



SHRINE of SAINT THERESE

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the gospel of Mark this weekend, Jesus interprets the laws for those who come to Him with questions. He does this so that they may continue to grow in holiness and foster the holiness of others. He says, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from the outside can defile a person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” These words of Jesus are a clear reminder, that as brothers and sisters, we are called to form our conscience well, so that in all decisions, we seek first the kingdom of God—personal holiness, and the holiness of others.

If you are like me, you may have started receiving phone calls, emails, and other communications telling you how to vote. These distractions can take us away from who we are and what God wants us to be: truly wise, charitable, kind, meek, faithful, hopeful of God’s kingdom, in a word, HOLY.

The Second Vatican Council’s document on the laity, *Lumen Gentium* says: *Just as the sacraments of the New Law, by which the life of the faithful are nourished [and] prefigure a new heaven and a new earth, so too the laity go forth as powerful proclaimers of a faith in things to be hoped for, when they courageously join to their profession of faith a life springing forth from faith. This evangelization, that is announcing Christ by a living testimony as well as by the spoken word, takes on a special quality and a special force in that it is carried out in the ordinary surroundings of the world* (LG, par. 35). This “living testimony” includes voting with a well-informed conscience.

In this time, when there is so much noise and ugliness it is important to remember the teachings of the Church as she seeks to guide us in the way of following Jesus in all aspects of daily life. Following Jesus is not merely an invitation but a vocation for all humanity.

Over the course of the following weeks, we will be inserting in the bulletin, handouts that summarize the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop’s teachings on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. This is a valuable resource during this time, where we as Catholic Americans are called to exercise our moral and civic duty to vote.

Let us always remember that a life grounded in prayer, the sacraments, and trust in God, is a life of happiness and grace. As we have begun this election cycle, may we continue to pray our Lady’s intercession, before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, that each of us and our country, may be shown the way to all Truth in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, who is life.

God Bless,
Fr. Michael

<u>Daily Mass Schedule</u> Tuesday—Friday 7:00 a.m. 1st Saturday 7:00 a.m.	<u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u> Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m.(Livestream to YouTube & 11:00 a.m.	<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Saturday 3:00—4:00 p.m. Or by appointment	<u>Office Hours</u> Monday -Friday 9:00 a.m.—Noon & Monday-Thursday 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
<u>Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer Tuesday—Friday 6:30am</u>			
Eucharistic Adoration in St. Therese Chapel: Tuesday—Friday; 7:30am to 6:00pm. Rosary & Benediction begin at 6:00pm			

Ministry Schedule for Sept. 7th & Sept. 8th*Saturday, September 7th 4:30 pm*

- Lector—Jean Parker
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello, Tony Manalo
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Vince Perez, Judy Montera, Rose Wertz
- Porter - Mary Lou Haering

Sunday, September 8th— 8:00 am

- Lector – Rosalie Amato
- Altar Servers - Nate Hawkins, Shea Brothers
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC—Deacon Carl, Pablo Pedroza, Dan Kraus
- Porter—Carl Amato
- Coffee & Donuts—Kathy Medina; Joe Zanatell

Sunday, September 8th—11:00am

- Lector—Jarrod Sandoval
- Altar Servers - Carlo Skilling
- Sacristan - Al Pearson
- EMHC— Tom & Isabel Starnes, , Angie Lundgren
- Porter - Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval
- Coffee & Donuts— Leann Corsentino, Charlie Sandoval

Labor Day

Please note that our parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:00am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Sept. 2—Sept. 8

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97,98,99,100,101,102;;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 14:8-9,10-11,1-13ab,13cd-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13,14-15,20-21;
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2,3-4ab,5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4,5-6,27-28,39-40;
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18,19-20,21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7,8-9,9-10
Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

FIRST SATURDAY September 7th

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:30am – 7:45am
and Morning Prayer

Confessions 7:45am – 9:00am

Through a grant from the Catholic Foundation, the Shrine of St Therese is able to provide assistive listening support at Masses for those with hearing impairment. Please contact the parish office for information.



