

Our Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of St. Theresa Parish, rich in diversity and unified by our common faith are committed to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a safe, holy, hospitable place where all can worship and are welcome.

Reaching out in service to family and community enables us to live the Gospel.

Nourished by Christ in the Eucharist we become Eucharist for one another.

St. Theresa, our patron saint, teaches us to live each day with confidence in God's love and we learn that what matters in life is "not great deeds, but great love"

Religious Education & Faith Formation

Dear Parents & Parishioners,

In the midst of all the Christmas activities, listed below and taken from the Magnificat, December 2017, p. 107 by Pope Benedict XVI, is a real contrast to the commercialized season our world promotes.

"Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the Birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto.

Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who though he was rich he made himself poor for us (2Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it, and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the angel's words: Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes (Lk:2: 12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas."

Sunday night, Dec. 10th, 5-7pm, Bring the family to dinner in the Parish Center before the 6-7-9 Religious Ed sessions. The Parent Forum follows the dinner while the students are in session downstairs.

The St. Theresa Christmas Pageant will be held before 10am Mass, Sunday, Dec.17th! See information elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Cross Roads Shelter supper service is available as an opportunity for high school youth who wish to join this ministry. Please contact [mrshoeingstp@gmail.com](mailto:mrs shoeingstp@gmail.com) if you wish to be added to the list.

There are openings for Dec.17, 5-7pm, and for Jan.21, 5-7pm.

Blessings, Anne, Gary & Keith

YOUTH & FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 18-19 | WASHINGTON, D.C.

The March for Life began in Washington, D.C., as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on the somber anniversary of Roe v. Wade every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

Families with children of any age, as well as middle and high school youth are invited to join us as we travel down to Washington, D.C. to peacefully pray for a world where every human life is valued and protected. St. Theresa Parish is partnering with our neighboring Catholic parishes to present this opportunity. Please visit <https://goo.gl/nGF6pb> for more information or to register.

Please contact Keith Adams – keithadamsYM@gmail.com or (603) 964-9878 – with any questions.