



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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May 5th, 2024 5th Sunday after Easter

Sunday, May 5 – 5th Sunday after Easter (St. Pius V, PC)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)
Server: Alex Sellers & Aiden Sellers
9:35 am Holy Rosary
10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)
Server: Michael Peck

Monday, May 6 – St. John before the Latin Gate, ApEv (Rogation Monday)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

Tuesday, May 7 – St. Stanislaus, BM

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

Wednesday, May 8 – Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel (Vigil of the Ascension)

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

Thursday, May 9 – Ascension Thursday (St. Gregory Nazianzen, BCD)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)
6:00 pm Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Friday, May 10 – St. Antonius, BC (Ss. Gordian & Epimachus, Mm)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

Saturday, May 11 – Ss. Philip & James, App

8:30 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)

Sunday, May 12 – Sunday after Ascension (Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras, Mm)

8:00 am Low Mass (RIP Tommy Williamitis from The Williamitis Family)
Server: Andrew Smith
9:35 am Holy Rosary
10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)
Server: Clayton Wright

Announcements

† There will be **Catechism classes** with the **Sisters** today after Mass. Next classes will be May 19.

† **Ascension Thursday** (5/9) is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass times will be at **8 am** and **6 pm**.

† The **Month of May** is **dedicated** to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, so we will recite the Litany of the BVM after Mass.

† This Friday (5/10) we will begin the **Novena to the Holy Ghost** in preparation for Pentecost Sunday.

† **May 23, 24, & 25** we will repaint the vestibule. If you would like to help with any of those days, please contact Father. Lunch will be provided.

† **NOTE:** The dates for the **Adult Catechism & Children's Catechism** with the **Bishop** and **CMD Sisters** will be July 22 - 26.

† **SUMMER CAMPS for BOYS & GIRLS:** **1) St. John Bosco Boys' Camp** August 4 - 10. Please contact Fr. Gabriel frgabriellavery@gmail.com Cost: \$125 per youth, \$75 per additional child. Dads \$50. Registration deadline: July 1st. Location: Hiram, Ohio. **2) Milites Christi Boys' Camp** August 4 - 9. Please contact Fr. Sellners at 507-276-3476 for the forms to fill out and more information. Cost: \$100. Location: Wauzeka, Wisconsin. **3) Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Girls' Camp** July 15 - 20. To register please call 402-290-5478 or email materdei431@aol.com. Cost: \$100. Location: Mater Dei Convent 3715 286th St. Persia, IA 51563.

† **St. Therese Academy Graduation/End of the Year School Programs** will be on Tuesday, May 21st at 6 pm. The location will be at the Camp Lebanon Retreat Center. The address is 4464 Emma's Rd., Oregonia, OH 45054.

† **Petition to St. Therese** to help find a building for the school, convent, and rectory. The Novena Prayer to St. Therese after each Low Mass will be said for these intentions.

Reflection: *Book 4 Chapter 3 On the Advantage of Frequent Communion:* "DISCIPLE: I come to You, O Lord, that I may benefit by Your gift and rejoice in that holy feast, which in Your goodness, O my God, You have provided for the poor (Ps 68:11). In You is all that I can or should wish for; You are my salvation and my redemption, my hope and my strength, my honor and my glory. Today, give joy to the soul of Your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul (Ps 86:4). Now I desire to receive You into my house with devotion and reverence, that, like Zacchaeus, I may deserve to receive Your blessing and to find a place among the children of Abraham. My soul longs for Your Body; my heart desires to be made one with You. 2. Give Yourself to me, Lord, and it is enough, for apart from You there is no consolation. I cannot exist without You, nor can I live if You do not visit me. Therefore, I must come to You frequently, and receive You for the health of my soul. If I do not, I shall surely faint by the wayside, being deprived of this heavenly food. Most merciful Jesus, when You preached to the people and healed them of their various diseases, You Yourself said, "I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way" (Mt 15:32). Please deal with me the same way, You, Who have left Yourself in this Sacrament for the comfort of the faithful. You are the soul's true nourishment, and the person who receives You worthily will share in the inheritance of everlasting glory. Certainly it is necessary for me—who so often commit sin, so soon grow dull and weary—to renew and cleanse myself by frequent prayers and confessions and by fervently receiving Your Body, so that I may not fall away from my holy resolutions through the neglect of these means. 3. People's senses are prone to evil from their youth, and unless they are strengthened by the divine medicine, they soon fall into greater sins. Therefore, Holy Communion draws people away from evil and strengthens them in goodness. If I am now often careless and lukewarm when I celebrate Mass or receive Communion, what would I be like if I did not take this remedy, nor sought the help it gives me? Even though I am not prepared nor do I have the proper dispositions to receive my Lord every day, nevertheless, I will see to it that I do not receive Him at certain times, that I may share in so great a grace. This is the chief consolation of the faithful soul as long as it remains far from You, imprisoned in this mortal body, that mindful of God, it frequently receives the Beloved with a warm heart. 4. How wonderful are Your ways with us, O Lord, that You take such pity on us and bend to our lowliness! That You, the Creator, Who gives life to all souls, should come to so unworthy a creature to refresh his hunger with Your dignity and humanity. Happy and blessed are the souls which are in the state to receive You, Lord God, with devotion, and in the reception to be filled with spiritual joy! How great a Lord do they receive, how beloved a Guest do they bring into their houses! What a pleasant Companion, what a faithful Friend! How noble and beautiful a Spouse—to be loved above all other loves and beyond all that can be desired. O my dearly Beloved, let the heavens and earth, with all their adornment, be silent before You; for whatever beauty or glory they possess is the gift of Your generous goodness, and they can never attain to the beauty of Your Name, You, Whose wisdom is without limit."

— *The Imitation of Christ*

Confessions: 45 minutes before Sunday Masses. 30 minutes before weekday Masses. Father will stop hearing confessions 10 minutes before Mass. Confessions could be heard after Mass as well.

Baptism: Please call Father to make arrangements. At least one parent and the sponsors must be practicing traditional Catholics. It is a serious obligation for Catholics to have their newborns baptized within two weeks.

Matrimony: For practicing registered parishioners only. Please contact Father at least six months before the wedding date for marriage instructions.

Mass Intentions may be submitted for a stipend of \$25.00. Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Sunday Catechism Classes for children: Please see Sister Rose Marie, C.M.D.

Blessing of Religious Articles: Please bring item(s) up to Communion Rail after Holy Mass.

Adult Catechism: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Please see Father for more information.

**4th Sunday after
Easter
(4/28/24)
Collection: \$1644**