

St. Therese's Church

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*“The family that prays together,
stays together”.*

Father Peyton

The same can be said of Saint Therese's Parish FAMILY.

Not only do we PRAY together, we WORK together...we SERVE together...
we STRIVE together...we FAIL together...we LAUGH and we CRY together.

Our greatest accomplishment as a community of believers is our ability to work as one. It is only by and through our teamwork that can we reach our goals of feeding the poor, visiting the sick, caring for the elderly, teaching the children, nurturing the faithful, comforting the dying and bringing hope to the imprisoned.

In order to continue spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, I need your help. Please consider sharing your talents with Saint Therese's parish by joining a ministry, committee, or project. Simply take a few moments to review our ministry catalogue and notify the rectory with your selection. You'll be glad you did...and so will I!

Sincerely yours,

Reverend James J Paisley

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Pastor (and co-worker)



WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgical Art and Environment

As our seasons change, so does our Liturgical environment. We need people with various skills and talents in assisting to enhance our environment for worship and prayer. If you can sew; have an 'eye' for decor; dabble in gardening; or just want to give a helping hand, we invite you to join us.

One-year commitment with training. Frequency of meetings varies seasonally.

Eucharistic Bread Bakers

Do you enjoy baking with and for others? Join a special group of parishioners who come together in teams, on Saturday mornings, at 9:30 am in our church kitchen, to bake the bread that will become the Body of Christ.

One-year commitment with training. Required time: about 2 hours once every 2 months.

Ministers of Holy Communion

As Catholics, we are called to *be* Christ for one another. As Eucharistic Ministers we do even more; we *bring* Christ to one another. We do this for our parish family both within and beyond the walls of the church and the rewards are great.

Three-year commitment with training. Number of times serving varies according to your preference.

Hospitality Ministry (Ushers)

This ministry could be called the 'Welcoming Committee'. We need you to greet your parish family and guests with a smile, offer to help them find a seat, and

assist in any way necessary. Families are encouraged to join this ministry; it's a great place for the youngsters to start learning to help others. One year commitment with initial instruction by accompanying an experienced minister. Frequency varies by preference of mass.

Lector

Speaking to a group isn't easy but some people have what it takes and are good at it. If this is you, and you are ready to preach the Good News, we would love to hear from you! Two-year commitment with training. Number of times reading varies according to your preference.



LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRIES

Adult Choir

Come and raise your voice in joyful praise while leading others in song. Enrich the Eucharistic Liturgy every Sunday at the 11:00 Mass and special occasions throughout the year. We practice September thru May on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Seasonal commitment.

Adult Bell Choir

Ring out your enthusiasm of praise by enriching our 9:00 Sunday liturgy throughout the year. We are a 3 octave English Handbell ensemble with 3 octaves of hand chimes meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 from September to Easter. One year commitment – training provided.

Cantors (Adults)

Share the gift of leadership in song. Let your voice be the one to encourage the hesitant to join in full participation at Mass. Perhaps you recently moved to our parish and have been a cantor in your previous parish. Let your voice be heard again! One year commitment – training provided.



WORD

Sponsor Couples

As a married couple you are a sign of God's love in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Engaged couples have so many questions and could really benefit from talking to a couple who has gone through the ups and downs of marriage and have done so with their faith to guide them. Sessions are held in the home. (You may observe before committing to the program.)

Two-year commitment after training. You are usually assigned one or two couples per year.

Religious Education Teachers

By teaching Religious Ed. you are shaping the future of our parish and our church. Take the challenge; give examples of the Christian way of life to the children while expanding your own faith in the process.

8 month commitment with training. Meets weekly between Sept & May.

*Summer Religious Ed – Two weeks 9am to noon, June or July sessions.

Sunday Pre-school Teachers

Our little ones are very eager to hear stories about Jesus and learn about his love for them. Be an instrument of God's love for them and watch their faith develop before your eyes.

8 month commitment with training.

Meets weekly during the 11:00 am liturgy between Sept. & April.

Teachers Aides

Are you interested in working with children in a support capacity to the child's Religious Education teacher? Tasks include supporting the primary teacher by assisting with lessons and classroom management.

8 month commitment with training. Meets weekly between Sept. & May.

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Vacation Bible School

St. Therese's Vacation Bible School is truly the highlight of the summer around here. So many kids, so many smiles, and so many fun and exciting things happening at once! Be a teacher at VBS, the rewards are tremendous!

One-week commitment in August.



PARISH

Altar and Rosary Society

Come to share the wonder and wisdom of the women of St. Therese's. Vitality, productivity, camaraderie ... just a few of the gifts you receive when you involve yourself with a group deeply committed to this parish community.

One-year commitment. Meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

You can bring comfort to someone in need of healing by joining likeminded people in making blankets and shawls of all kinds. Young and old alike can share their talents and pray together. No experience necessary!

Group meets once a month.

Attendance not mandatory but prayers are.

Prayer Ministry

Come join the group of pray-ers who intercede for all intentions given them. Prayer requests, petitions regarding topical events, special requests from our parishioners taken from our Book of Intentions found in the vestibule of the church: all these are compiled and mailed monthly to our special ministers of prayer.

Pray at your own pace.

Bereavement Ministry

If you have experienced loss you know how much even a small gesture can mean. Your presence as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Greeter at a funeral liturgy can be so meaningful. A box of tissues and a smile can make a difference. Like a larger commitment? Consider helping the grieving family plan the liturgy's readings and songs. We gather periodically to pray and for fellowship with one another.

