

## **St. Therese's Church**

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*"The family that prays together, stays together".*

*Father Peyton*

The same can be said of Saint Therese's Parish FAMILY.

Not only do we PRAY together, we WORK together...we SERVE together...  
we STRIVE together...we FAIL together...we LAUGH and we CRY together.

Our greatest accomplishment as a community of believers is our ability to work as one. It is only by and through our teamwork that can we reach our goals of feeding the poor, visiting the sick, caring for the elderly, teaching the children, nurturing the faithful, comforting the dying and bringing hope to the imprisoned.

In order to continue spreading the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, I need your help. Please **consider sharing your talents with Saint Therese's parish** by joining a ministry, committee, or project. Simply take a few moments to review our ministry catalogue and notify the rectory with your selection.

**You'll be glad you did...and so will I!**

Sincerely yours,

Reverend James J. Paisley  
Pastor (and co-worker)



## WORSHIP LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Liturgical Art and Environment

As our seasons change, so does our Liturgical environment. We need people with various skills and talents in assisting to enhance our environment for worship and prayer. If you can sew; have an 'eye' for decor; dabble in gardening; or just want to give a helping hand, we invite you to join us.

One-year commitment with training. Frequency of meetings varies seasonally along with some regular monthly meetings.

### Eucharistic Bread Bakers

Do you enjoy baking with and for others? Join a variety of parishioners who come together in teams, on Saturday mornings, at 9:00 am in our church kitchen, to bake the bread that will become the Body of Christ.

One-year commitment with training. Requires your time of approximately 2 hours once every 2 months.

### Ministers of Holy Communion

Do you have a desire to share Christ with your brothers and sisters? If called to serve in this ministry, you assist the celebrant in the distribution of Communion or distribute Communion to the homebound.

Three-year commitment with training. Number of times serving varies according to your preference.

### Hospitality Ministry (Ushers)

Are you a greeter by nature? Do you enjoy meeting strangers and seeing old friends? You have the opportunity to be the hands of Christ to the living Body of Christ by facilitating an atmosphere of welcome.

Families are encouraged to join this ministry.

One year commitment with initial instruction by accompanying an experienced minister. Frequency varies by preference of mass.

## Lector

Would you proclaim the Word to our people? Do you have a hunger for Scripture? All you need is faith and a strong heart. Come share your strong voice with the community.

Two-year commitment with training. Number of times reading varies according to your preference.



## LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRIES

### Adult Choir

Come and sing out your worship to God in song. Enrich the Eucharistic Liturgy every Sunday at the 11:00 Mass and special occasions throughout the year. We meet September thru May on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Seasonal commitment.

### Adult Bell Choir

Ring out your enthusiasm of praise by enriching our 9:00 Sunday liturgy throughout the year. We are a 3 octave English Handbell ensemble with 3 octaves of hand chimes meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 from September to Easter. One year commitment – training included.

### Cantors (Adults)

Share the gift of leadership in song. Let your voice be the one to encourage the hesitant to join in full participation at Mass. Perhaps you recently moved to our parish and have been a cantor in your previous parish; let your voice be heard again!



## WORD

### Sponsor Couples

As a married couple, you are a sign of God's love in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. We invite you to witness your experience of marriage and faith as a covenant with God to an engaged couple as you share with them the marriage preparation program in your own home. You may participate in the training sessions before committing to the program.

Two-year commitment after training. Couple assignment is usually one or two couples per year.

### Religious Education Teachers

Would you share your own developing faith in the presence of children and young people needing an understanding of God and self? Come; teach and give examples of the Christian way of life to parish children.

8 month commitment with training.

Meets weekly between Sept & May.

### Sunday Pre-school Teachers

Come; let toddlers share their energy and enthusiasm with you and the church. Tasks include preparing/planning/implementing lessons, simple crafts and storytelling.

8 month commitment with training.

Meets weekly during the 11:00 am liturgy between Sept. & May.

