



St. Therese Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Therese Parish,

As the legend tells it; two angels were once sent down from heaven, each with a basket. They went from place to place, to poor houses and rich houses, visiting the children saying their prayers, the people in the churches, old and young. Then at length they came flying back with their loads. The basket borne by one angel was heavily laden, but that of the other was very light, hardly worthwhile, one would have thought, to go so far and collect so little. 'What have you in your basket?' asked one angel of the other. 'I was sent to collect the prayers of all the people who said, 'I want', and 'Please give me', answered the angel who carried the heavy load. 'And what have you in yours?' 'Oh,' replied the other angel, sadly, 'I had been sent to collect the 'Thank you's' of all the people to whom the great God has sent a blessing; but see how few have remembered to give thanks!' Anon

Who does not thank for little will not thank for much. Estonian proverb

The first Advent weekend will be celebrated November 28th and 29th. The Liturgy Environment Committee will again sponsor the diocesan **Advent Baby Shower**. Your gifts will be welcome.

St. Therese is sponsoring our 5th **Annual Advent Retreat, "Let's Get Ready for Jesus"**, on **Saturday, December 5th**, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. All children in pre-school through 4th grade are invited. There will be music, games, lunch, activities, snacks and much fun for all!

The Neighborhood Parish Leaders will host their annual **Christmas Bake Sale, Saturday and Sunday, December 12th & 13th**. Proceeds will be sent to Bishop Donald Kettler and the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. Their need is great - Your participation will be welcome!

Christmas Carol Sing Along at St. Therese: Parish musicians, singers and all present will sing familiar carols on **Sunday, December 13th**, at 2:00 pm. Children will receive a Christmas gift bag from St. Nicholas. A free will offering will be taken, to help support Bishop Donald Kettler and the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. It will be great fun! The parish and public are invited.

City-wide Advent Communal Penance Services

(Communal preparation / individual confession)

Sunday	December 20 th	2:00 pm 3:15 pm	Christ the King St. Mary
Sunday	December 20 th	7:00 pm	St. Katharine Drexel St. Lambert
Monday	December 21 st	7:00 pm	Holy Spirit St. Joseph Cathedral/Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday	December 22 nd	7:00 pm	St. Michael St. Therese

St. Therese Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	December 24 th	5:00 pm* 7:30 pm* 10:30 pm	Children's Christmas Mass Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Night Mass
Christmas Day	December 25 th	9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass

* Note Mass Time Changes from Prior Years

The office staff and I wish you Christmas joy and bountiful New Year blessings!!

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