One-year commitment with training. Frequency varies.

Communion for the Homebound

As Christian stewards, perhaps one of the best uses of our time is sharing the love of God with our fellow man. What better way to do that than to bring the Body of Christ to someone who is unable to come to mass? We are looking for help on the *weekends* and the *First Friday* of the month. If you are willing to share a smile, say a prayer, and distribute Communion, you are willing to be the hands of Christ on Earth. (It is not required that you distribute Communion at Mass.)

Light training and transportation required. Schedule is at your convenience.

Hospital Visitation Ministry

Do you know that it's possible to brighten someone's day with just a smile or kind word? If you have the type of personality that can see the good in any situation, consider it a gift. Share that gift with those that need you. Consider this invaluable "Work of Mercy" and volunteer today.

Light training and transportation is required.

Note: Please let the rectory know if you or someone in your family is going into the hospital.

Meal Preparation for the Homebound

There is nothing quite like a home cooked meal. If you enjoy cooking and are able to make extra to share with someone in need, this ministry is perfect for you.

Scheduled about once every 8 weeks.

Children's Movie Night

Share your love of the movies with children and see some great films at the same time! Help chaperone an evening – pick the Saturday evening best for you between Sept and May!

8 month commitment. Choose your own dates.

Back Mt. Jr. or Sr. High Youth Council Advisor

Do you like to work with teens? Are you interested in adults encouraging, nurturing and affirming the faith formation of young people? Volunteers are welcome to join the adult advisory team of the youth councils.

7 month commitment. Meets bi-monthly on Sundays between Oct & May.



COMMUNITY

Back Mt. Free Medical and Legal Clinic

Volunteering to help others, even strangers who have nowhere else to turn, can be so fulfilling and add a meaningful dimension to anyone's life. Our Clinic's staffing needs range from lay people serving as receptionists to nurses and doctors, paralegals and lawyers. Since 1996, visitors from our own parish, as well as the surrounding area, come to a friendly environment for free medical care and assistance with legal problems. No strings attached. The clinic is open the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month with few exceptions.

One year commitment with training. Staffing is rotated.

TO ALL PARISHIONERS: Remembering to refer people in need whom you know is a personal ministry of real service as well. Problems of all kind are usually remedied much more easily early rather than later.

Meals on Wheels

Your personal delivery will brighten someone's day and allow them to enjoy their meal that much more. Come; bring food to the homebound and hungry.

Meals are delivered Friday. Scheduled once every 4/5 weeks.

Prison Ministry

What a wonderful way to live a Beatitude, wake to a reality, and grow in your own faith. Bring Christ and the Word and your presence to those in prison.

Meets - 3rd Monday of each month.

Social Concerns/Justice Ministry

We the Social Justice Committee of St. Therese's Parish are called to build God's kingdom of peace and justice as a way of life in our parish community and in the entire Earth community, according to Catholic Social teaching.

One-year commitment. Meets – 2nd Monday of each month.





Ministries for Younger Parishioners

Altar Servers

Serving at the liturgy is a joyful privilege. Servers stand close to the altar; carry the cross; wear the robe of Baptism; and hold the book of prayers! How wonderful all of this is! Come; learn to serve at the Lord's altar with reverence.

Training can start in the 4th grade. One-year commitment with training.

Number of times serving varies according to your Mass preference.

Young Lectors

If you are not afraid to speak in front of a group, you are perfect for this ministry. Training for this ministry comes in two parts: the spirituality of proclaiming the word, and learning all about preparation and delivery. Share your joy and enthusiasm by learning to be a reader at a monthly 9 am Sunday Mass.

Grades 9-12 ~ One-year commitment with training.

Number of times reading dependent on number of participants.

Youth Cantor

Does music flow in your heart? Why not share that gift with our community by being a leader of song?

One-year commitment.

Pre-school Aide

Do you like to work with children? Youth in Grades 7 – 12 may aide in our pre-school program on Sunday mornings, 11 a.m. to 12 in Fr. Sammons Hall. Tasks include assisting Pre-school teacher with setting out craft supplies, preparing snacks, assisting children with crafts, lessons.

8 month commitment.

Meets weekly on Sundays between Sept & May.

Teacher's Helper

Do you like to work with children? Youth in Grades 7 – 12 may volunteer to be a Teacher's helper in any of our 1 – 6 grade classes. When? Mondays 4:15 – 5:30 or Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:45PM.

8 month commitment.

Meets on selected day between Sept. & May.

Vacation Bible School

Do you like to have fun? Do you like to work with children? Youth in Grades 5 – 12 may volunteer as a youth helper in our Summer Vacation Bible School

Program. Jobs include Pre-school through 4th Grade teacher's helpers, arts and crafts helpers, skits, and recreation aides.

One week commitment, first week in August.

Back Mt Catholic Jr. High Youth Council (6th, 7th, 8th Grades)

Are you interested in working with peers your own age in service to the community? You can help organize, plan and implement events such as overnight lock-ins and retreats. Council members meet twice a month for planning meetings.

Planning meetings are twice monthly on Sundays
from Oct. to June, 12:30 – 2PM

Back Mt Catholic Senior High Youth Council (9th – 12th Grades)

Are you interested in working with peers your own age in the planning, organizing and implementation of service projects, social events and retreat experiences for youth your age? Council members meet twice a month for planning meetings.

Meetings Vary

If you are interested in any ministry listed in this booklet, please contact Terri at the Rectory Office. 570-696-1144 † Office hours M-F 9-3:30 PM.



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