

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH – Sunny Hills

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

**"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."**



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

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

October 17 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Agnes & Albert Warpecha
Reader: Regina

October 18 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Int: David & Nicole Shepherd & Family
Reader: Sal

October 19 Monday Mass 8:00 am
Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs – Mem.

Intention: Samantha Ervin:

October 22 Thursday Mass 8:00 am



Intention: David & Nicole Shepherd

October 23 Friday Adoration 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Weekday of OT Mass 8:00 am

Intention: + Dolores Moody

October 24 Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Stanislaw Kwiatek
Reader: Mark

October 25 Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Intention: + Sr. Krystyna Malinowska
Reader: Veronica



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David & Nicole Shepherd are celebrating
their 5th Wedding Anniversary
on October 22.
We wish David and Nicole happiness and
many blessings for their marriage
and young family.



Thanksgiving Food Collection: We will be collecting non-perishable food to help local families in need. In order that the food can be sorted and delivered in time for Thanksgiving, we will be accepting food on the weekends of October 31 & November 1 and on the weekend of November 7 & 8. There are bags in the Narthex to take with you to put your food donations in.
Thank you very much for helping!

Confessions are heard up until 15 min. before any Mass and by appointment.
The Church is open 1 hour before every Mass.

“Within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life.” - Pope Benedict XVI

Dear Lord, please watch over your precious child Naomi. Wrap her in your loving arms, ease her pain, and bring healing to her body. Please also grant her family strength, wisdom, and peace during this difficult time. Amen.

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, for all of our Law Enforcement Officers, especially Deputy David Zurawska, and firefighters, especially David Shepherd, as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Msgr. Francis Szczykutowicz, Emelyn Loreto, Chavet Paridon, Naomi Parrish, Hien Nguyen, Zofia Svedman, Matas Baltus, Steve Bertrand, David Hilty, Brian Paridon, Jess, Chris Andrews, Jessica Stephens, Janet Kaufman, Sr. Anna Szostek, Ed Lang, Paul Day, Alvera Seluga, Larry Arnold, Susan & David Estes, Gerry Sott, Cathy Andrews, Stanley & Jadwiga Kuc, Gail & Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Vida Nakas, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, Anna Jarzabek, 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.

“Truth suffers, but never dies.” – St. Teresa of Avila



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

“The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.” St. John Paul II

We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Offertory	Sept. 2026	Sept 2025	Total for This FY (July 2026 – Sept. 2026)	Total for Prior FY (July 2025 – Sept. 2025)
	\$ 8591	\$ 9534	\$ 27114	\$ 23731
CSA for 2026	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 7500	\$ 8288	\$ 8288	

“Any human society, if it is to be well-ordered and productive, must lay down as a foundation this principle, namely, that every human being is a person, that is, his nature is endowed with intelligence and free will. Indeed, precisely because he is a person he has rights and obligations flowing directly and simultaneously from his very nature.”

- Pope John XXIII

RESPONSIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION: "Participation" is the voluntary and generous engagement of a person in social interchange. It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. Participation is achieved first of all by taking charge of the areas for which one assumes personal responsibility: by the care taken for the education of his family, by conscientious work, and so forth, man participates in the good of others and of society. As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life. The manner of this participation may vary from one country or culture to another. "One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of the citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine freedom." As with any ethical obligation, the participation of all in realizing the common good calls for a continually renewed conversion of the social partners. Fraud and other subterfuges, by which some people evade the constraints of the law and the prescriptions of societal obligation must be firmly condemned because they are incompatible with the requirements of justice. Much care should be taken to promote institutions that improve the conditions of human life. It is incumbent on those who exercise authority to strengthen the values that inspire the confidence of the members of the group and encourage them to put themselves at the service of others. Participation begins with education and culture. "One is entitled to think that the future of humanity is in the hands of those who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and optimism."
[CCC 1913-1917]

“Stupidity is also a gift of God, but one mustn’t misuse it.” - St. John Paul II

The political community and the Church: Every institution is inspired, at least implicitly, by a vision of man and his destiny, from which it derives the point of reference for its judgment, its hierarchy of values, its line of conduct. Most societies have formed their institutions in the recognition of a certain preeminence of man over things. Only the divinely revealed religion has clearly recognized man's origin and destiny in God, the Creator and Redeemer. The Church invites political authorities to measure their judgments and decisions against this inspired truth about God and man: Societies not recognizing this vision or rejecting it in the name of their independence from God are brought to seek their criteria and goal in themselves or to borrow them from some ideology. Since they do not admit that one can defend an objective criterion of good and evil, they arrogate to themselves an explicit or implicit totalitarian power over man and his destiny, as history shows.

The Church, because of her commission and competence, is not to be confused in any way with the political community. She is both the sign and the safeguard of the transcendent character of the human person. "The Church respects and encourages the political freedom and responsibility of the citizen." It is a part of the Church's mission "to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it. The means, the only means, she may use are those which are in accord with the Gospel and the welfare of all men according to the diversity of times and circumstances."

[CCC 2244-2246]

“Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society.” - St. Francis of Assisi

Prayer for A Just Society

**O God, author of true freedom,
whose will it is to bind all men and women together
as one Body of Christ,
grant to us, we pray,
the grace to purify our hearts
and the strength to overcome evil and build a just
society,
so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect
our minds or hearts
but will be replaced with a love that respects the
dignity of each person.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.**