

Church of St. Therese Ministry Catalog



*When I stand before God at the end of
my life, I would hope that I would
not have a single bit of talent
left and could say,
I used everything you gave me.*

-Erma Bombeck

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How will you use your talents?

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We cannot be stewards of God's gifts simply by owning them.

The people of Saint Therese's Parish were blessed with many different gifts and talents, and we are happy to use them. In fact, it's one of our greatest accomplishments as a parish and it's also stewardship. By offering the use of our time and talents, St. Therese's is able to 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. Together we pray, console, greet, serve, clean, teach, create, plan, comfort and give, all for the good of our parish and those around us.

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,

Joseph J. Pisaneschi

Reverend Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor (and co-worker)



WORSHIP

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgy Committee

The literal definition of "liturgy" is "work". It is the work of praising God through the *Eucharistic Rite or Mass*. The Liturgy involves every aspect of the Mass. The Liturgy Committee assists the Pastor with planning and implementing the various aspects of liturgical activities in the parish. Members of the committee represent different ministries; *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, RCIA, Music, Ushers, Liturgical Environment, Church Care, Servers, and other members of the parish at large*. Planning is done for the various liturgical seasons. The committee can advise the Pastor and assist him carrying out ideas and solving problems that are shared by the committee through feedback from parishioners.

The meetings occur on an average of four or five times a year.

Livestream Team

Looking for a way to be part of the action? Join the Livestream team and help produce the livestream for mass.

Training is required.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Being a minister of Holy Communion is both an honor and a privilege. As someone who attends mass, this would bring your experience to the next level and bring you closer to God.

Training is required. Number of times serving varies according to your preference.

Hospitality Ministry (Ushers)

Our Hospitality Ministers are vital to presenting St. Therese's as a friendly and welcoming church. As such they are often the first face people see when they come to mass. We need more people to commit to this important role. You can make a difference in someone's day! Smiles required!!

Frequency varies by preference of mass.

Lector

Not everyone has the ability to speak in front of a group. If you are lucky enough to have this talent, we ask you to use it for the good of the parish. By proclaiming the Word as a lector you are spreading God's message of love, something we all need to hear loud and clear!

Number of times reading varies according to your preference – training provided.

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRIES

Adult Choir

Come and sing out your worship to God in song. Enrich the Eucharistic Liturgy Sundays, during the 11:00 Mass and on special occasions throughout the year. Not sure? Perhaps you would like to try it out for a season. Come to a Sunday morning practice to see what it's all about.

We practice September thru May on Sunday mornings between the 8:00 & 11:00 masses.

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

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.

Teacher's Aides

Are you interested in working with children and supporting their teacher as well? Be there to help, support and assist the teacher with lessons and classroom management.

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

Religious Education At-Home Program Support

The homeschool option is an attractive option for today's busy families and ensuring that our faith is being shared properly is our top priority. If you have strong digital communication skills and a passion for sharing the faith, this may be an ideal role for you! Responsibilities may include assigning weekly work for families and maintaining regular communication.

Do you like working with both adults and children? Consider volunteering to assist with our family sessions. These retreat-like experiences engage both students and their parents in a highly interactive yet educational environment. Lead a session or just be available as an extra set of hands—the possibilities are endless!

Religious Education Support

It takes a whole team of people to provide for the education of our youth! We welcome volunteers who can help ensure the safety of our children as they come and leave class, assist teachers when they want to do creative projects, or serve as a substitute teacher. This is an ideal role for anyone who feels they have gifts to share with our youth but is hesitant to make a weekly commitment.

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 an adult helper or teacher at VBS, the rewards are tremendous!

One-week commitment in July.



Community

Altar and Rosary Society

In every parish there is a group of dedicated women who make it their mission to provide for the church. St Therese's Altar and Rosary is no different. Join the group and help the cause, deepen your faith and involvement in the parish as well.

Meets the first Wednesday of each month Sept-June

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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 from our parishioners are found in the Book of Intentions found in the vestibule of the church and compiled. They are mailed monthly to our special ministers of prayer.

Pray at your convenience.

Bereavement Ministry

If you have experienced loss, you know how much even a small gesture means. Your willingness to be an Adult Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Greeter at a funeral liturgy is very meaningful. You may also consider helping the grieving family plan the liturgy's readings and songs.