BRONCO BOARD FUNDRAISER

PURCHASE SQUARES TODAY!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL,
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

1ST BRONCO GAME | 9/8/24 | 2:05 PM

Contact STCS (719) 561-1121 for details

HOMELESS VETERANS
STAND DOWN
A COMMUNITY SUPPORTING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

The Little Flower Sewing Group is taking part in the Homeless Veterans Stand Down which will be held on September 27th.

We are asking for your support supplying soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, and toothpaste. NO sanitizers or mouth wash.

Please leave your donations in the box in the Cloister area or the parish office. Deadline to donate items is September 22nd. We will put bags together at our meeting on Thursday, September 26th, at 1:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room.

Faith Formation Department

Registration for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation is now open! Please use the QR code on the registration flyer to register. You can retrieve the flyer along with the consent/authorization form after Mass or in the parish office.

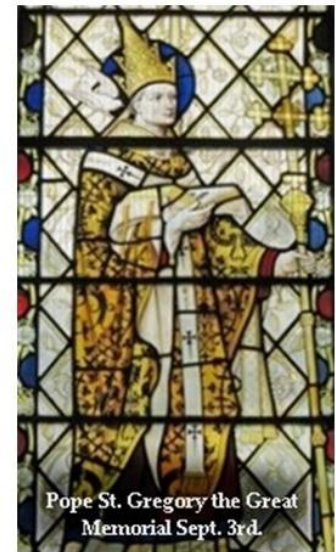
Cost \$25 per child not to exceed \$100

Important Dates:

Sunday September 8th – Parent meeting for Faith Formation in the gym @ 9:15 am. No classes will be held. Come meet your child’s catechist!

Sunday, September 15th – Classes begin

Sunday September 22nd – parent meeting for families with children who will be receiving Sacraments in the spring of 2025 e.g. First Holy Communion, Confirmation, OCIC.



Clergy Retreat

Many thanks to everyone for your prayers of support and encouragement as the clergy of the Diocese gathered for prayer, contemplation, rest and renewal.

OCIA CLASSES WITH DEACON CARL COOK
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd 6:15pm – 7:30pm
in the hospitality room.

Who is OCIA for?



Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith

Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith

Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

Baptism

Schedule for 3-session baptismal classes:

Saturdays September 14th, 21st, 28th, 2024

9:00am – 10:30am

Contact Mary Sandoval in parish office with questions, or email: baptism@sostpueblo.org

Season 4 Episode 1
"Promises"

will begin September 8th

Join Deacon Carl in the
Hospitality Room

Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am



Everyone is invited to attend and discuss the episodes.

The Chosen is a television drama based on The life of Jesus.



SCAN ME



St Therese Catholic School GIVING WEEK

WHO: St. Therese Catholic School Giving Week

WHAT: Fundraiser to support Catholic Education in our community

WHEN: September 29th–October 5th, 2024

WHY: Raise money for general operating funds, text book and curriculum, fine arts, student scholarships and activities for our staff and students.

CONTACT: nickellindsey@hotmail.com
Thank you so much for your help!!



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Tickets (available in Parish office)

\$10.00 each

6 for \$50.00

12 for \$100.00

Accepting:

Cash

Checks payable to

Shrine of St. Therese



All ladies of the parish are invited to become active members of the Shrine of St. Therese Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Our CCW ladies provide all women of the parish with the opportunity for spiritual development; help to make our Shrine welcoming and beautiful with weekly cleaning services for the sanctuary, day chapel, baptismal, sacristy and hospitality areas of the church; launder altar linens and see to vestment cleaning; maintain contact with members who are ill; contribute to seminary sponsorship; assist our Pastor and various parish organizations when requested. If you are interested in becoming an active member of the CCW, please call the parish office.

