - Lenten Weekday; St. Casimir**

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

**Thursday, March 5 - Lenten Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Ann. Rem.: Jonas Adomaitis (John & Susan Adomaitis)

**Friday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday**

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

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday; Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**

8:00 a.m. + All Parishioners, Living and Deceased  
 Healing Mass

**Saturday, March 7 - Vigil of The Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. + 60th Birth. Rem.: Joseph Wojcik (Elizabeth Wojcik)  
 + Joseph Spina (Joe & Rena Zito)  
 + Rosemary Thome (Joe & Rena Zito)  
 + Eileen Kaput (Nancy Tarka)  
 Health Blessings: Ed Schmit (Adeline Skokal)

**Sunday, March 8 - The Second Sunday of Lent**

6:00 a.m. + Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)  
 9:30 a.m. 3rd Grade Family Mass  
 + Dot Lech (B. Glabicki)  
 + Virginia Pienta (Rose Kisielowski)  
 + Ed & Lucille Helma (B. Glabicki)  
 + Ted and Stan Piorecki

**Altar & Liturgical Sponsor**

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**Weekly Collection - February 22nd - 23rd**

Sunday Envelopes (66)	\$	917.25
Sunday Loose	\$	598.56
Debt Reduction Collection (36)	\$	389.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,904.81</b>

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$ 83,719.32	\$ 1,904.81
Goal	\$204,800.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	41%	30%
Votives & Vigil Lights:	\$ 164.85	
January Give Central:	1st	\$ 1,739.00
	2nd	\$ 320.00



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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

**5:00 p.m.**

Altar Servers: A. Chan  
 Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, J. Lukwinski,  
 A. Skokal

Lectors: V. Godinez, E. Kroner

Greeters: Y. Bobadilla, D. Becatti

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**

**6:00 a.m.**

Altar Server: G. Vanderford  
 Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa,  
 G. Vanderford

Lector: J. Bertucci

**9:30 a.m.**

Altar Servers: N. Worth, J. Williams, Q. Do  
 Eucharistic Ministers: D. Oi, K. Rojas  
 Lectors: 3rd Grade Family Mass  
 Greeters: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The office is closed on Thursday, 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.

#### **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.

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, David Brost, 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 Gadowski, Ray Gadowski, 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 Marczuk, 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 Petrucci, 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, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima



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