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Holy Eucharist
Sunday Morning Only
St. Theresa's - 8:00 am
Reconciliation:
Celebrated every Sunday 30minutes
Prior to Mass or by appointment.
Office Hours:
Monday 8:30 - 2:00
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 12:30
Baptism, First Communion
Confirmation & Marriage:
These sacraments involve special
preparation. Call the office & speak to the
priest for an appointment.

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love

*Fourth Sunday of
Advent
December 21, 2025*

Mass Schedule & Intentions		
Day/Date	Time/Place	Name of Intention
Sun - Dec 21	8:00am Mitchell	The Pieper Family By Julie & Dan Marshall
Thurs - Dec 24	5:00 pm Mitchell	†Carleen Weiss By Ronna & Jake Leider



Lectors

Lectors for December

December 7 ~ Ronna Leider
December 8 ~ Kevin Poncelet
December 14 ~ Kevin Poncelet
December 21 ~ Ronna Leider
December 24 ~ Colby Wilkins
December 28 ~ Ed Mc Nulty
December 31 ~ Chris Lovato

Eucharistic Ministers December

December 7 ~ Juile Wilkinson & Lupe Sanchez
December 8 ~ Jean & Kevin Poncelet
December 14 ~ Jean & Kevin Poncelet
December 21 ~ Harold Kaus & George Urdiales
December 24 ~ Ronna Leider & Harold Kaus
December 28 ~ Ronna Leider &
December 31 ~



*Christmas Eve Mass
Music*

*Entrance Song - Drummer Boy
Offertory Song- Away in A Manage
Communion Song - Silent Night
Closing Song - God Rest ye Merry
Gentlemen*

*St. Theresa’s Christmas
Dinner*

*We will be having our Christmas
Dinner after the Reconciliation
Servies, December 21st. All are
welcome and we are asking that all
families with the last names starting
with A-L to bring a salad and M-Z to
bring a dessert, please! The meat,
potatoes, rolls, drinks & tableware will
be provided. Maybe we can get a jolly
old soul to join us, let Karen know on
that one PLEASE!!*

The Mass is the Church’s prayer at which all of our needs and hopes and thanksgivings are lifted to God. We are happy to receive requests for specific intentions at Mass. If you would like to have a mass prayed for your intention, be it memory of a loved one, a special need, a celebration or a particular occasion in life, please contact the parish office or drop the ‘Mass Intention’ envelope in the collection basket at the weekend mass.

Our Sunday Offering to God			
Church	Adult	Youth	
St. Theresa’s	\$1065.00	\$7.00	
2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal			
Church	Goal	Received	Outstanding
St. Theresa’s	\$4,687.00	\$720.00	\$3967.00

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory (Psalm 27).

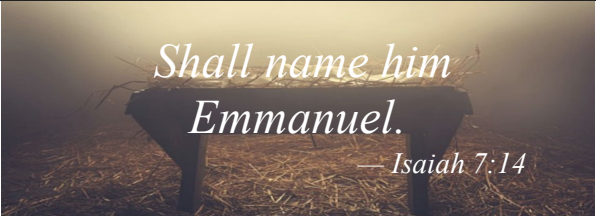
Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:18-24).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday; 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d; Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 24:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Day 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Eve Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Thursday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday Acts 6:8-10; 754-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Pray for the healing of: Paul Pieper, Blanca Bair, Corrina Gutierrez, & Carol Murphy.

Up coming Events

*Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
Training*

Dec. 21 Mitchell Parish 4 p.m. Fr. Todd is asking all current Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors to do a refresher along with any parishioners wanting to do training. Stay for the Reconciliation Service and then the Christmas Dinner!!

Steubenville

Calling all high school students currently in grades 9-12! Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville of the Rockies June 19-21, 2026, to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. Find out more at gidiocese.org/Steubenville. Registration opens February 1, 2026, with an early bird rate of \$399 through February 8, 2026.

Higher Ground

Attention current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Higher Ground registration opens February 1, 2026. Join us for an unforgettable retreat designed to deepen your relationship with Christ and connect you with other high schoolers from across the diocese. Through prayer and meaningful experiences, you will grow in faith and discover a community of faith that will walk with you. By the end of this retreat, you’ll leave with a renewed love for God and friendships that last. Register today at highergroundretreats.org and save with the Early Bird rate of \$325 until February 8, 2026.

*Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought,
doesn’t come from a store.*
— Dr. Seuss

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-24

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Reflection

As Christmas draws near, the Gospel might begin to feel repetitive. Why do we hear again the story of Mary’s conception, Joseph’s plans, and the angel’s visit? Perhaps it’s meant to be that way—like a steady drumbeat we’re meant to absorb deep into our hearts.

The virgin shall conceive. The child shall be called Emmanuel. God is with us.

This is the center of everything: the incarnation is our salvation. It is the light that enters our darkness and stays with us.

Where Did You See the Light Today?

How does God’s nearness—in this story and in my own life—change how I see today?

Whisper-Prayer

Emmanuel, draw near to me. Let Your light dwell with me and guide every part of my life.

— ACST Catholic

Health & Wellness

Reducing Sugar Intake

Did you know the average American consumers a total of 350 calories a day from added sugars? In one year, most Americans will consume anywhere between 80-150 pounds of sugars? Consuming this much sugar can put us at higher risk for developing things like heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and other health problems. Try out these tips for reducing your sugar intake:

- Choose plain water or carbonated water with lemon instead of a soda or juice.
- Buy plain varieties of products like yogurt or cereal and add fruit as a sweetener.
- Avoid making treats an everyday food and reward yourself with non-food rewards.
- Enjoy desserts occasionally, a smaller portion will help keep calories down while still satisfying your sweet tooth.

The practice of peace and reconciliation is one of the most vital and artistic of human actions.
— Thich Nhat Hanh

Christmas Schedule

Reconciliation Servies

Sunday, Dec 21st ~ St. Theresa’s 5:00pm

Christmas Eve

Christ the King ~ 4:00 pm
St. Theresa’s ~ 5:00 pm
Christ the King ~ 9:00 pm

Christmas Day

Christ the King ~ 9:00 am

New Years Eve (Solemnity of Mary)

St. Theresa’s ~ 5:00 pm

New Years Day

Christ the King 9:00 am

Daily Prayer for Priest

God of Mercy and Holiness hear the anguished cry of your people for holy priests to shepherd them. Fill their hearts with enlighten zeal, that they minister worthily in your presence, be faithful to your Church always and come at last to love You with a never ending love. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.