Training provided. 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? 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.)

Eucharistic minister training is required. Schedule is at your convenience for a Saturday or Sunday visit.

Men's Faith-Sharing Group

Are you looking to explore your faith with like-minded men? Join the men's faith-sharing group, where you'll have an opportunity for prayer, scripture, faith-sharing, reflection, and song. There is no commitment to attend every week.

Meets Saturday mornings from 8:00-9:00 at 65 Davis St.

Prison Ministry

What a wonderful way to live the Beatitudes, help the less fortunate, and grow in your own faith. Be a listening ear and messenger for God's healing love.

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month when able.



SERVICE

Meals on Wheels

Personally delivering meals to the elderly and/or shut-ins is a perfect example of stewardship. If you are available several Friday mornings out of a 6 month period and have reliable transportation, you are perfect for this ministry.

Meals are delivered on Fridays. Scheduled at your convenience.

Social Concerns and Community Outreach Ministry

We the Social Concerns and Community Outreach 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.

Meets – 2nd Monday of most months.

Creation Care Committee

The St. Therese Creation Care Committee educates and encourages the parish community to care for Creation according to Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si, addressing better environmental stewardship both locally and globally.

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month.

100th Anniversary Committee

St. Therese's Parish will be celebrating 100 years in 2026! This committee will be responsible for planning and executing festivities to commemorate this momentous occasion.

Meetings at the discretion of the committee.

Ministries for Younger Parishioners

Altar Servers

As an altar server you will learn the different parts of the mass and get more out of it. It seems totally different when you are sitting on the altar, playing an active role in what happens. Give it a try to know if it's right for you. You'll have a reserved seat at every mass! 😊 (Service Hours!)

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 Mass. (Service Hours!)

Grades 9-12 Training required. Number of times reading varies.

Religious Education Teacher's Helper

Think you might want to teach someday? Youth in Grades 7 – 12 may volunteer to be a teacher's helper in any of our 1 – 6 grade classes. When? Mondays 4:45 – 6:00 PM or Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:45 PM or Wednesdays 6:45 – 8:00 PM (Service Hours!)

8-month commitment. Meets on selected day between Sept. & May.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer

VBS is a big deal around St. Therese's and the young volunteers are a HUGE part of it. Youth in Grades 5 – 12 may volunteer as a young 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. (Service Hours!)

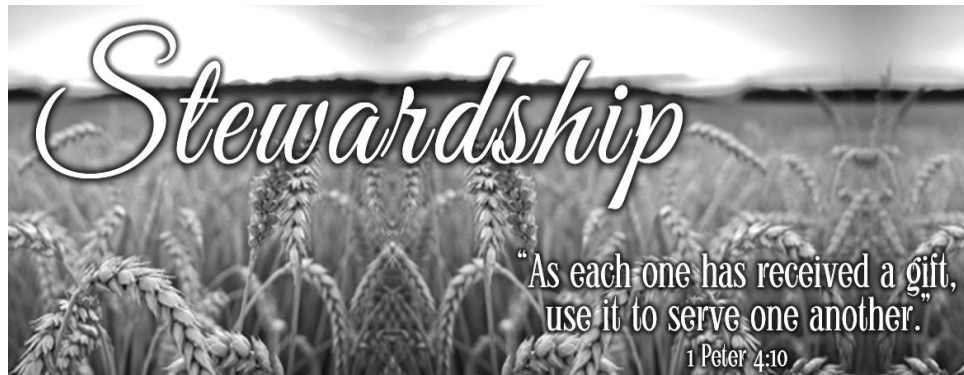
One week commitment in July.

St. Therese's Senior High Youth Group (Grades 9 – 12)

The Sr. High Youth Group is a great way to connect with people your age from our parish. High school can be tough. Get away from it all and just relax with this fun group. Besides being fun, involvement in a group like this looks good on a college resume! A win win!!

Watch the bulletin for meetings, service projects, and activities.

If you are interested in any ministry listed in this booklet, please contact Kelly at the Rectory Office. 570-696-1144 † Office hours M-F 8:30AM-3:00PM.



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