

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“There is no higher dignity than to serve Christ.” - St. Ambrose

**“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”**



The parishioners of St. Theresa and Fr. Paul Moody welcome everyone as we gather to worship

The Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Twenty-third Week of Ordinary Time.

September 9 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Veronika Budzinauskiene
Reader: Kate

September 10 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Albert & Frances Ciesla
Reader: Sal

September 11 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Int: Msgr. Francis Szczykutowicz

September 14 Thursday Mass 8:00 am
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Intention: Anna Warpecha

September 15 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Mass 8:00 am

Intention: Kamil Caluzinski

September 16 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Floyd & Lela Arnold & Family
Reader: Rose

September 17 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Jadwiga & Stanley Kuc
Reader: Mark

Confessions: Confessions are heard up until 15 min. before any Mass and by appointment.

“If you are suffering from a bad man’s injustice, forgive him, so there will not be two bad men.” — St. Augustine



There will be a Parish Breakfast this weekend after the 9:00 am Sunday Mass on September 10. Everyone is invited to attend. All you need to bring is a smile and a desire to get to know your fellow parishioners better. We look forward to seeing you there!



Just a Reminder: If you need to be anointed or need the sacrament of Reconciliation, please call our Office, and set up a time, or let Fr. Paul know in person.



Wszystkiego najlepszego, Monsignore, z okazji 90. urodzin!

A Very Happy 90th Birthday to Rev. Msgr. Francis Szczykutowicz!

Stolat.



Please congratulate Jadwiga and Stanley Kuc on their Wedding Anniversary.

May their life together continue to be happy and full of blessings!

Wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji rocznicy ślubu. Oby było ich dużo więcej.



“Priests have received a power which God has given neither to angels nor to archangels. It was said to them: ‘Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose, shall be loosed.’ Temporal rulers have indeed the power of binding; but they can only bind the body. Priests, in contrast, can bind with a bond which pertains to the soul itself and transcends the very heavens. Did God not give them the powers of heaven?...What greater power is there than this? The Father has given all judgment to the Son. And now I see the Son placing this power in the hands of men.”
— St. John Chrysostom

Prayer Requests: We continue to pray for all of our parishioners who are sick and for the people who care for them. Please pray for all of the members of our Armed Forces and for all of our Law Enforcement Officers, especially Deputy Dakota Jarvis and Brian Paridon as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Cathy Andrews, Mrs. Deborah Baker, Stanley and Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Bob and Sonia Burke, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Hella Tompkins, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Albina Vysniauskas, Brone and Vida Nakas, Dennis and Jean Sandfort, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, Mrs. Anna Jarzabek, Fr. Andrew Sosnowski, Robert Espinosa, Winifred & Steve Flowers, and Bruce Paridon. Please remember to pray each day for the souls in purgatory and for our fellow parishioners at St. Theresa.

Offertory: We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2022	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Aug. 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Aug. 2022)
	\$ 7218	\$ 8789	\$ 15189	\$ 17559
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6896	\$ 6196	

“Pardon one another so that later on you will not remember the injury. The recollection of an injury is itself wrong. It adds to our anger, nurtures our sin, and hates what is good. It is a rusty arrow and poison for the soul. It puts all virtue to flight.” — St. Francis of Paola

. . . as we forgive those who trespass against us: This "as" is not unique in Jesus' teaching: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"; "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and the mercy and the love of our God. Only the Spirit by whom we live can make "ours" the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Then the unity of forgiveness becomes possible and we find ourselves "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave" us.

Thus the Lord's words on forgiveness, the love that loves to the end, become a living reality. The parable of the merciless servant, which crowns the Lord's teaching on ecclesial communion, ends with these words: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." It is there, in fact, "in the depths of the heart," that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.

Christian prayer extends to the *forgiveness of enemies*, transfiguring the disciple by configuring him to his Master. Forgiveness is a high point of Christian prayer; only hearts attuned to God's compassion can receive the gift of prayer. Forgiveness also bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than sin. The martyrs of yesterday and today bear this witness to Jesus. Forgiveness is the fundamental condition of the reconciliation of the children of God with their Father and of men with one another.

There is no limit or measure to this essentially divine forgiveness, whether one speaks of "sins" as in *Luke* (11:4), "debts" as in *Matthew* (6:12). We are always debtors: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." The communion of the Holy Trinity is the source and criterion of truth in every relationship. It is lived out in prayer, above all in the Eucharist. (CCC 2842-2845)

“I cannot believe that a soul which has arrived so near to Mercy itself, where she knows what she is, and how many sins God has forgiven her, should not instantly and willingly forgive others, and be pacified and wish well to everyone who has injured her, because she remembers the kindness and favors our Lord has shown her, whereby she has seen proofs of exceeding great love, and she is glad to have an opportunity offered to show some gratitude to her Lord.” - St. Teresa of Avila

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.

In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,

**I have sinned against you, whom I should love
above all things.**

I firmly intend, with your help,

to do penance, sin no more,

and avoid whatever leads me to sin.

**Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for
us.**

In his name, my God, have mercy.

Amen.



“That your enemies have been created is God's doing; that they hate you and wish to ruin you is their own doing. What should you say about them in your mind? "Lord be merciful to them, forgive them their sins, put the fear of God in them, change them!" You are loving in them not what they are, but what you would have them to become.”

- Saint Augustine