

Saint Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

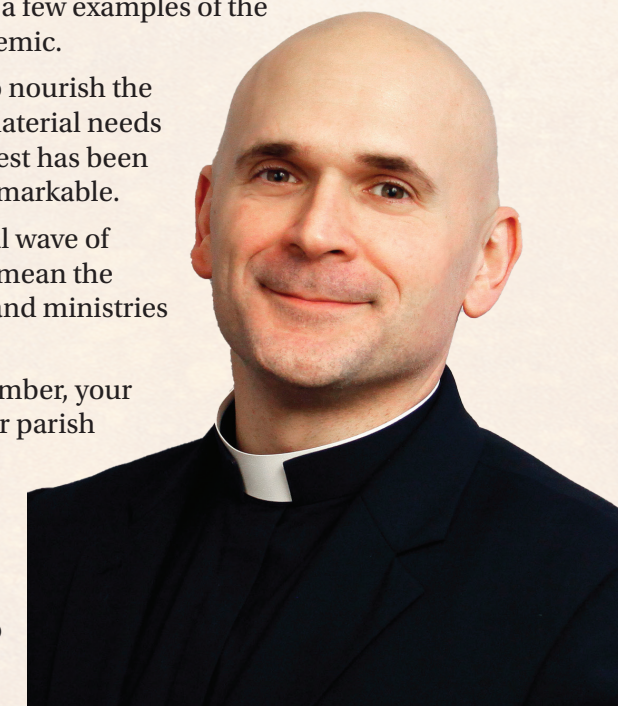
The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

I hope you have been comforted by our local and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings and, in many parishes, special COVID-19 ministries like online adult formation, Bible study and other opportunities for prayer, adoration and confession in our churches. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and outreach coordinators who made a crucial connection with the elderly and homebound. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

I want you to know that through it all, Saint Therese Parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.



Yours in Christ,
Father Tony Klimko

Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



Saint Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

Current Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Lector
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Music Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Homebound Ministry
- Bereavement Ministry
- Ushers
- Money Counters
- Sponsor Couple
- Rosary Altar Society

- Saint Therese Boosters
- Art and Environment Ministry
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council

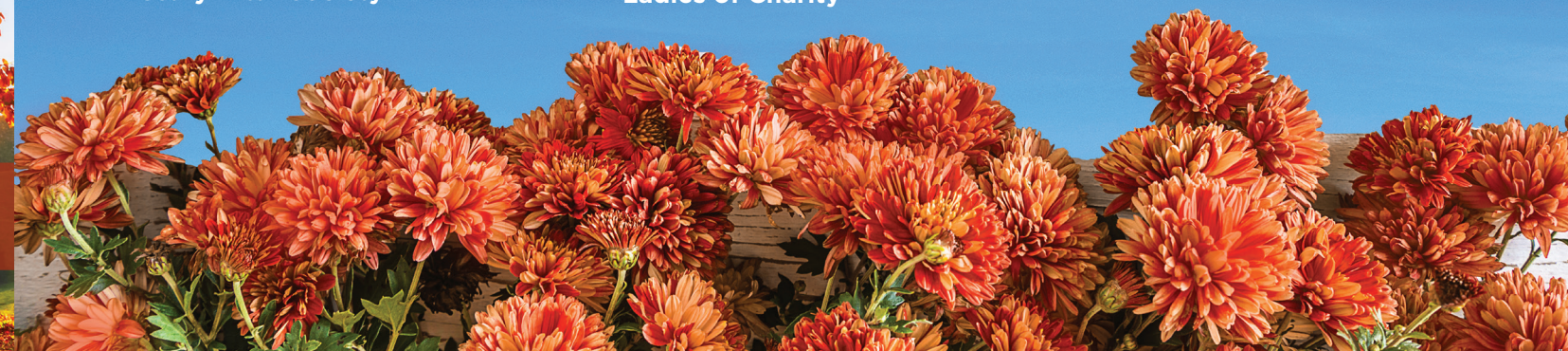
Catholic Community Ministries:

- Vocation Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Vacation Bible School Ministry
- Hospital Ministry
- Adult Bible Studies
- Catechists
- Saint Vincent de Paul Volunteer
- Ladies of Charity

- Catholic Men's Group
- Prayer Blanket Makers
- Rosary Makers
- Secular Franciscan Order
- Video Ministry

Future Ministries:

- Graduate Ministry
- New Family Ministry
- Prayer Chain Ministry
- Senior Update Ministry
- Social Ministry
- Library Ministry



