



St. Therese Catholic Church

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My Dear St. Therese Friends,

A new year of God's grace! Let us rush in confidence and trust God. January at St. Therese is packed with activity:

- This month brings another opportunity for adult education in our parish. I will be leading a class called "A Walk Through the Mass", beginning on January 9th from 6:45pm-8:00pm. Our Year of the Eucharist continues...
- Thursday, January 19th, our 2nd grade children will approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. May our children remind the rest of us of the importance of this sacrament.
- We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at St. Therese Parish on the weekend of January 21st-22nd. Gifts baskets will once again be available for raffle after all Masses and the St. Lambert School Praise Singers will be featured at our 11:00am Mass. The Gathering Space will be transformed into the "Preschool Art Gallery", featuring artwork from our very own preschoolers at the St. Therese site. In fact, after the 11:00am Mass, from 12:00-2:00pm, preschool teacher, Mrs. Val Whitney, will be on hand for our Preschool Open House. Stop in to visit this wonderful early childhood "kingdom" where faith, community and excellence reign. Also, be sure to visit our parish school, St. Lambert School. As pastor for your parish and school, I myself will be at the St. Lambert School site ready to greet you and share in touring the expanded school facility. This is an exciting time! We are proud of our school. We are proud of our growth.
- Mark your calendar for Monday, January 23rd. The United States recalls the 37th anniversary of an infamous legal decision, Roe v. Wade. The bishops of the United States call all Catholics to commemorate this as a day of penance. You are invited to a Mass at 6:00pm to pray for a deeper culture of life in our nation.
- Remember to pray for our Confirmation students. We will welcome Bishop Paul Swain who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00am Sunday Mass on January 29th.

May 2012 be a year of many blessings for all our families!

Fr. David Stevens