Offertory Summary Ordinary Time
(8/24/2024-8/25/2024)

Stewardship all Masses: \$7,143.85

Thank you for your continued generosity.



St. Therese Catholic School will have the In-N-Out food truck at the Shrine parking lot October 17th as part of their Knightfest. Tickets are \$10, which includes Burger, Chips and a Drink. Tickets on sale beginning September 1st. Contact STCS at (719) 561-1121

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Cooperative Care Center's wish for the month of September is for: Canned Vegetables & Fruit
Put your donation in the food cart. Thank You!

Introductory Note



Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus' parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 66)

As Catholics and Americans, we are blessed to be able to participate in our nation's political and public life. Our freedoms respect the dignity of individuals and their consciences and allow us to come together for the common good. Election seasons, therefore, should contain a sense of gratitude and hope. Our love for this country, our patriotism, properly impels us to vote.

But increasingly, it seems, election seasons are a time of anxiety and spiritual trial. Political rhetoric is increasingly angry, seeking to motivate primarily through division and hatred. Fear can be an effective tool for raising money. The most heated arguments online often get the most clicks. Demonizing the other can win votes.

We propose once more the moral framework of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* precisely as pastors, inspired by the Good Samaritan, with the hope of binding these wounds and healing these bitter divisions. This document is not based on personalities or partisanship, the latest news cycle, or what's trending on social media. Instead, it reflects the perennial role of the Church in public life in proclaiming timeless principles: the infinite

worth and dignity of every human life, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. Not sure what these mean? We invite you to read a copy of *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and learn more.

Allowing your conscience to be stretched and formed by these reflections can give you peace! They point to Jesus' challenge to show mercy to those in need, just as the Good Samaritan. As Pope Francis writes, "Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others?" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70). Let this be in our hearts when we talk about politics and make political choices.

Some might be tempted to say: yes, of course, we will be the ones who help by promoting good and opposing evil. But when confronted with so much good at risk and so much evil, it is a great challenge to avoid fear and anger. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone. Other grave threats to the life and dignity of the human person include euthanasia, gun violence, terrorism, the death penalty, and human trafficking. There is also the redefinition of marriage and gender, threats to religious freedom at home and abroad, lack of justice for the poor, the suffering of migrants and refugees, wars and famines around the world, racism, the need for greater access to healthcare and education, care for our common home, and more. All threaten the dignity of the human person.

So *precisely how* we promote good and oppose evil is an essential part of answering the Lord's call, of being a disciple. As St. Paul reminds us:

Never let evil talk pass your lips; say only the good things men need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion and anger, harsh words, slander, and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (Eph. 4:29-32).

Thus, Pope Francis exhorts us to “genuine dialogue and openness to others,” by which we may “be frank and open about our beliefs, while continuing to discuss, to seek points of contact, and above all, to work and struggle together” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 203). This applies to the faithful both as voters and as candidates—we must consider not only candidates’ positions on these issues, but their character and integrity as well.

How can we meet this challenge? Again, St. Paul gives us a way: Put on “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16). Take time away from social media and spend time with Holy Scripture and the Blessed Sacrament. Turn off the TV and the podcast, and listen in silence. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a crisis pregnancy center. Serve the poor, the needy, the outcast. Pray often, letting faith inform your political participation.

Participation in political life also requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While the bishops help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ. Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.¹ The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best

to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions.

We must also seek wisdom, as Holy Scripture instructs:

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace (Jas. 3:17-18).

The teachings of the Church, moreover, offer a vision of hope, where justice and mercy abound, because God is the infinite source of all goodness and love. With this wisdom and hope, we can find a way to bend down as the Good Samaritan did, through the fear and divisions, to touch and heal the wounds.

May God bless you as you consider and pray over these challenging decisions. May God bless our nation with true wisdom, peace, and mutual forgiveness, that we may decide together, through our democratic processes, to uphold the dignity of life and the common good.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023. Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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¹ *Gaudium et Spes* (*The Church in the Modern World*), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1785.