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we completed many projects: installed a new video recording system for livestreaming Mass, resurfaced the main parking lot, purchased a new commercial dishwasher for the Parish Center,

made rectory improvements and converted the cry room into a confessional. Most recently we have plans to update the sanctuary flooring, update the lighting in the church to LED, repaint the interior of the church, refinish the church pews and seal the parking lots at the Parish Center and rectory.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 508,718	\$ 475,686	\$ 560,319
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	8,761	6,438	(743)
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	159,940	76,913	97,163
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	4,687	-	13,592
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	31,192	79,954	19,788
Special Collections	28,398	39,342	40,686
Total Income	\$ 741,696	\$ 678,333	\$ 730,805
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 115,654	\$ 118,389	\$ 101,998
Church	63,825	66,674	73,423
Rectory	3,608	4,278	3,629
Education and Ministry	98,205	97,431	115,476
General Expenses	203,443	216,932	198,355
Special Collections	29,633	38,916	41,059
Extraordinary Expenses	225,675	180,277	154,947
Total Expenditures	740,043	722,897	688,887
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 1,653	\$ (44,564)	\$ 41,918

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 1593
2020: 1603
2019: 1610

Single Member Households

708



Baptisms

2021: 13
2020: 17
2019: 8

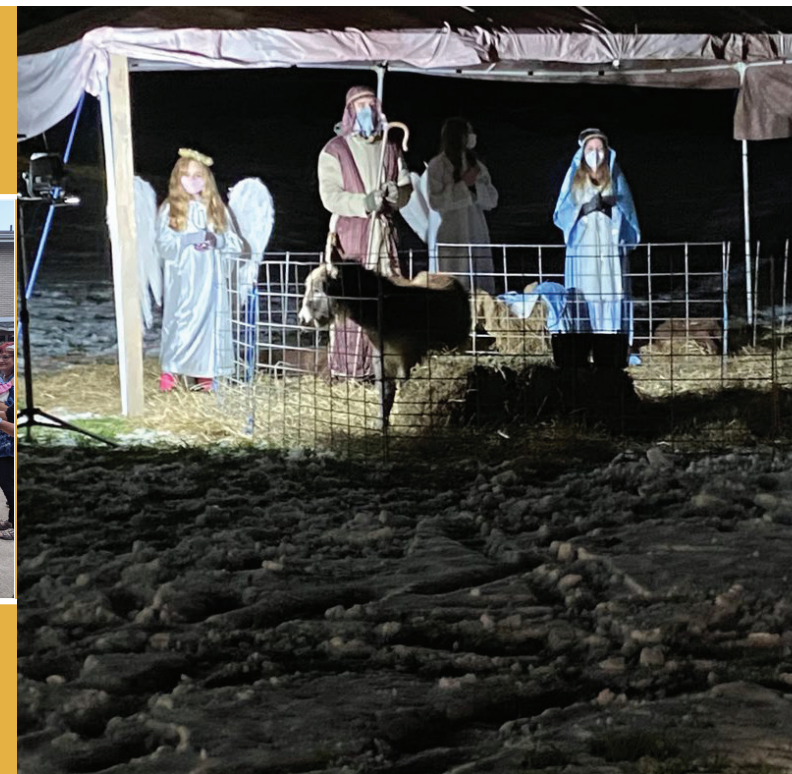
Weddings

2021: 7
2020: 5
2019: 10



Funerals

2021: 67
2020: 55
2019: 45



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners; but, it was greatly assisted by both online and mail-in giving.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies.

I do want to call your attention to our new initiative. This year in faith formation our emphasis will be accompaniment, from the youngest child born to the eldest member of the church. At any age, we have so much to offer to our church family and the community. Ministries are being developed to journey with new families, high school graduates, the families of newly baptized children, and newlyweds. In the faith formation program, we the Church will be walking with the children and youth, helping them to learn about God's love and also bringing God's love to others. We will implement various projects that will be displayed for important feasts and holidays, as well as other important events. We are continuing to provide and develop projects for the church community such as the live Nativity, work camp, Divine Mercy, etc. A project the youth are going to finalize is setting outdoor Stations of the Cross. We will be looking into a project with the rosary.

As we provide for the needs of the families in our church community, we also look at the larger community and our schools. We received a great amount of school supplies that went to the local schools helping those in need. We will send packages to those in nursing homes, make Christmas boxes for the homeless, make blankets and hand out baby bottles. Lastly, something cool in the process is sending correspondence to children in another country. At least once or twice a month, we will have family days at faith formation. All the parents or guardians of the faith formation students will be enjoying the time learning and growing as a church family. These efforts will go a long way in planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.

Ways You Can Give



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Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 4:00PM
Friday - 9:00AM - 3:30PM



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