

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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“The world is your ship and not your home.” — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."



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

Mass Times for the Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Twenty-seventh Week of Ordinary Time.

October 5 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Julianna Chapukas
Reader: Mark

October 6 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: Carl & Sandra Stadtmiller
Reader: Christina

October 7 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial

Int: + Stanislaw Bartulica & Parents

October 10 Thursday Mass - 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Stanislaw & Aleksandra Obrochta

October 11 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Weekday of Ordinary Time Mass - 8:00 am

Intention: Ann Ivers

October 12 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: + Edward & Janina Sadauskas
Reader: Veronica

October 13 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Margaret Ciesla
Reader: Mark



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

**Parish Breakfast: We will have a parish breakfast
next Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass.
All are invited to attend. See you there.**

“Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by.”– St. Polycarp

“A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.” – St. John Paul II



October Is Respect Life Month: Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

**“There are two victims in every abortion: a dead baby and a dead conscience.”
– St. Mother Teresa**

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 David Zurawska, Deputy Dakota Jarvis and Brian Paridon as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Lidia Kraj, David Hilty, John Oakley, Larry Arnold, Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Bob & Sonia Burke, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Hella Tompkins, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Albina Vysniauskas, Vida Nakas, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, Mrs. Anna Jarzabek, 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.

**“For you deal here above all with human life, and human life is sacred; no one may dare make an attempt upon it. Respect for life, even with regard to the great problem of the birth rate, must find here in your Assembly its highest affirmation and its most rational defense. Your task is to ensure that there is enough bread on the tables of mankind, and not to encourage an artificial control of births, which would be irrational, in order to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life.”
- Pope John Paul II to the UN General Assembly, Oct. 4, 1965**

**“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”
[CCC 2270]**

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	Sept. 2024	Sept. 2023	Total for This FY (July 2024 – Sept. 2024)	Total for Prior FY (July 2023 – Sept. 2023)
	\$ 9758	\$ 8699	\$ 23482	\$ 24860
CSA for 2024	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7000	\$ 8480	\$ 8305	

“The difference between the way of life and the way of death is great. Therefore, do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant.” - from the Didache, a collection of apostolic moral teachings compiled at the end of the first century A.D.

"The Church . . . is held, as a matter of faith, to be unfailingly holy. This is because Christ, the Son of God, who with the Father and the Spirit is hailed as 'alone holy,' loved the Church as his Bride, giving himself up for her so as to sanctify her; he joined her to himself as his body and endowed her with the gift of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God." The Church, then, is "the holy People of God," and her members are called "saints." United with Christ, the Church is sanctified by him; through him and with him she becomes sanctifying. "All the activities of the Church are directed, as toward their

end, to the sanctification of men in Christ and the glorification of God." It is in the Church that "the fullness of the means of salvation" has been deposited. It is in her that "by the grace of God we acquire holiness." "The Church on earth is endowed already with a sanctity that is real though imperfect." In her members perfect holiness is something yet to be acquired: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state - though each in his own way - are called by the Lord to that perfection of sanctity by which the Father himself is perfect." (CCC 823 - 825)

"...at the origin of every human being there is not something haphazard or chance, but a loving plan of God." Pope Benedict XVI

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." – St. Francis of Assisi



"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love."
(St. Francis of Assisi)**



MARRIAGE IN GOD'S PLAN: Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

Marriage in the order of creation: "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by him with its own proper laws. . . . God himself is the author of marriage." The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. These differences should not cause us to forget its common and permanent characteristics. Although the dignity of this institution is not transparent everywhere with the same clarity, some sense of the greatness of the matrimonial union exists in all cultures. "The well-being of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life."



God who created man out of love also calls him to love the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being. For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator's eyes. And this love which God blesses is intended to be fruitful and to be realized in the common work of watching over creation: "And God blessed them, and God said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.'"

Holy Scripture affirms that man and woman were created for one another: "It is not good that the man should be alone." The woman, "flesh of his flesh," his equal, his nearest in all things, is given to him by God as a "helpmate"; she thus represents God from whom comes our help. "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." The Lord himself shows that this signifies an unbreakable union of their two lives by recalling what the plan of the Creator had been "in the beginning": "So they are no longer two, but one flesh." [CCC 1602-1605]