



St. Therese Little Flower

March, 2016

OUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Grant Mackender, Alexis Cross Tunley, and Lauren Wyatt began their preparation for Confirmation on September 13, 2015 with a large number of students from St. Peter's Parish. It was an opportunity for them to interact with many young Catholic people. Mrs. Toni Mitchum, youth director, of St. Peter's parish led their classes. They met monthly on Sunday evening at St. Peter's Church. The students had a weekend retreat at Conception Abbey February 13 and 14. We were pleased to have Ashton Johnson and Ashley Johnson in the class all year, too. They entered the Catholic Church in May of 2013 knowing that they would have more instruction regarding Confirmation when they were in high school.



We are so happy that our five teenagers were able to attend such a good Confirmation program this year. They will be confirmed by Bishop James Johnston at St. Peter's on Thursday, April 14. Congratulations to our Confirmands.



ST. THERESE'S BACKSTAGE!

Written by Anola Pickett

If you've attended an excellent theater performance, stayed at a well-run hotel or enjoyed a pleasant shopping experience, you've done so because many people worked behind the scenes. Hardworking teams in a theater's backstage, a hotel's back-of-the-house or the Employees Only section of a store, can make what happens "out front" memorable or miserable.

St. Therese Little Flower has many volunteer teams working quietly "backstage" to make things run smoothly. If you haven't yet found a niche for yourself behind the scenes at St. Therese, take a look at how things happen here. Maybe you'll see something that suits your time and interests. This is the first of two parts about our "backstage opportunities." We'll share more with you in our June newsletter.

Our liturgy is enhanced in many ways by volunteer efforts, including care for the altar linens, sharing homegrown flowers, helping to decorate the church for liturgical seasons and special observances, and serving as a server, lector or Eucharistic minister. Choir members and musicians offer their talents, as do our liturgical dancers. Volunteers type and print weekly song sheets.



Volunteers greet attendees as they arrive for Sunday Mass. A small committee gathers every Friday to package the small loaves of bread used to welcome visitors. Volunteers speak on Advent and Lenten Wednesdays, as well as Kwanzaa. Our Christian formation program includes volunteer teachers for Sunday School, as well as sponsors for RCIA and Confirmation.

Our food pantry and emergency assistance program uses volunteers to assemble and sack grocery orders, stockers to restock and rotate stock, a team to receive and stock government commodities from Harvesters every second Wednesday of the month. Monday through Friday volunteers answer office phones and/or interview clients seeking assistance. The Christmas basket program is made possible through the efforts of volunteers who sort gift donations, solicit and pick up donations, set up the church hall and meet with and assist clients. Volunteers also prepare lunch for the workers each day.

Several volunteers work to keep our parish community informed. They fold and assemble the Sunday bulletin, write for the parish newsletter, and update the website. Every Sunday volunteers make the coffee and put out sweet treats for us to enjoy as we visit with one another. Volunteers organize materials and oversee "Name Tag" Sunday every month.

The Senior Center relies on volunteers to cook and deliver Meals on Wheels, make sack lunches, play games, lead craft activities, and serve lunch. The Center is looking for someone to play the piano for an occasional singalong or lead a yoga/taichi/exercise class.

Volunteers also work outside the church building by planting and caring for flower gardens, clearing snow and ice before Sunday services. They make prayer shawls for the sick and shut-ins; help with tax preparation; set up, cook, serve and clean up for funeral luncheons; count the collection money; see that the book of prayers is replaced when one is filled with petitions.

Last, but certainly not least, volunteers help with fundraising in so many ways, from informing and inspiring to the hands-on work involved in every event.

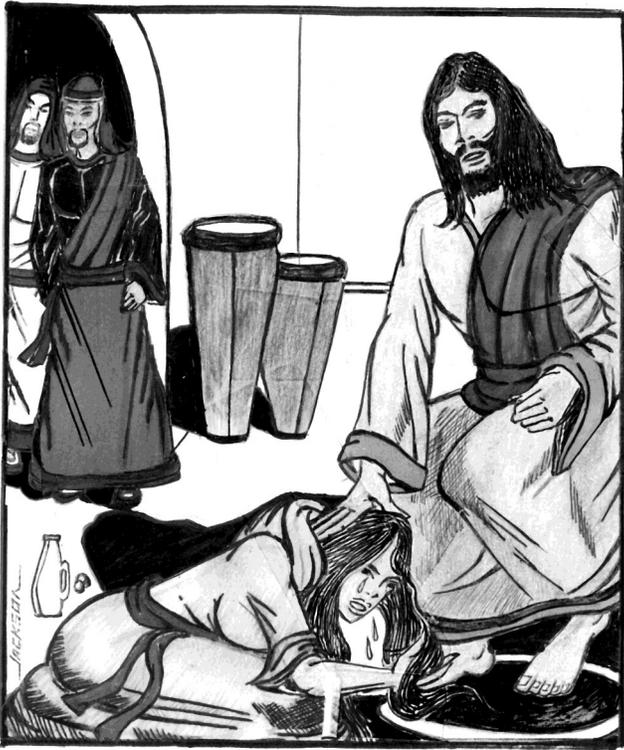
Backstage at St. Therese always has room for more volunteers to help our parish continue to be a welcoming, worshipping community. If you're interested in working behind the scenes, you'll find a Volunteer Opportunity" sheet on the table in back of church, or you can call the office and talk about ways you want to volunteer.

2016 MARDI GRAS

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Mardi Gras Celebration and special thanks to all those who served on the planning committee. This year's event raised \$5885! A record!!! Here are some pics of the great time had by one and all. Mark your calendars for February 24, 2017 to ensure you don't put anything on your calendar that date so you can join us!



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*"With costly oil, and with her tears,
Mary wipes the feet of her Lord!"*

Art Work Courtesy of Walter Jackson

EASTER SCHEDULE

March 20

9:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday Mass
(Only Mass today)

March 24

7:00 p.m. - Holy Thursday Mass

March 25

12:00 (Noon) - Stations of the Cross and
Reflections from the Foot of the Cross

March 25

7:00 pm. - Good Friday Service

March 26

8:00 pm. - Easter Vigil

March 27

9:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Mass
(Only Mass today)

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