### Teachers Aides

Are you interested in working with children in a support capacity to the child's Religious Education teacher? Tasks include supporting the primary teacher by assisting with lessons and classroom management.

8 month commitment with training. Meets weekly between Sept. & May.

### SPRED (Special Religious Education) Teacher

Are you interested in teaching children with special needs about our faith? Consider joining this most rewarding and gratifying ministry.

7 month commitment with training.

Meets bi-monthly on Saturday mornings with bi-monthly preparation meetings on Mondays between Oct. & May.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Come; let the children know that God loves them during the summer too! Do you like to have fun? Do you like to learn and grow in your faith? St. Therese's Summer Vacation Bible School includes all of the above.

One-week commitment in August.



## **COMMUNITY**

### **Altar and Rosary Society**

Come to share the wonder and wisdom of the women of St. Therese's. Vitality, productivity, camaraderie ... just a few of the gifts you receive when you involve yourself with a group deeply committed to this parish community.

One-year commitment. Meets the first Wednesday of each month.

### **Elizabeth Ministry**

Children are one of God's most precious gifts. We don't always know or understand God's plan for us when it comes to being a parent. Moms experience everything from unbelievable joy to deep sorrow. This ministry seeks to share your joy, sooth your sorrow, and offer reassurance when needed. Come to learn or come to share, by joining us, you show you care.

Group or Individual meetings as needed.

### **Prayer Ministry**

Come join the group of pray-ers who intercede for all intentions given them. Prayer requests, petitions regarding topical events, special requests from our parishioners taken from our Book of Intentions found in the vestibule of the church: all these are compiled and mailed monthly to our special ministers of prayer.

Pray at your own pace.

### **Special Events Committee**

If you have unique ideas on how to raise funds and the time and energy to see those ideas through, we would love to have you on this committee! Meetings are held as needed, additional effort is required when events are planned.

### **Children's Movie Night**

Share your love of the movies with children – pre-school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade – and see some great films. Help chaperone an evening – pick the Saturday evening best for you between Sept and May!

8 month commitment. Choose your own date.

### **Back Mt. Jr. or Sr. High Youth Council Advisor**

Do you like to work with teens? Are you interested in adults encouraging, nurturing and affirming the faith formation of young people? Volunteers are welcome to join the adult advisory team of the youth councils.

7 month commitment. Meets bi-monthly on Sundays between Oct & May.



## **SERVICE**

### **Back Mt. Free Medical and Legal Clinic**

Volunteering to help others, even strangers who have nowhere else to turn, can be so fulfilling and add a meaningful dimension to anyone's life. Our Clinic's staffing needs range from lay people serving as receptionists to nurses and doctors, paralegals and lawyers. Since 1996, visitors from our own parish as well as from all over the area come to a friendly environment on Friday evenings for free medical care and assistance with legal problems, no strings attached.

One year commitment with training. Staffing is different each Friday evening on a rotational basis. **TO ALL PARISHIONERS:** Remembering to refer people in need whom you know is a personal ministry of real service as well. Problems of all kind are usually remedied much more easily early rather than later.

### **Bereavement Ministry**

Have you lost a parent, spouse, child or close friend? Your presence as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, or Greeter at a funeral liturgy can be so meaningful. A box of tissues and a smile can make a difference. Like a larger commitment? Consider helping the grieving family plan the liturgy's readings and songs. We gather periodically to pray and for fellowship with one another.

One-year commitment with training. Frequency varies.

### **Liturgical Tape Ministry**

Our Sunday liturgies are audio taped each weekend and then delivered, along with the weekly bulletin, to our parish shut-ins.

Requires 3-5 hours a year.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Let your personal delivery brighten another's meal. Come; bring food to the homebound and hungry.

Meals are delivered Friday. Scheduled once every 5/6 weeks.

### **Meal Preparation for the Homebound**

There is nothing quite like a home cooked meal. If you enjoy cooking and are able to make extra to share with someone in need, this ministry is perfect for you.

Scheduled about once every 8 weeks.

