This Week at St. Therese

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Times**
- Weekend: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00am
- Daily: Refer to schedule on back

**Confessions**
- Weekdays: 8:00am-4:00pm
- Saturday: 3:00pm
- Saturday: 4:00pm

**Parish Office**
- Weekend: Saturday: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00am
- Daily: Refer to schedule on back
- Also by appointment

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**Religious Education/Youth Group Announcements**

**Parent Meeting - Sept. 11th**
- *One Parent Must Be Present*
- *K-5 Parent MTG @ 6PM*
- *6-12th Parent MTG @ 7:45PM*

**Wednesday Religious Ed. Times**
- K-5th grade: 6-7pm
- 6-8th: 7:15pm-8:30pm
- Confirmation: 7:15pm-8:15pm

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**Mass Servers**
- 4:00 PM: A. Labahn, T. Buchholz, B. Lockwood, S. Margeson, A. Labahn, R. Rogers
- 8:30 AM: L. Labahn, J. Lacasse, R. Seaman, E. Nolz, S. Margeson
- 10:30 AM: M. Lacasse, R. Seaman, E. Nolz, S. Margeson

**Lectors**
- 4:00 PM: C. Faundeen, J. Edwards, S. Margeson, J. Middlebrook
- 8:30 AM: J. Lacasse, D. Buchholz, T. Buchholz, D. Doerr
- 10:30 AM: J. Lacasse, D. Buchholz, T. Buchholz, D. Doerr

**Ushers**
- 4:00 PM: J. Edwards, C. Faundeen, A. Labahn, S. Margeson
- 8:30 AM: J. Edwards, C. Faundeen, A. Labahn, S. Margeson
- 10:30 AM: J. Edwards, C. Faundeen, A. Labahn, S. Margeson

**Ministries for September 16th & 17th**

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- Sunday: A. Labahn, T. Buchholz, B. Lockwood, S. Margeson, A. Labahn, R. Rogers
- Saturday: M. Lacasse, R. Seaman, E. Nolz, S. Margeson

**Lectors**
- Weekday: 1-2
- Saturday: 1-2

**Weekend Lectors**
- Friday: 1-2
- Saturday: 1-2

**Ushers**
- Weekday: 1-2
- Saturday: 1-2

**Gift Bearers**
- Weekday: 1-2
- Saturday: 1-2

**Greeters**
- Weekday: 1-2
- Saturday: 1-2

**Sacristan**
- Weekday: 1-2
- Saturday: 1-2

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**Parish Mission Statement**
- Committed to caring for God’s whole family.

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**St. Lambert School News**
- Ms. Colleen Davis, Principal
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- Sept. 12 = 4th-5th grade picture day
- Sept. 13 = 6th grade picture day
- Sept. 15 = 7th grade picture day

**K-5th grade Religious Ed. Teacher:**
- June B. Lockwood
- Oct. 17th: 2-5th grade at 10:30am
- Oct. 24th: 1-4th grade at 10:30am

**6-12th grade Religious Ed. Teacher:**
- Janine White
- Sept. 19 = Pizza Ranch Night: The Pizza Ranch on 10th Street will donate 10%
- Sept. 22 = 8:30 Mass led by 3rd grade
- Sept. 26 = 4th grade Religious Ed. teacher: Mr. John
- Sept. 13th = PK-3rd grade

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From Father O’Dell

TURNING THE BAD INTO THE GOOD
By: Fr. O’Dell

Every Sunday we celebrate suffering. We remember at each Mass that Christ sacrificed Himself for each and every one of us on the Cross of Calvary so that we would be redeemed. Christ did this for us as a free gift for us, but He also told us that we had to cooperate in our own personal salvation. We do this by picking up our cross and following Him.

The Blessed Virgin Mary also suffered because of her devotion to God and her love of her Son Jesus Christ. She suffered more perfectly than any other human being - and she also serves as a model for us by teaching us to endure our sufferings. From her, we learn how to embrace the crosses that come our way and then offer them back to the Lord in love and prayer.

Sometimes these sufferings have been physical. People who have picked up the cross of illness, injury or persecution - even some folks who have suffered death because of their faith. Sometimes, the suffering has been mental or emotional - sufferings that entail loss of loved ones, changes in life circumstances, sadness - things that can eat at our innermost being. Sometimes, the suffering has been about things in our own lives - sometimes things that have happened to others. Whatever the nature of the suffering - it is all about embracing the crosses that come our way.

We often wonder, however, about what possible good can come from suffering. I have met people who tell me that nothing good comes out of having to bear the cross in our lives. They have told me that the only thing that suffering causes is people turning inward, folks wallowing in self-pity, causing them to become bitter, and that it may even lead someone to begin to think of life in a delusional way. What good can come from these four things? I have to admit that all of these things are possible when we bear the cross. Suffering is such a powerful experience that it can impact human beings in diverse and even negative ways. On the other hand, there are thousands and thousands of cases that are reported each year, that demonstrate how people have turned the negative that suffering can bring with it - into the positive and redemptive experience that has been touched by Jesus Christ.

It is true, for example, that suffering can cause us to turn in on ourselves. When this happens, we focus only on what is happening on the inside. We become self-absorbed and self-centered. Obviously, this is not a good thing. The opposite to this is that suffering can also make us more empathetic. It is something we understand, appreciate the suffering that someone else might be experiencing and this allows us to become a support to that person. When we act in a loving way, it comes back to us ten-fold.

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