### **Pastoral Outreach Ministry**

As Christians, Stewardship is a part of who we are. Giving of ourselves; our time, our gifts is part of living a Christ-like existence. If you are willing to visit, comfort, assist or share your faith with another parishioner, please consider this ministry.

Schedule varies as to your availability.

### **Hospital Visitation Ministry**

Do you know that it's possible to brighten someone's day with just a smile or kind word? If you have the type of personality that can see the good in any situation, consider it a gift. Share that gift with those that need you, consider this invaluable "Work of Mercy" and volunteer today.

Light training required.

### **Prison Ministry**

What a wonderful way to live a Beatitude, wake to a reality, and grow in your own faith. Bring Christ and the word and your presence to those in prison.

Meets - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

### **Social Concerns/Justice Ministry**

We the Social Justice Committee of St. Therese's Parish are called to build God's kingdom of peace and justice as a way of life in our parish community and in the entire Earth community, according to Catholic Social teaching.

One-year commitment. Meets – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.



## LEADERSHIP

### Finance Council

Accountability to the community for their generous gifts is important. Would you be willing to offer your gifts and knowledge of financial affairs?

Three-year commitment. 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every other month.

### Pastoral Council

Do you have the energy and willingness to maintain the vision of St. Therese's Parish community in a very important leadership position? Help fashion the present and future of St. Therese's.

Three-year commitment. Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

### Stewardship Committee

As ministers of stewardship, we educate and encourage the members of the parish to use the gifts that God gave them for the good of others. Help us find new and better ways to promote the use of time, talent and treasure.

Three-year commitment. Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.



## Ministries for Younger Parishioners



### Liturgical Ministries

#### Altar Servers

Serving at the liturgy is a joyful privilege. Servers stand close to the altar; carry the cross; wear the robe of Baptism; and hold the book of prayers! How wonderful all of this is! Come; learn to serve at the Lord's altar with reverence.

One-year commitment with training.

Number of times serving varies according to your preference.

## Young Lectors

You are a storyteller of the Word that will take life and dwell among others. Training for this ministry comes in two parts: the spirituality of proclaiming the word, and learning all about preparation and delivery. Share your joy and enthusiasm by learning to be a reader at a monthly 9 am Sunday Mass. (Grades 9-12)

One-year commitment with training.  
Number of times reading dependent on number of participants.



## Liturgical Music Ministries

### Youth Cantor

Does music flow in your heart? Why not share that gift with our community by being a leader of song for the children's liturgy?

One-year commitment.



## Ministry of Religious Education

### Pre-school Aide

Do you like to work with children? Youth in Grades 7 – 12 may aide in our pre-school program on Sunday mornings, 11-12 in Fr. Sammons Hall. Tasks include assisting Pre-school teacher with setting out craft supplies, preparing snacks, assisting children with crafts, lessons.

8 month commitment.

Meets weekly on Sundays between Sept & May.

### Teacher's Helper

Do you like to work with children? Youth in Grades 7 – 12 may volunteer to be a Teacher's helper in any of our 1 – 6 grade classes. When? Mondays 4:15 – 5:30 or Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:45PM.

8 month commitment.

Meets on selected day between Sept. & May.

## Vacation Bible School

Do you like to have fun? Do you like to work with children? Youth in Grades 5 – 12 may volunteer as a youth helper in our Summer Vacation Bible School Program. Jobs include Pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher's helpers, arts and crafts helpers, skits, and recreation aides.

One week commitment, first week in August.



## Youth Ministry

### Back Mt Catholic Jr. High Youth Council (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Are you interested in working with peers your own age in service to the community? You can help organize, plan and implement events such as overnight lock-ins and retreats. Council members meet twice a month for planning meetings.

Planning meetings are twice monthly on Sundays  
from Oct. to June, 12:30 – 2PM

### Back Mt Catholic Senior High Youth Council (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)

Are you interested in working with peers your own age in the planning, organizing and implementation of service projects, social events and retreat experiences for youth your age? Council members meet twice a month for planning meetings.

Meetings Vary

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